

In Our Prayers This Week

It is so important that we remember one another in prayer. During this week, please focus your prayers on the following members who were picked randomly: Kristen Andrist, Sharon Ehlers, Keith and Karen Kolstad, Tyler Lund, Nora Plym, Sarge and Joanne Rudell and Randy, Tatem, Delanie and Presley Schroeder



Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by an anonymous donor in honor of all the people who struggle during the holidays

Please call Zion's office (715-735-7898) or send an email (Zion@newbc.rr.com) if you would like to sponsor the flowers for a specific Sunday. The cost is \$15.

What's Around the Corner?

- Nov. 28: First Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- Dec. 5: Second Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Recorded special music by the Zion Senior Choir.
- Dec. 12: Third Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary worship.
- Dec. 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Spark Christmas program.

Holy Communion Offered During Indoor Worship

Presently we are distributing Holy Communion as a part of our in-person indoor Sunday worship. The distribution takes place at the end of the worship service outside when the weather allows. For those who do not want to worship indoors, you are still welcome to join us for Holy Communion following the service, but please call the church office at 715-735-7898 to inform us of your intent so that we will wait for you if necessary. (When the weather doesn't allow, we are planning to distribute communion in the social hall with fans on and plenty of fresh air passing through, and with people exiting out the north door.)



Questions of the Day for Sunday, December 5, Luke 3:1-6

The Question of the Day helps prepare you for next Sunday's focus text. These questions are posted on Zion's website each day offering an opportunity for discussion. (Just click in the title of the post and you will be taken to the discussion window.) Try it out for a week and see how Jesus will use your time of pondering upon God's word to deepen your faith and enrich your worship experience.

Monday: Obviously we don't know all the people named at the beginning of this text, but those of Jesus' time did. If they were hearing of this story for the first time, how might it have helped to have such specific people named?

Tuesday: What are the "wilderness" places in your life?

Wednesday: How does the word of God come to you when you are in your wilderness places?

Thursday: How do you feel when someone makes you aware of your sinfulness?

Friday: How do you prepare the way of the Lord in your life?

Saturday: How do you help prepare the way of Lord so that he can enter into the lives of others?



Birthday Blessings to You

November 29: Carissa Kempka, Sydney Lund, Travis Lund

December 5: Barbara Francour

Thank you to our Worship Assistants

Thank you to Karen Sylvester for being our lector today and to Dave Johnson for serving as our usher.



Ushers Needed



In Need of Ushers

As you all know, our lecturers and ushers are volunteers. We need an usher for the December 19 service and the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. If you can volunteer, please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017.

SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Bible Story for Sunday, November 28, is found on page 178; "A Good Ruler" based on the reading from Jeremiah 33:14-17



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

November 29: Kaitlyn Francour, Sharon Schmidt, Joanne Schutt

December 1: Timothy Marzahl, Karen Sylvester

December 2: Henry Zuehls

December 4: Sandra Zylkowski

December 5: Jane Landenberger, Jeffery Minzlaff



Volunteer Worship Opportunities!



If you or someone you know would like to volunteer as a lector or as an usher please follow the link [2021 Worship Assistant Opportunities](#) & fill in the necessary information. The readings for the particular Sunday will be shared with you days in advance and a copy will be printed for you to use that particular Sunday. Pastor Keith will update you of the ushering duties prior to worship. Thank you for your consideration!

Stay Up to Date with Zion

Are you on Zion's email list? If not, would you like to be? To be included on our email list, please send an email to: zion@newbc.rr.com requesting to be added to our emailing list. The emails consist of weekly announcements, important reminders, volunteer opportunities and the monthly newsletter (just to name a few)!

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Winter Getaway **Winter Wonderland Retreat**

FLLC is holding a Winter Wonderland Retreat January 14-16, 2022 (with an optional extension through Monday, January 17 for an additional fee). This event is open to everyone: families, youth groups and individuals!

Come and enjoy a hot sauna, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and all sorts of winter fun. The weekend will include opportunities to hear Scripture and reflect, enjoy quality time with family and friends, and play about in the winter wonderland of Fortune Lake.

People may visit their [website for more information and to register](#). January 7 at 5 p.m. is the deadline to register.



Christmas Tree Angels

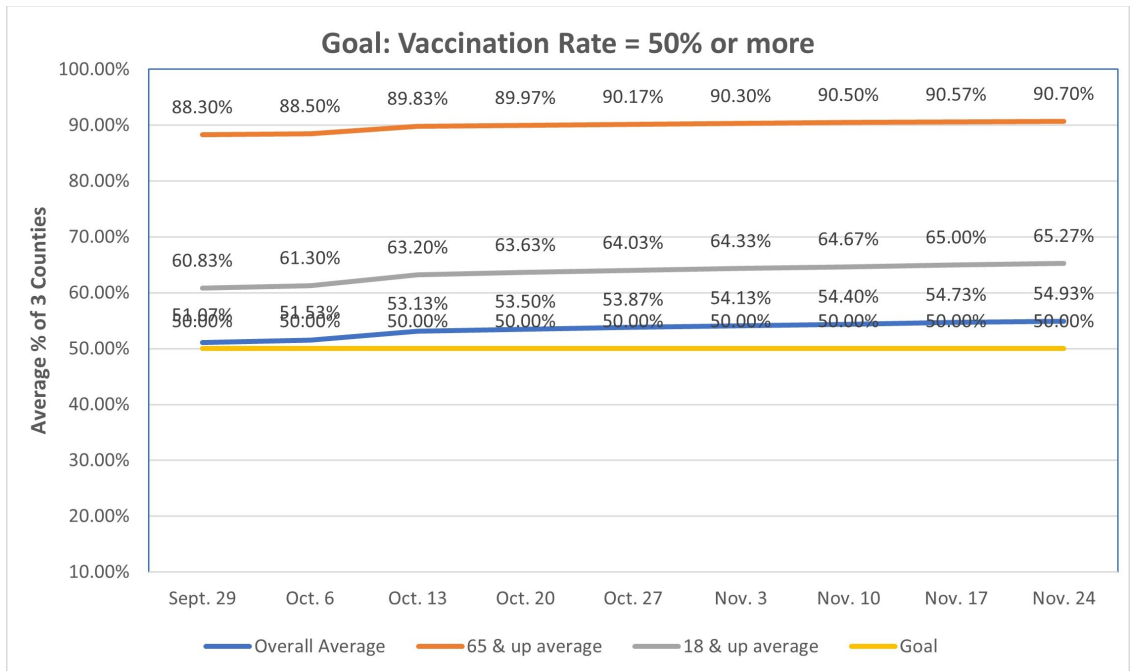
The tree in the lobby is decorated with Angels from the Salvation Army. Please pick a tag (or more), register on the log next to the tree, purchase the needed items and return them to Zion, unwrapped by Dec 6th. Your generosity will help make this a happy Christmas for a family in need.

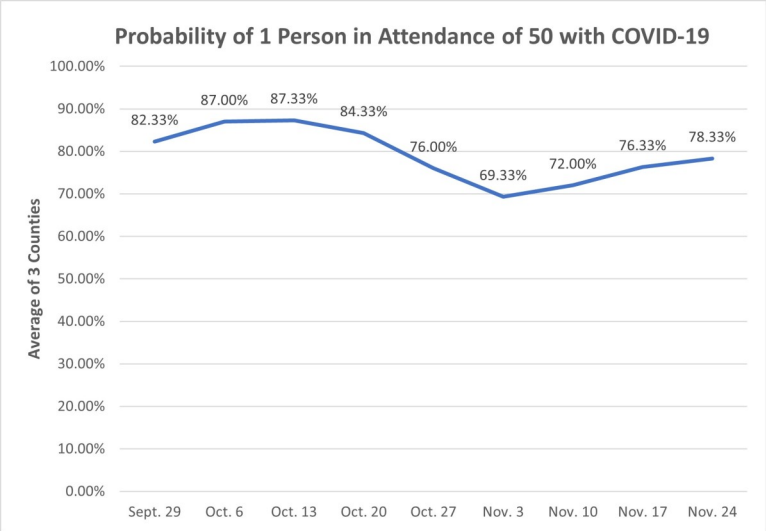
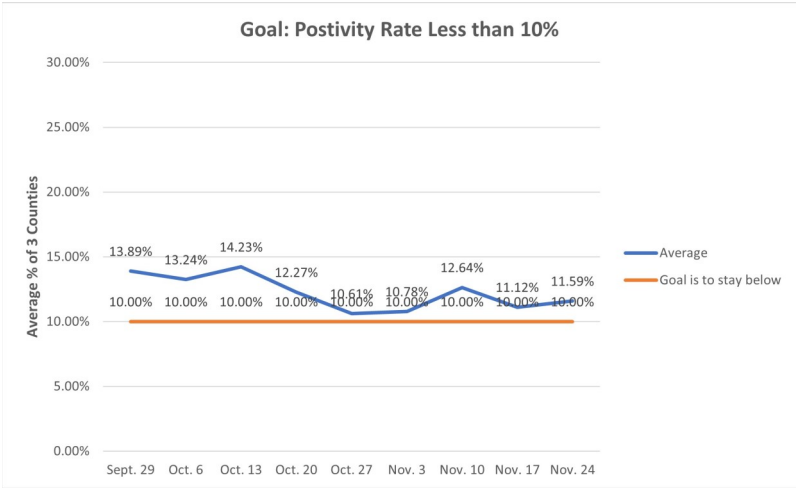
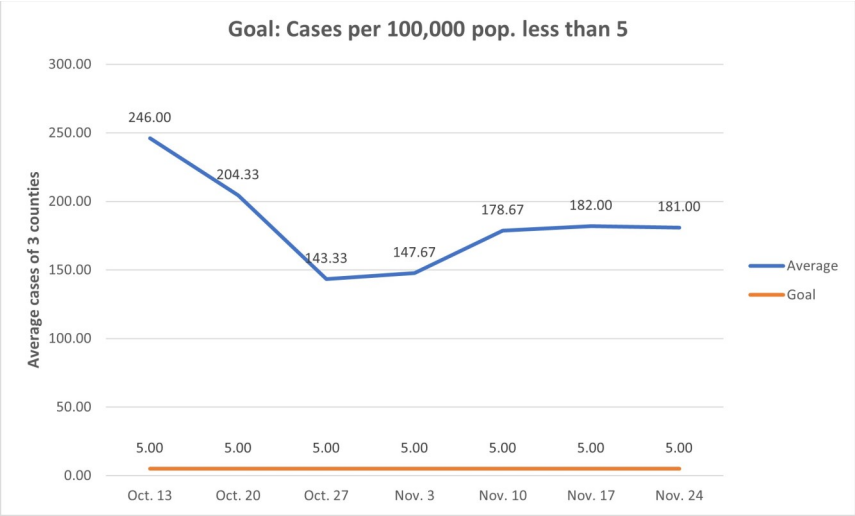
Indoor in-person worship: November 28, 2021

Indoor services will be held every other Sunday. Outdoor services will alternate with these indoor services. (If an outdoor service is cancelled because of weather, indoor worship will be available, first come, first served.) *At this time, Zion is no longer requiring you to reserve a pew for the in-person indoor worship. However, it is subject to change* and is dependent upon the positive test rate, cases per 100,000 and the probability rate. Social distancing practices will continue to be used (no passing of the peace or offering plate, limited & soft singing).

Please visit Zion's website to read the [Protocols for In-Person Indoor Worship](#) - *all adults in attendance are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth* (the exception being Pastor who is leading worship). As always, if you have questions, please call Zion's office at: 715-735-7898 or send an email to: Zion@newbc.rr.com.

At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though our local total population is 54.93% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 90.70%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 65%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 11.59%, which is over our goal and persists above it. Cases per 100,000 remains high. Another measurement is a percentage of probability where, in a gathering of 50 people, how likely is it that someone with COVID-19 would be present. Right now, there is a 78.33% chance of this happening. *We feel that everyone's knowledge of the risk is important. We are publishing graphs in the weekly announcements that represent the average numbers of the following Counties: Oconto, Marinette and Menominee, MI.* We are watching the trend of each graph with what are considered to be safer and safe goals in mind. The data used in the graphs is collected from the [CDC website](#) and from a [website tool](#) provided to us from our Northern Great Lakes Synod. Please make the time to familiarize yourself with the graphs/information. Should you have concerns, questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Zion's office.





Bell Ringers Needed

The Salvation Army is searching for bell ringers! They ask for two hour shifts (which you can split with others if need be) and they ring from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. You may go to registertoring.com to sign up and ring the bell this holiday season. Before Thanksgiving. The Salvation Army will be at all the Jack's Fresh Market locations as well as Piggly Wiggly in Crivitz and Coleman and Lee's in Peshtigo. Closer to Thanksgiving, there will be ringing at Walmart (outside only) and Walgreens. Total funds raised are usually available within 48 hours, so if you would like to know how much you raised you can ask The Salvation Army.



Our Savior's Seeks Donations

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1600 University Ave., is collecting new twin sheet sets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a national nonprofit with a local chapter in De Pere, Wisconsin. They are a volunteer organization that builds beds for kids who are sleeping on the floor. Cotton sheet sets and the new brushed microfiber sheet sets are very popular.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause before December 12, new sheet sets can be dropped off at Our Savior's on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or donations of any amount can be sent to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1600 University Ave., Marinette, WI 54143 and designated for "sheets."

For more information, you can check out Sleep in Heavenly Peace's website, shpbeds.org, or you can call Our Savior's at 715-735-3101.



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Poinsettias serve as beautiful Christmas decorations. If you make a donation of at least **\$13.00** you may take one of the plants home following the 8:00 p.m. service on **Friday, December 24, 2021**. You may also designate it as a gift in memory or honor of someone.

If you are willing to purchase one or more Poinsettia please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate.

The order forms and payment must be received in
Zion's office by Friday, December 3.

GIVEN BY _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED: \$ _____

Envelope # _____

**PLEASE ENCLOSE THIS FORM WITH YOUR MONEY AND DROP
OFF AT ZION, MAIL TO ZION OR EMAIL ZION'S OFFICE @
ZION@NEWBC.RR.COM SO WE CAN SUBMIT OUR ORDER.**