

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: Gina Boucher, Brian Gutknecht, Sydney Lund, LeeAnn Martin, Timothy and Kathy Saxton, Katelyn Sylvester



Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by the Kallquist Family in memory of Alvin and Lucille Kallquist.

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. 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.
- 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.

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.)

SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday, December 5, is found on page 208; "Zechariah" based on the reading from Luke 1:68-79.



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 12, Luke 3:7-18

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: How would you feel if this man you had just spent a day walking to see called you a viper?

Tuesday: What exactly is that "wrath" that is to come?

Wednesday: What are fruits – our actions - that show we are trying to repent – change directions?

Thursday: How should we react to the declaration that the ax is at the root of the trees? Is this good news or bad news?

Friday: How would Jesus feel being described by John the Baptist in this way?

Saturday: What is the difference between a messiah like John the Baptist and a messiah like Jesus?



Birthday Blessings to You

December 8: Miah Andrist

December 9: Kimberly Graf

December 10: Sally Peterson

December 11: Keith Despins, John Radloff

Thank you to our Worship Assistants

Thank you to Johanna Zuehls for being our lector on Sunday and to Mark Swenson 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. 16-28

General Fund: \$3,021 Altar Flowers: \$30.40

Thanksgiving: \$135 Christmas: \$10

Pew fund: \$50 Piano Fund: \$500 Advent: \$25

Social ministry special offering: \$25

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 6: James Jagielski, Amanda Oleson

December 10: Amanda Litts



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.

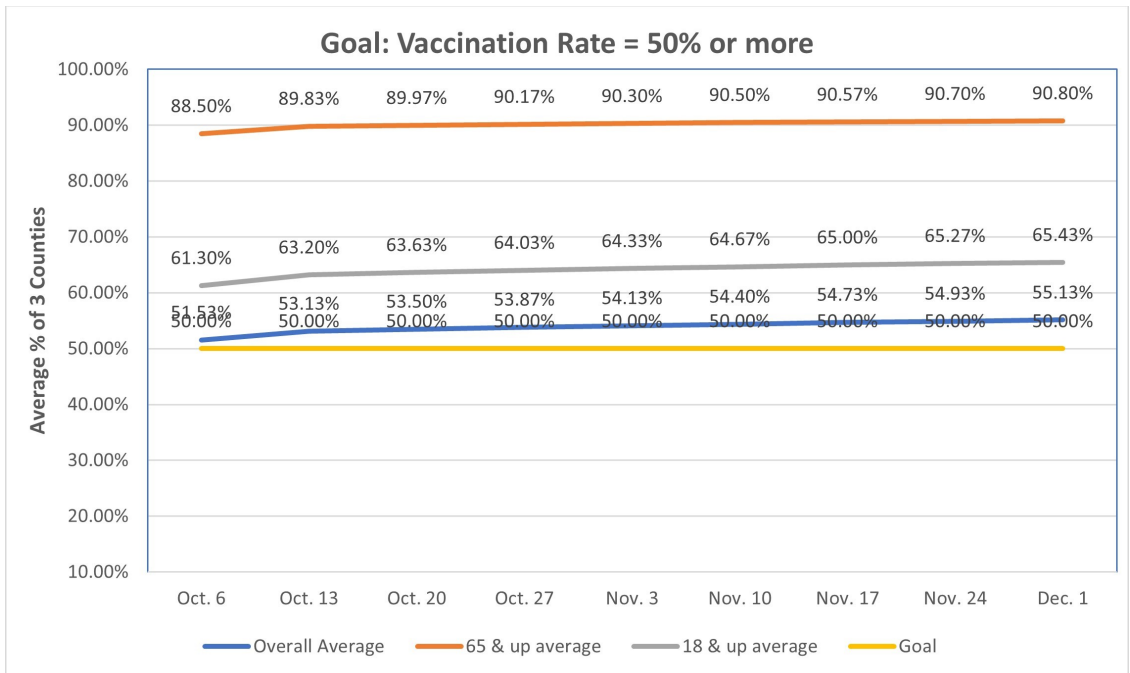
Adult chaperones are encouraged to attend. This helps build relationships with your youth outside of your church walls. Please contact the FLLC office for more information at 906-214-2267. The registration deadline January 28 at by 5 p.m. People may [register online](#) as well.

Indoor in-person worship: December 5, 2021

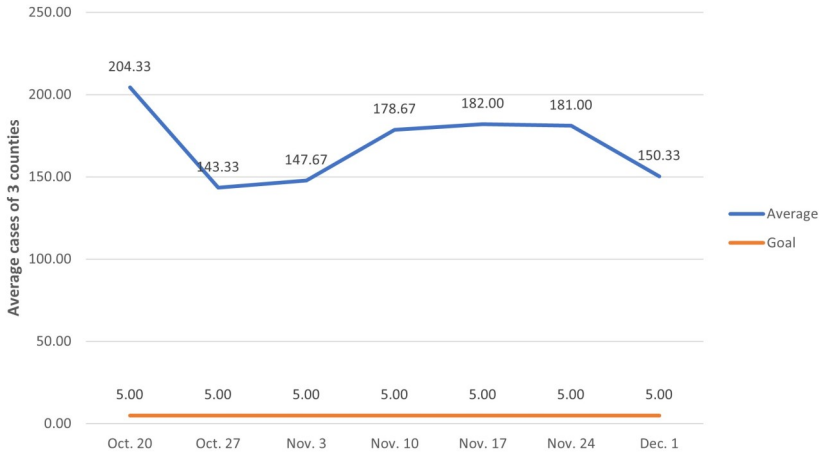
Indoor services will be held every other Sunday. Outdoor services will alternate with these indoor services. (If an outdoor service is cancelled because of weather, indoor worship will be available, first come, first served.) *At this time, Zion is no longer requiring you to reserve a pew for the in-person 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.

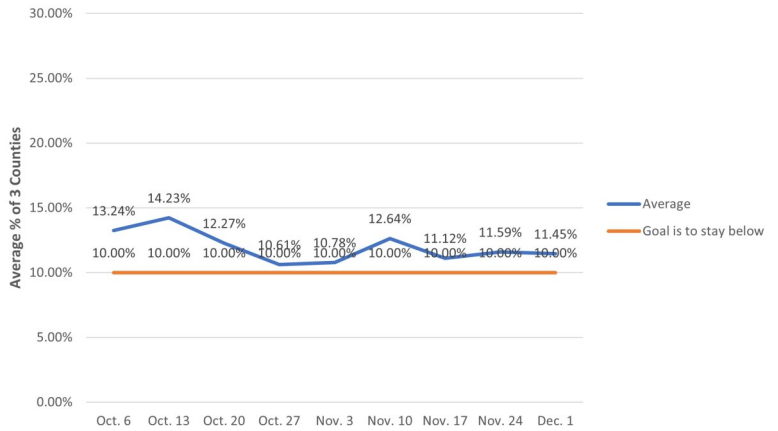
At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though our local total population is 55.13% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 90.80%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 65.43%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 11.45%, 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 76.67% 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.



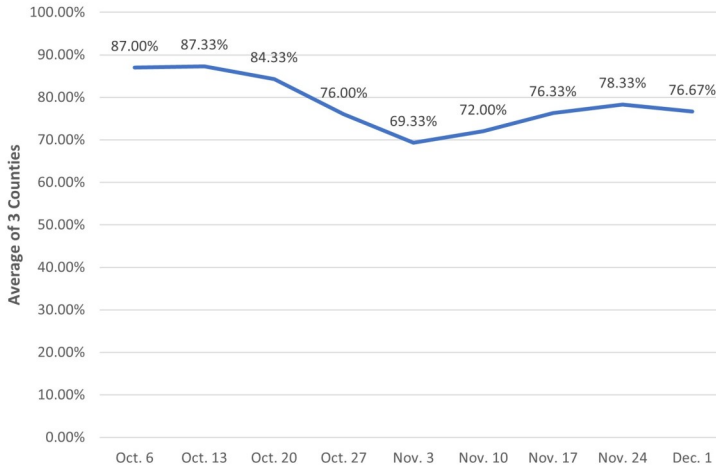
Goal: Cases per 100,000 pop. less than 5



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.

Christmas Tree Angels

Reminder: Angel tree donations need to be at Zion by Monday, December 6.
Thank you!



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