

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 16 - 22, 2018



ZION
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WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Rueckert
Ian Coen-Frei (6 p.m.)

PRESIDING

8 a.m. Pastor Connie Tiede
9 a.m. Pastor Brent Campbell
Ian Coen-Frei
11 a.m. Zion Kids Christmas
Program
6 p.m. Mike Rueckert

ORGANIST

Mary Jo Gothmann

READERS

5 p.m. Greg Bergeron
8 a.m. Tim Sheie
9 a.m. Elaine Silpala
11 a.m. Zion Kids Program
6 p.m. Kathy Johnson

today - 3rd Weekend in Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the family of Carlton Anderson and Jason Boedigheimer who mourn their deaths.

ALTAR FLOWERS...In honor of Char Nelson given by Floyd Nelson and family.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY ZQ - 5 PM & 8 AM

Prelude: *Come and Sing*; Don Besig/Nancy Price

Offering: *Born in Bethlehem*; Douglas Wagner

ZQ members: Alan Kranz, John Lace, Bruce Messer, Tim Sheie and Mark Winholtz

ADULT FORUM

TODAY | 9 & 11 AM | LEGACY ROOM

The Story of Lutherans in America - Becoming an American Church and the Future of the Lutheran Church presented by Pastor Jim.

ZION KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL

TODAY | 10 AM | SANCTUARY

OPEN GYM & YOUTH ROOM - GRADES 6 - 12

TODAY | 10 AM | YOUTH ROOM

"STARRY, STARRY NIGHT" - ZION KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

TODAY | 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY

Children from Kid City Sunday School and CrossWalk Wednesday Kids Choir and Crews will present "Starry, Starry Night" during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

PASTA BAR LUNCH

TODAY | 12:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Following the Zion Kids Christmas program, Kid City and CrossWalk families are invited to a Pasta Bar Lunch. (A free will offering for camp scholarships will be taken.)

"THE RIVER" - WORSHIP SERVICE

TODAY | 6 PM | SANCTUARY

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP - A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & HOPE

THURSDAY | DEC 20 | 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

The holidays are often the loneliest time of the year for those who have experienced recent loss. Join us for a Blue Christmas Worship Service where we will be able to acknowledge our losses and our pain, and to take comfort in God's love and care for us, especially in sending Jesus, who experiences loss and grief as we do. You will have an opportunity to light a candle as a way of remembering someone who has left your life or someone or something you have left behind. As we bring our grief and our pain to God, may we experience God's love, God's hope, and God's peace.

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.*

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!

MONDAY, DEC 17

TOPS Weight Loss Group

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Axis Small Group

6:30 PM | OFFSITE

BeFriends Meeting

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

Troop 233 Boy Scouts

6:30 PM | CLC

Divorce Care Group

7:00 PM | THEATER

TUESDAY, DEC 18

Frolic - Parent & Child Play Group

9:00 AM | SPARK PARK

Mens Ministry - Simeon Group

9:00 AM | LIBRARY

Quilters

9:00 AM | ART ROOM

Communion Service -

Champlin Shores

1:15 PM | OFFSITE

Y's Start

3:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Church Council Meeting

6:30 PM | OFFSITE

WEDNESDAY, DEC 19

Global Health Ministries Group

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

Communion Service -

Homestead of Anoka Care Center

9:30 AM | OFFSITE

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Bible Study at Farmstead

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

CrossWalk After-school

3:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM

Kids Choir

5:30 PM | THEATER

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | ROOM 204

CrossWalk Wednesday - Dinner

6:15 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Adult Choir Christmas Caroling

6:30 PM | OFFSITE

CrossWalk Wednesday - Programming

6:45 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

THURSDAY, DEC 20

The Gathering Respite Care

10:00 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Fare for All Express

4:00 PM | LOWER COMMONS

FRIDAY, DEC 21

SATURDAY, DEC 22

Worship with Holy Communion

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DEC 23

Worship with Holy Communion

8:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY

The River - Evening Worship

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

NO LEARNING CLASSES DEC 23/30

There will be no Adult Forum, Kid City Sunday School or Open Gym/Youth Room during the Christmas holidays. They will resume on Jan 6.

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES DEC 26/JAN 2

There will be no CrossWalk Confirmation, Ringmasters, or Adult, Youth, and Kids Choir. They will resume on Jan 9.

NO FROLIC DEC 25/JAN 1

There will be no Frolic - parent & child play group over the Christmas holidays. It will resume on Jan 8.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS!

Zion's week to deliver meals is Jan 2 - 4. To sign up, please contact Suzanne Gaboury at 763-506-8108/sgaboury@zionanoka.org or stop by the front desk. Thank you!

coming up

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS!

We will be hosting Family Promise this week Dec 16-23. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or by calling 763-421-4656. Please consider this as a part of your Christmas giving. Your time helping others is a gift. Questions? Contact Dulcie Campana at livingout-faith@hotmail.com or 763-427-2488.

FARE FOR ALL!

DEC 20 | 4 – 6 PM | LOWER COMMONS
The Holiday Pack (\$30) is back! It includes: Spiral Ham, Whole Chicken, Chicken Drum Sticks, Mild Italian Sausage, Frozen Mixed Vegetables, Frozen Corn, Meatballs and Dutch Apple Pie. Open to everyone! Cash, credit, debit and EBT cards accepted.

BOUNDARY WATERS TRIPS JULY 11-16:

Need a break from daily life? Want to experience God in the Wilderness? Come to the Boundary Waters! This year, Zion is opening a Boundary Waters trip for families with youth grades 8 and up! Register at www.zionanoka.org under Event Registration. **Registration closes on Dec 31.** This is a great opportunity to unplug, relax, and experience God in Nature! Need more info? Pick up a packet at the front desk. Questions? Contact Josh Myroniuk at jmyroniuk@zionanoka.org or call at 763-506-8123

HOLY LAND TRIP

There is one opening for a single female for the Holy Land Trip, which is April 1-10. If you are interested in this Trip and would like to learn more please talk to Pastor Brent or email him at bcampbell@zionanoka.org.

QUAKE YOUTH GATHERING (6-8TH GRADES)

Quake is a weekend youth gathering held at the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel on Feb 15-17, 2019. We leave on Friday night and return early afternoon on Sunday. Youth will participate in high energy worship, hear from an engaging speaker, and participate in workshops about faith. It is ultimately a fun weekend where youth explore their faith. This event is open to youth in 6th-8th grades. For more info go to <http://quakeevent.com/events/minneapolis>. Cost for this event is:

- \$190 - Standard Registration by Jan 13
- \$215 - Late Registration - if space allows.

Scholarships available by contacting Pastor Mike. Registration is through Zion's website.

THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Christmas Project is a way to give a lasting gift and one with impact. 100% of the Christmas Project offering will be divided equally between Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry and The Sheridan Story. The Christmas Project is intended to give us an alternative to the commercialism of Christmas. Acknowledgement cards will be available in the lower commons if you would like to give a gift to the Christmas Project in honor of a family member or friend. More information about each of these charities will also be available in the lower commons.

"JEST" KIDDING

Little Jimmy wanted to be Joseph in the Sunday School pageant. Instead he was cast as the innkeeper and objected loudly, but to no avail. When the pageant was presented, Mary and Joseph knocked on the door and asked him if he had a room for them. The boy smiled and said, "Yes, sure. Lots of room. Come on in!" but the boy who played Joseph, not missing a beat, looked around and proclaimed "This place is a dump. We'll stay in the stable."

CABLE TV 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.

LIVE BROADCAST

(All Sunday Services)
www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurch

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.

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UPCOMING LESSONS

DECEMBER 22/23

Micah 2:2-5a
Luke 1:39-45

DECEMBER 29/30

Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

JANUARY 5/6

Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

First Lesson: Joshua 1:1-11

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 13:10-17

Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn - and I would heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24

10:00 AM Worship; 1:30 PM Worship w/childcare; 3:00 PM Worship w/childcare;
4:30 PM Candlelight Worship w/childcare; 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship;
10:00 PM Candlelight Worship

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25

10:00 AM we celebrate this holy day with scripture and carols.
Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services.

prayer corner

Circled With Light

Our house is open, Lord,
to Thee, come in and share
our Christmas tree!

We've made each nook and
corner bright, circled with
Christmas candle-light.

But light that never burns
away is found in Thee
alone, Lord. Stay.

Shine in us now, our
Christmas cheer, and fill
each niche of our New Year.

Luci Shaw

HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you are eligible to direct up to \$250 per year to Zion through Thrivent's Choice Dollars fraternal funds. All Thrivent Choice Dollars go to provide Zion's children and youth with partial scholarships to attend Camp WAPO Bible Camp in June. It is a very simple process and takes only minutes to direct your Choice Dollars. Call Thrivent at: 1-800-847-4836, follow the prompts and a Thrivent representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars to Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka. Or you may direct your Choice Dollars online www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. If you are not a Thrivent member and/or would like to make a donation, you can make a designated gift to our Children and Youth Scholarship Fund. Thank you Thrivent Members and ALL supporters of our Children and Youth Scholarship Fund at Zion!

WELCOME

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

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OFFICE HOURS

M-F: 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM
SUN: 8:00 AM TO NOON



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