

A Christmas Eve reminder!

Just a reminder that we are having two Christmas Eve worship services. One at 4:30 p.m., and another at 8 p.m. The services will be similar. Both will feature candlelight and Holy Communion. The 4:30 p.m. worship service will also be available via Facebook Live, but the 8 p.m. service will not be broadcast.



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: Maxwell Albert, Janet Cook, Chad Francour, Michael and Debra Harding, Peter Jensen, Brittany Kolida, Braedhan Madden, Sharen Schmidt, Margaret Williams.



Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Sally Broetzman in memory of Dean Broetzman.



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?

- 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.
- Dec. 24: Nativity of our Lord, 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. indoor worship and via Facebook Live. With special music, candlelight and Holy Communion.
- Dec. 26: First Sunday of Christmas, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday, December 12, is found on page 234; "John the Baptist" based on the reading from Luke 3:1-18.



December Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of December is sponsored by Michael and Pam Goes in honor of their son Philip who will celebrate his birthday this month.



Questions of the Day for Sunday, December 19, Luke 1:39-55

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: This occurred right after Mary found out she was pregnant and that her elderly relative, Elizabeth, was also pregnant. Why do you think Mary went with haste?

Tuesday: Why did the child in Elizabeth's womb, (John the Baptist), leap for joy at the sound of Mary's voice?

Wednesday: In light of all that Mary would go through being the mother of Jesus, why would Elizabeth call her blessed?

Thursday: What sign did Elizabeth have that Mary believed what had been told her?

Friday: What does it mean that her soul magnifies the Lord?

Saturday: According to Mary's song, how are the powerful going to feel about this birth?



Birthday Blessings to You

December 13: Larry Nelson

December 15: Rachel Kuhn

December 16: Dean Schoen

Thank you to our Worship Assistants

Thank you to Sharon Powliates for being our lector on Sunday and to Michelle Larson 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 the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. If you can volunteer, please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017.

Tithes & Offerings Nov. 28 — Dec. 8

General Fund: \$5,789.50 Altar Flowers: \$15

Thanksgiving: \$25 Christmas: \$55

Sanctuary Candle: \$15 Helping Hand Fund: \$10

Advent: \$26 Poinsettias: \$143



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

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

December 14: Ethan Schomaker

December 15: Alexandria Cording

December 17: Nila Krenos

December 19: Lisa Cook, Nancy Sallee



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 Events

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.

Disconnect to Reconnect: Junior/Senior High Retreat

Technology is everywhere these days, there's just no way around it. Fortune Lake invites youth currently in grades 7-12 to take a break from screens and join us at camp for an unplugged retreat.

This one night retreat will be held February 4-5 and will feature Bible Studies, games, and camp style activities designed to encourage attendees to disconnect from their electronics and reconnect with the people around them.

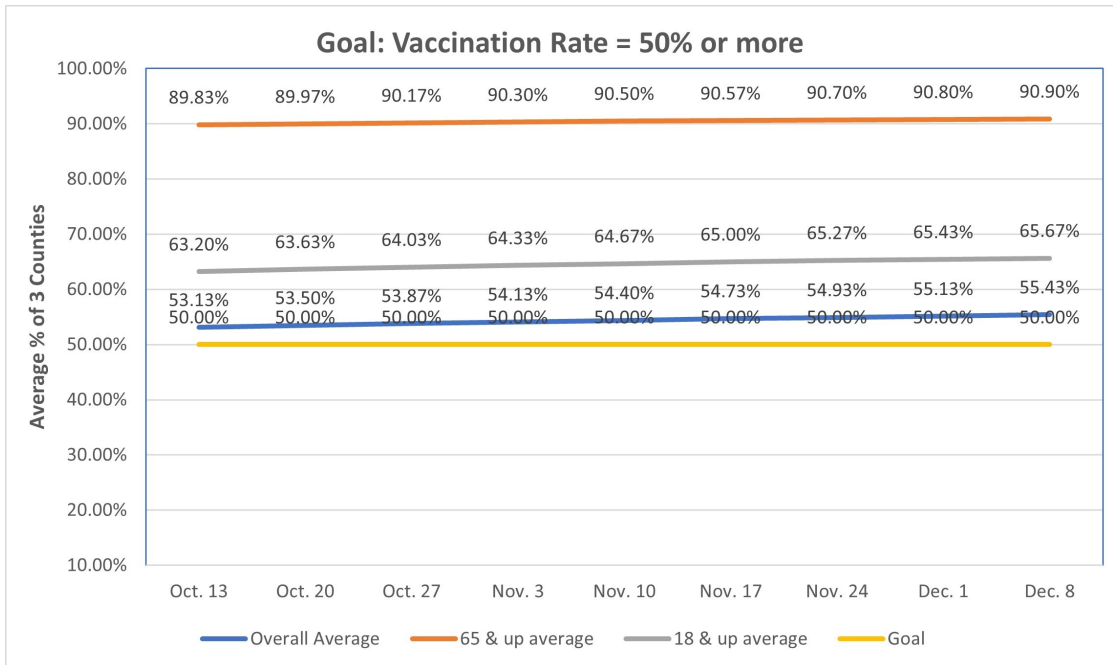
Adult chaperones are encouraged to attend. This helps build relationships with your youth outside of your church walls. Please contact the FLLC office for more information at 906-214-2267. The registration deadline January 28 at by 5 p.m. People may [register online](#) as well.

Indoor in-person worship: December 12, 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.

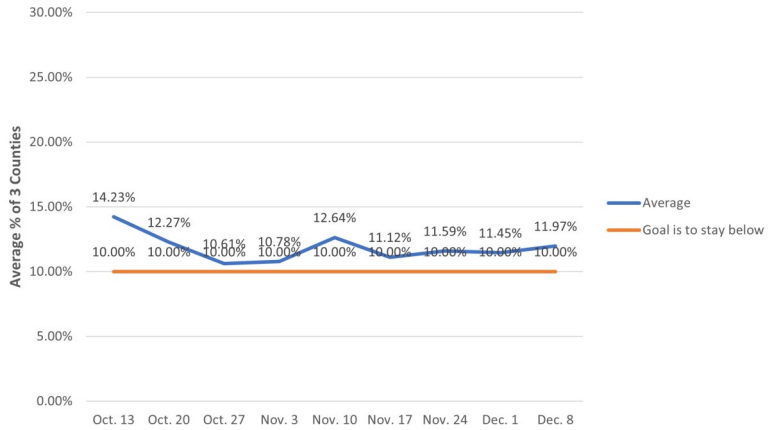
At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though our local total population is 55.43% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 90.90%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 65.67%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 11.97%, which is over our goal and persists above it. Cases per 100,000 remain 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 72.33% 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 are 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.



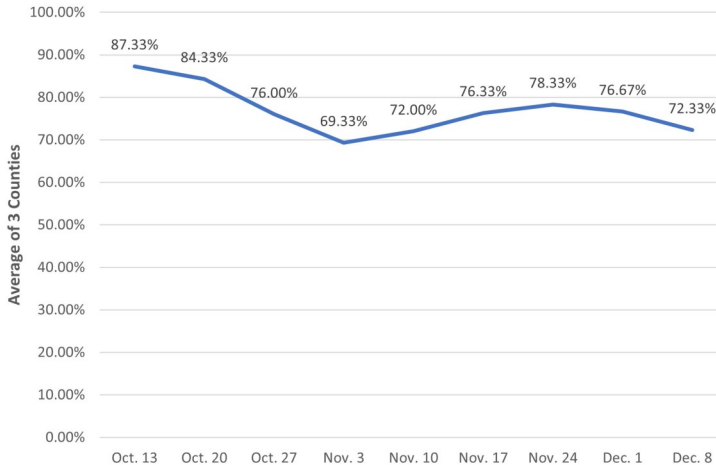
Goal: Cases per 100,000 pop. less than 5



Goal: Postivity Rate Less than 10%



Probability of 1 Person in Attendance of 50 with COVID-19





Volunteers Needed

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Marinette is in dire need of volunteer clothing hangers. Bring a friend (or a group!) and come help them hang clothing every week. Spend time with your friends while giving back right here in Marinette! They welcome volunteers Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If people have any questions, they may call 715-735-6956.

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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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Your congregation is a partner with Northland in delivering care and services to seniors in our area. Together, we have been maintaining this ministry for 104 years! We are reaching out to you now because we have a need to fill some Board Member seats. We have immediate needs on the

Northland Terrace Estates Board	1 member
Northland Village Board	1 member
Northland Home Health Board	2 members
Luther Home and Luther Manor Board	1 member
Northland Lutheran Retirement Community, Inc.	1 member
Interfaith Manor/New Hope Heights Board	2 members
Northland Foundation Board	1 member

The commitment is for 5 meetings per year. Each meeting is about 1- 1.5 hours in length.

Please consider being a member of one of these boards. Your participation will help ensure that Northland will be able to deliver good care and services to our valuable seniors. Contact me at 715-732-5656 (direct line) or via email at lancd@northlandlutheran.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darrell Lancour
NHA/CEO