



### **Set your clocks back!**

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, November 7!  
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour  
when you to bed on November 6!

### **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: Chad, Lynn, Norah and Owen Derby, Robert and Jacqueline Hamer, Colleen Madden, Sharon and John Powi-laites, Brittany Renne, Sandra Tessmer



### **Flowers**



The flowers on the altar are given by Karen Houdek in memory of her ba-by sister, Diane Ward, on her 64th birthday.

Please call Zion's office (715-735-7898) or send an email [Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto: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. 7: All Saints Sunday, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Recorded Special music by the Zion Senior Choir.
- Nov. 14: The 25th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Guest Pastor Rev. Lee Goodwin.
- Nov. 21: Christ the King Sunday, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day.
- Nov. 28: First Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

### **Holy Communion Offered During Indoor Worship**

Presently we are distributing Holy Communion as a part of our in-person indoor Sun-day 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, November 14, Mark 13:1-8**

*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:** What does it feel like to see an impressive worship building?

**Tuesday:** How would you react if you heard that this impressive worship building was going to be destroyed?

**Wednesday:** The Jews of that time thought that God was present within the Temple. What was Jesus' prediction saying about God and the Temple?

**Thursday:** When has there not been earthquakes and wars?

**Friday:** Who are the ones that tempt us to go astray?

**Saturday:** Should we be concerned when the end will come? Why or why not?



### **Birthday Blessings to You**

November 9: Sharon Schmidt, Mary Thielen

November 10: Michael Harding

November 12: Lisa Cook, Carol Magnuson

## **Thank you to our Worship Assistants**

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

### **Tithes & Offerings Oct. 26-31**

General Fund — \$991.00 Thanksgiving — \$10

Bell maintenance — \$100.00 Piano fund: \$50

*Thank you so very much for your continued giving and generosity. Every little bit helps. You are making a difference! Again, thank you!*



### **November Eternal Light**

The Eternal Light for the month of November is sponsored by Michael and Pam Goes.

## **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week**

November 9: Mark Swenson

November 10: Vicki Guay, John Heimbuch

November 11: Rebecca Erikson, Alexa Oleson

November 12: Barbara Grom, Belinda Lemire

November 13: Nora Plym

November 14: Seth Kuhn, Emma Williams



## **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](mailto: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)!

## **Electronic Piano in Our Worship Area**

Our Kurzweil electronic piano has been a part of our worship experience since the fall of 2000. The computer that it contained was quite a few years older. This summer it finally died. With the approval of Zion's Congregation Council, a new Yamaha electronic piano has been purchased for a total cost of \$4,772. Due to the challenges that COVID has brought to the world of commerce, it may be a few months before the piano arrives. We will be using some designated and undesignated Memorial money to help pay for the piano, and we welcome any and all additional gifts towards this purchase. Please be sure to clearly designate that your gift is for the new piano and thank you so very much! Thank you to those who have already contributed.



## **Notes of Thanks!**

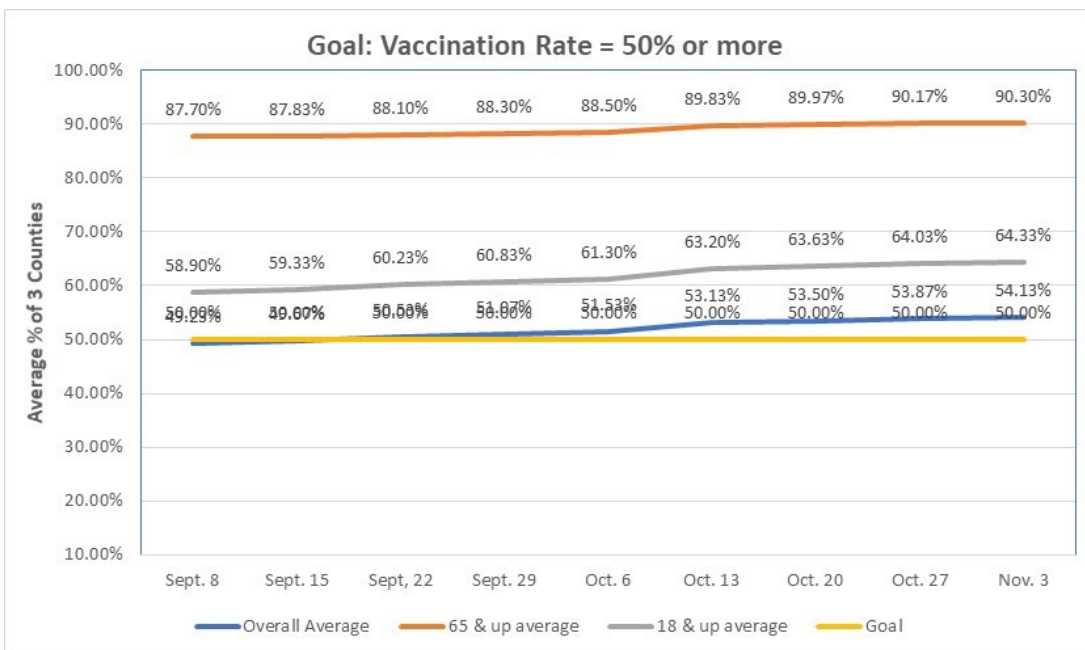
The Sew for Missions group would like to thank everyone for their material and monetary donations! With your help, they were able to send 33 quilts to the Lutheran World Relief and have 22 more boxed and ready! Again, thank you so much!

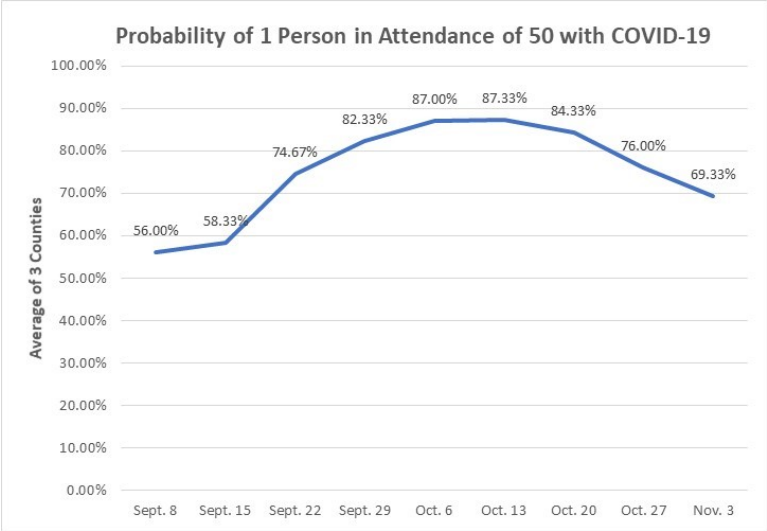
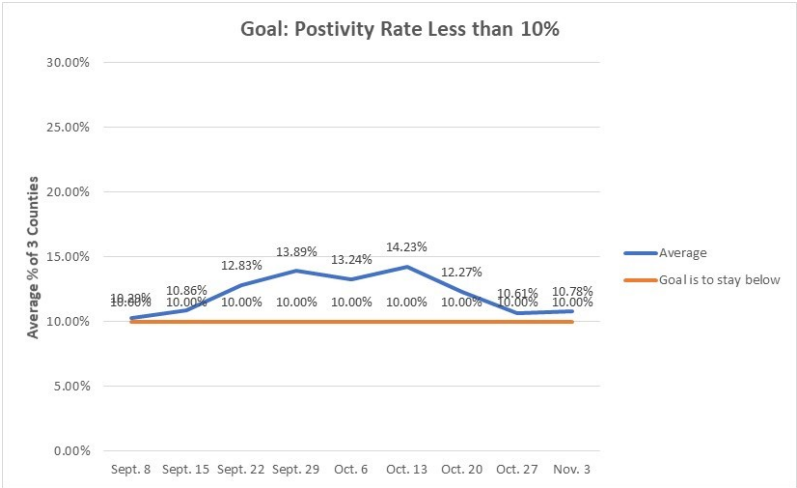
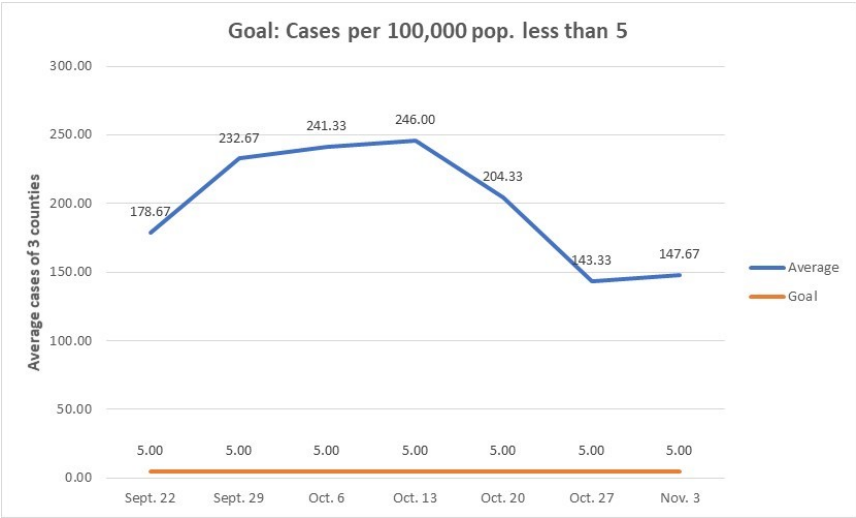
## Indoor in-person worship: November 7, 2021

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](mailto:Zion@newbc.rr.com).

At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though our local total population is 54.13% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 90.30%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 64.33%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 10.78%, which is over our goal and persists above it. Cases per 100,000, has been dropping but 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 69.33% 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.





## **Tolling of the Funeral Bell: Remembering those Who Have Died of COVID-19**

Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 12 noon.

At this time last year, just over 200,000 people had died of COVID-19 and along with our fellow congregations throughout our Synod as well as other denominations, we rang our church bell to honor their memory. This year, that number has climbed above 700,000 (as per CDC and WHO). Each death represents a grieving family, a loss suffered, the absence of a loved one felt.



Sunday, November 7 is All Saints Sunday. It is a day that we remember our beloved dead. Again, on this day, we will also remember the many who have died during this pandemic by tolling our bell for five minutes at 12 noon on All Saints Sunday, November 7. Our Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Methodist siblings, in addition to all community churches, are also invited to remember the dead in this way.

## **ELCA Foundation News**

Dear friends,

As dedicated partners of the ELCA Foundation, you already know the many ways in which we help individuals, congregations and organizations joyfully answer the call to love and serve our neighbors.

For years, the Endowment Fund Pooled Trust — or Fund A — has been a significant way for our congregations, synods, seminaries and affiliates to carry out this work. A sophisticated investment vehicle with ministry at its heart, Fund A has grown exponentially since its inception, providing participants with stable distributions to grow the ministries they care about the most.

As we look to the future of our church, it's important that we identify ways to build upon this momentum. Today, on behalf of the ELCA Foundation, I am proud to announce the relaunch the Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (Fund A) under a new name, the Ministry Growth Fund, which better represents our goals for the future.

This renaming of the fund is an important and exciting step in engaging even more members and supporters of the ELCA in the life — and future — of the church and its partner organizations. We hope that, through this change, we will more effectively communicate the purpose of the fund: to support and grow the ELCA's ministries for generations to come.

In Christ,  
Kathy Freeman Summers  
President and CEO, ELCA Foundation

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