

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9 - 15, 2018



ZION
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WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Brent Campbell

PRESIDING

8 a.m. Pastor Sue Wallager
& Intern Ian Coen-Frei
9 a.m. Pastor Mike Rueckert
11 a.m. Pastor Connie Tiede

ORGANIST

Saturday - Carolyn Zarling
Sunday - Mary Jo Gothmann

READERS

5 p.m. Steve Dussl
8 a.m. Bill Travis
9 a.m. Michelle Messer
11 a.m. Pat Foley

today - rally day

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the families of Patricia Davis and Allan Hathaway who mourn their deaths.

SPECIAL MUSIC...Offering at 8 & 9:

Thou Who Wast God - K. Davis; Zion Adult Choir, Roselyn Hanson Weber, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, acc. Special thanks to John Lace for playing trumpet at 8 & 9 services this Rally Day.

ADULT FORUMS - MEET OUR INTERN IAN COEN-FREI

TODAY | 9 & 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Education isn't just for the youth! A list of upcoming Adult Learning opportunities at Zion this Fall is included in this *Life Together* (see pages 7 & 8.)

CYF RALLY DAY

TODAY | 10 - 11 AM | CLC

Get ready for an awesome year of faith and fun! Stop by the CLC for games, a giant inflatable obstacle course, face-painting, and more. You will also be able to register for Sunday School and Wednesday night programming at this time. We hope to see you there!

BAPTISM CLASS

TODAY | 12:15 P.M. | LIBRARY

This class is for anyone who is expecting a child, has recently had a child, or adopted a child. We will talk about our understanding of baptism, how baptism works at Zion and answer any questions you have. Additional dates are Nov 11 and Jan 13. Register for upcoming classes by calling the church at 763-421-4656, email Kristine Johnson at kjohnson@zionanoka.org or stopping by the front desk.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

TODAY | 5 PM | CHAPEL

PURPLE LIGHTS INITIATIVE FUNDRAISER - DONATE TODAY!

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month; purple is its designated color. The Rachel Circle submitted proposals to the City of Ramsey and the Anoka County Sheriff to participate in a Purple Lights Initiative this October by lighting their public spaces in purple. The purpose is to draw attention to the issue of domestic abuse and join a conversation about domestic abuse that is going on both statewide and nationally. The Sheriff and the City of Ramsey approved it, but will need donations to help pay for the cost of the lights. **We invite you to support this initiative by stopping by the Welcome Desk TODAY and contributing towards the lighting cost.** All donors will receive a purple token of thanks and instructions for its use in your windows at home during October along with information to share with a friend, neighbor or family member who sees and asks about the light.

this week

PASTORS

Pastor Brent Campbell
Lead Pastor

Pastor Mike Rueckert
*Pastor for Children, Youth
& Family*

Pastor Connie Tiede
*Pastor for Worship,
Welcome, & Missions*

Pastor Sue Wallager
Pastor for Spiritual Care

Pastor Jim Barsch
*Pastor for Adult
Education*

Pastor Norm Berg
*Pastor for Spiritual Care
& Visitation*

Ian Coen-Frei
Seminary Intern

Pastor Mawien Ariik
*ELCA Missionary in
South Sudan*

Pastor Stephen Deal
*ELCA Missionary in
Central America*

Steve & Kim Blewett
*Missionaries in
Papua, New Guinea.*

MONDAY, SEP 10

Ruth Circle

11:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Hannah Circle

1:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

Sons of Norway

5:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

TOPS Weight Loss Group

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

WOZ Ministry Team Meeting

6:00 PM | THEATER

Troop 233 Boy Scouts/Parent Mtg

6:30 PM | CLC/YOUTH ROOM

Young Adult Small Group

6:30 PM | OFFSITE

Divorce Care Group

7:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TUESDAY, SEP 11

Lydia Circle

9:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Miriam Circle

12:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Naomi Circle

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Deborah-Priscilla Circle

6:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM

Rachel Circle

6:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, SEP 12

Family Promise Meeting

8:00 AM | CORNERSTONE CAFÉ

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

CrossWalk Kids & Youth Choirs

5:30 PM | THEATER/CHAPEL

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | ROOM 204

CrossWalk Parent & Youth Dinner

6:15 PM | CLC

Adult Choir

6:30 PM | CHOIR ROOM

CrossWalk Parent & Youth Orientation

6:45 PM | CLC

THURSDAY, SEP 13

Men's Ministry - The Levi Group

8:30 AM | LEGACY ROOM

The Gathering Respite Care

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

The Gathering Support Group

10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Seeker's Bible Study

11:00 AM | LIBRARY

FRIDAY, SEP 14

Senior Driving Refresher Class

8:30 AM | THEATER

SATURDAY, SEP 15

Confirmation Brunch & Rehearsal

9:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, SEP 16

Worship Service

8, 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Adult Forum

9 & 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Confirmation Service

1:30 PM | SANCTUARY

CROSSWALK CONFIRMATION PARENT & YOUTH DINNER AND ORIENTATION

SEP 12 | 6:15 PM - DINNER | 6:45 PM

ORIENTATION (REQUIRED) | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come see what CrossWalk Wednesdays are all about! Meet mentors, enjoy dinner together, and learn more about the program. CrossWalk Wednesdays start September 26.

FROLIC FOR PARENTS & LITTLE ONES

Sep 18 | 9 am - 12 pm | Spark Park

This weekly program is free. It is designed for parents and kids birth through Kindergarten. Bible stories, sensory activities, free play, and snacks. Starts on Sept 18. Questions? Contact Jocelyn at jhorazdovsky@zionanoka.org.

Daily Encouraging Words

Do you need to hear an encouraging message today, or any day of the week?

Call 763-506-8191 for a recorded daily inspirational message!

coming up continued

ZION MINISTRY FAIR

SEP 23 | 9 - 11 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please plan to attend Zion's Ministry Fair. Tables will be set up highlighting the many ministries and opportunities to serve at Zion. Come for refreshments and learn about ways you can make a difference by sharing your time and talents with others through Zion! If you are a ministry leader and would like to host a table at the ministry fair, please email Kristine at: kjohnson@zionanoka.org.

NEW MEMBER COFFEE/ORIENTATION

SEP 23 | 10 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Interested in membership at Zion? This is an opportunity to learn more about Zion, ask questions, and for us to get to know you better. Please email Pastor Brent to RSVP for the class: bcampbell@zionanoka.org (Walk-ins are very welcome, too!)

JOYA OPENING CONCERT

SEP 23 | 3 PM | SANCTUARY

This season's opening concert features Minnesota Orchestra Principal Cellist, Anthony Ross and Pianist Mary Jo Gothmann. Music of Bach, Beethoven and Samuel Barber. Season subscriptions are \$50 adults (includes all 5 concerts) Students are FREE! Subscribe online at www.zionanoka.org or stop at the front desk.

2018 NORDIC HERITAGE FEST

SEP 23 | 2-5 PM | CLC

Experience Nordic culture and heritage up close. Various games, activities, drawings demonstrations, presentations and food for purchase. Event is free! All are welcome.

ZION PAGES BOOK GROUP 2018-2019

SEP 24 | 6:30 PM | LIBRARY

Our first book of the season is *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance. All are welcome as we discuss great books this year! See last page for list of books or pick up a book marker at the front desk.

ZION'S YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAM BEGINS

SEP 26 | 5:30 - 6:10 PM | THEATER/CHAPEL

CrossWalk Kids Choir (Grades 1-5) and CrossWalk Youth Choir (Grades 6-12) meet weekly on Wednesdays, through May 5, 5:30-6:10 p.m. Contact Roselyn Hanson Weber, director at rhansonweber@zionanoka.org or (651) 346-8776.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

SEP 30 | 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY

We will be celebrating with a Bluegrass Service. We have put together our own bluegrass band that is sure to make your feet start tapping and your hands start clapping! So don't plan to "fly away", come "see the light" of the "sweet by and by" and "when the roll" is called - you'll be joining us! And invite some friends to join us too!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

OCT 7 | 11 AM | THEATER

We practice open communion here at Zion, so parents, if you feel your children are ready, **please sign up**. Children will receive their first communion at the service of your choice on Oct. 20 or 21. Other dates available upon request. Contact Ann Campbell (acampbell@zionanoka.org) or sign up at the front desk. Please have at least one adult accompany the child to class.

GLOBAL BUILDERS TRIP TO PUERTO RICO INFORMATIONAL MEETING

OCT 9 | 6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Zion will be joining the Fuller Center, Global Builders (founded by the same people who began Habitat for Humanity) on an international building project to Puerto Rico March 10-16, 2019.

"JEST" KIDDING

An associate minister visited a Sunday school class one morning, and asked, "What would you like me to talk about?" One child spoke up boldly and said, "About 3 minutes!"

CABLE BROADCAST SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS | 12:30 AM | 9:00 AM | 5:00 PM
QCTV - Channel 15
Serves Andover, Anoka, Champlin and Ramsey.

SATURDAYS | 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS | 1:00 AM & 9:00 AM
North Metro TV Channel 14
Serves Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Ham Lake, Lexington and Spring Lake Park.

SUNDAYS | 5:00 PM
Metro Cable Network Channel 6
Serves the 7 county metro area.

The service is always from the preceding weekend.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Scan the QR code below for electronic giving via your cell phone!



HEARING ASSISTANCE UNITS AVAILABLE

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

coming up continued

SIGN UP FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise will have a sign-up table available on Sunday mornings Sept 9, 16 and 23 and at the evening service on Saturday Sept 15. Our next session is on Sept 23-30. We will have at least three families, perhaps four, by our session date. For more information regarding this Zion ministry, please come to the table for a general volunteer information sheet or contact Dulcie at 763-427-2488, livingoutfaith@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued interest in this important ministry. It is a way you can have a positive presence in letting someone know they are special children of God and that we care about them.

ZION YARD SIGNS AVAILABLE

Our Evangelism Team has yard signs that read: "You're Invited—Zion Lutheran Church". If you live in an area where a sign would be seen by your neighbors or passing traffic and would be willing to post a sign in your yard for 3 to 4 weeks, we invite you to pick up a sign at the front desk today and return it in about 4 weeks, so that someone else may post it in their yard. Thanks for considering this opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to Zion!

welcome

WELCOME ERIN ZIMMERMAN AND DR PETER DUROW TO THE ZION STAFF

Erin is the new CYF Director of CrossWalk Kids, Kids Choir and CYF Ministry Assistant. Erin was the Junior High Youth Director at Zion in the early 1990's and since then has worked in Health Care. She continues to work with youth, directing children's choirs and substitute teaching. Peter is the new director of the Crosswalk Youth Choir (grades 6 - 12). He has taught all levels of music and is currently teaching in the Osseo School District. Peter is the Artistic Director of the Mpls based chamber choir *From Age to Age* and will also begin directing the Chancel Choir at First Lutheran Church of Crystal this fall.

Zion Pre-K

ZION PRE-K CLASS OPENINGS

Zion Pre-K has the following openings for the 2018-19 school year:

- 3 year olds: 1 day W class and 2 days T/Th class from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 4 year olds: M/W/F class and T/Th class from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Lunch Bunch (mixed 3, 4, 5 year olds): M/W/F class and T/Th class from noon-2 p.m.
- High 5's: T/Th or T/Th/Fr 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

To register or for questions contact Hope hluedtke@zionanoka.org 763-506-8181.

ZION PRE-K CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

SEP 30 | 9 AM - 12 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come tour the Pre-K classrooms and connect with former friends and families. Special program at 10 a.m.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

If you let the BOX TOPS for Education pile up over the summer now is the time to bring them to church and drop them off at the front desk for Zion Pre-K. Each box top is worth 10 cents and every little bit helps! Thank you.

growing in faith together

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Sermon Scripture: Mark 7:24-30

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

small group studies

"BELIEVE": A 30-WEEK BIBLE STUDY - SIGN UP TODAY

Starts in September. Its focus is to help us better understand what we believe as Christians and how it informs and shapes us to live like Jesus.

- The first 10 weeks we will focus on the key beliefs of the Christian life

What do I believe?

- The second ten chapters will focus on the ten key spiritual practices

What should I do?

- The final ten chapters focus on the ten key spiritual gifts and the question

Who am I becoming?

Books available for \$5. Sign up to be a part of a small group study (see below). Our sermons for the 30 weeks will follow the themes of the Believe study starting Sept 16. Small group studies start that week also. Randy Frazee has put together another great study and we think you will find *Believe* very thought-provoking and engaging. See study group days and times on page 6 of this *life together*. For those Young Adults interested in joining, we have two young adult Believe groups that will meet either Monday evenings or Thursday evenings. If you are interested, there will be a sign-up sheet at the front desk, and we will reach out to you for more details.

JUSTFAITH SMALL GROUP

In Sept Zion members Lisa and David Christensen will co-facilitate a 24-week *JustFaith* small group on Sunday evenings 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. For more information about *JustFaith*, see the *Adult Learning at Zion* (page 7) in this *Life Together*.

UPCOMING LESSONS

SEPTEMBER 15/16

John 20:19-29

Mark 9:14-24

SEPTEMBER 22/23

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Luke 3:1-17, 21-22

SEPTEMBER 29/30

Psalm 23

Matthew 6:25-34

prayer corner

*"Eternity is in our hearts,
pressing upon our time-
torn lives, warming us
with intimations of an
astounding destiny, call-
ing us home unto itself."*

Thomas R. Kelly

*Come unto me all ye
that labor and are
heavy laden, and I
will give you rest.*

Matt. 11:28 (KJV)

WELCOME

God is here for you,
in the word and
sacraments, in the love
of this community.

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SUN: 8:00 AM TO NOON



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What to Expect

The River uses a liturgy based on ancient patterns and rituals: a rich fare for mind, body and soul. It is ecumenical yet with a distinctive Lutheran flavor, infused with inclusive language and expansive images for God.

The service is **multisensory**. We value the incarnation. Bodies matter. We experience God's presence through the bodily senses and all that it means to be human. We delight in God's beauty through seeing symbols such as cross and candles, icons, color and, of course, people; tasting bread and wine; smelling incense; hearing scripture, music and silence; and touching one another as we share the peace, receiving anointing with oil, and use our bodies to stand, sit, and bow.

The liturgy is also **contemplative**. In the midst of busy life and near-constant connection to cell phones and computers, we treasure some time away to gather in sacred space for silence and reflection. An Eastern meditation bell calls the assembly to brief periods of silence during the liturgy.

Our worship is **user-friendly**. Whatever your background, our bulletin provides brief commentary so you can participate at whatever level you are comfortable.

Sermons are relevant to contemporary issues and struggles. Though they engage our minds, a dose of humor or a down-to-earth example helps make ancient texts fresh for today.

We use a **variety of styles of music** through the service, ranging from traditional hymns done in a reimagined way to sacred songs written recently.

We're **formal and informal**. There is a sense of tradition, yet blended with warmth, relevance and openness.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday with the method of intinction (dipping). The bread we use is both Gluten Free and Vegan for those with dietary restrictions. The chalices are split, containing both white grape juice and red wine. All are welcome at the Lord's Table without exception, including children. A blessing is provided for infants/toddlers not yet communing or for adults who prefer that.

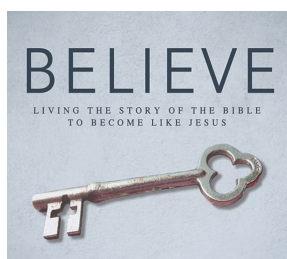
*You are invited to Zion's new Worship Service
Sundays | 6 p.m. | starting October 7*

ADULT LEARNING AT ZION

Fall 2018 -
Winter 2019



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JF
JustFaith
MINISTRIES



BELIEVE the Story

In mid-September, Zion will begin a 30-week Bible study called “Believe”. There will be several weekly study groups that will be offered at a variety of times. You may sign up for a group at the Welcome Center in the lower commons. The book for BELIEVE is available for only \$5 at the front desk. Below is the schedule for the various groups:

- A - Mondays, 2:00 pm at Church, Facilitator: Pastor Dixie Johnson
- B - Mondays, 7:00 pm at Pastor Norm & Dee’s home, Facilitator: Pastor Norm
- C - Tuesdays, 7:00 am at Church, Facilitators: Pastor Brent and Greg Bergeron
- D - Wednesdays, 10:00 am at Church, Facilitator: Pastor Jim Barsch
- E - Wednesdays, 5:30 pm at Church, Pastor Sue and Pastor Connie
- F - Wednesdays, 6:45 pm at Church, Pastor Brent

JustFaith Small Group Experience

Do you have a passion for Social Justice? JustFaith is a small group program of JustFaith Ministries that invites participants into a process of learning and discovering how to live more simply and compassionately.

JustFaith is comprised of three phases that will help you explore today’s issues together as you open your heart and mind to the spirit of God in our midst, and dialogue together about how you can make a difference.

We will be offering a 24-week small group experience using the JustFaith materials. Zion members Lisa and David Christensen will be co-facilitating the JustFaith small group on Sunday evenings beginning in September. The group will follow the school year calendar and school break schedule. If you are interested in finding out more about the JustFaith Small group experience please email Lisa Christensen: christla97@hotmail.com.

Support Groups

- **Grief Support Group** - Six sessions, offered twice a year, for those who have lost loved ones. Facilitated by Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org (Watch for more information.)
- **Divorce Care Group** - Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Theater facilitated by Sandy Wallace. For information contact Sandy L. Wallace at sandywallace@yahoo.com.
- **Ostomy Support Group** - Contact Gary or Lorie Leland at 763-241-0775 for more information.

Adult Forum Schedule

Sundays 9 & 10 AM
Fellowship Hall

- Sep 9 Meet Our Intern Pastor Ian Coen-Frei
- Sep 16 Guest Speaker: Don Timm will present: "Life Lessons from the Legendary Cross Country and Track and Field Coach Roy Griak of the University of Minnesota" based on Don's recent book *Ten Yards Beyond the Finish Line: Coach Roy Griak*
- Sep 23 Ministry Fair in Fellowship Hall (No Forum)
- Sep 30 Zion Pre-K 50th Anniversary Celebration in Fellowship Hall and Pre-K Classrooms Open House (No Forum)
- Oct 7 Domestic Violence Awareness Presentation (Rachel Circle)
- Oct 14 Stewardship Brunch (No Forum)
- Oct 21 Dr. Deanna Thompson, *The Book of Deuteronomy*
- Oct 28 Dr. Deanna Thompson, *The Book of Deuteronomy*
- Nov 4 *The Story of Lutherans in America: The Colonial Lutherans*
- Nov 11 *The Story of Lutherans in America: Arriving in Waves*
- Nov 18 *The Story of Lutherans in America: Building Institutions*
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving Weekend—No Forum
- Dec 2 *The Story of Lutherans in America: Lutherans Uniting*
- Dec 9 Choral Worship and Pancake Breakfast (No Forum)
- Dec 16 *The Story of Lutherans in America: Becoming an American Church & The Future of the Lutheran Church*
- Dec 23 No Forum

Zion Pages Book Group

Mondays 6:30 PM
Library

- Sep 24 - *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance
- Oct 22 - *Endure: The Power of Spiritual Assets for Resilience to Trauma & Stress* by Daniel D. Mauer
- Nov 26 - *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All The Rules* by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg
- Jan 28 - *The German Girl a Novel* by Armando Lucas Correa
- Feb 25 - *Earthy Mysticism: Spirituality for Unspiritual People* by Tex Sample
- Mar 25 - *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* by Bill Bryson
- Apr 22 - *Once in a Blue Moon Lodge a Novel* by Lorna Landvik (Minnesota Author)

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