

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23 - 29, 2018



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede
Lessons & Carols (6 PM)

PRESIDING

8 AM Pastor Brent Campbell
9 AM Pastor Mike Rueckert
11 AM Pastor Sue Wallager
Ian Coen-Frei
6 PM Pastor Brent Campbell

ORGANIST

SAT - Carolyn Zarling
SUN - Mary Jo Gothmann

READERS

5 PM Judy Bendiske
8 AM Kristin Fleagle
9 AM Doug Jones
11 AM Jeff Wallager
6 PM Lessons & Carols

today - 4th Weekend in Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS... We rejoice with Cullen James Decowski who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for the family of Kelly Johansen who mourns his death.

SPECIAL MUSIC - Offering 8, 9, AND 11 AM

What Child; P. Lohman; Emily Johnson & Karla Jones, vocals; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

NO LEARNING CLASSES DECEMBER 23 AND 30

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

NO "BELIEVE" BIBLE STUDY WEEK OF DEC 23-29 OR DEC 30-JAN 5

It will resume the week of January 6.

"THE RIVER" - WORSHIP SERVICE - A CASUAL, COMFY, AND COZY SUNDAY!

TODAY | 6 PM | SANCTUARY

Come to *The River* for a service of lessons and carols. As the Advent season draws to a close, in hope and expectation, we will await the coming of the Savior. We will hear the words of the prophets, sing of God's promises and place our hope in God. We will join in carols drawn from a variety of countries, cultures, and traditions with whom we wait in eager anticipation. Take a Holy Pause before the busy week ahead to ground yourself. Come cozy - pajamas and blankets welcome. Perfect for all ages and guests. If you have any extra Christmas cookies, bring them along for fellowship afterwards.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve, December 24

10:00 AM Special music - Zion Kids Choir, Patrick Steinbring, vocals and guitar; Elly Pieri and Nancy Nordin, vocals

1:30 PM Special music - Zion Ringmasters Bell Choir; Patti Hiatt, soprano

3:00 PM Special music - Zion Youth Choir; Campbell Family Brass

4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Candlelight services - Special music: Megan Fischer, soprano; Rich Goldman, soprano saxophone; Amelia Podolny, cello

10:00 PM Candlelight service - Special music - Zion Adult Choir; Jan Wenndt, soprano; Kat Davis, flute; Rich Goldman, soprano saxophone
(A carol sing will precede this service starting at 9:40 PM)

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery care provided at 1:30, 3:00, & 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 AM - *From Heaven Above*; A service for Christmas Day with scripture, carols
Special music by the Zarling Family

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 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

Worship with Holy Communion and Childcare

1:30 & 3:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion and Childcare

4:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

6:00, & 10:00 PM | SANCTUARY

TUESDAY, DEC 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

Worship with Holy Communion -

"From Heaven Above"

10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY, DEC 26

THURSDAY, DEC 27

Young Adult (College) Get-together

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

Seekers Bible Study

11:00 AM | LIBRARY

FRIDAY, DEC 28

SATURDAY, DEC 29

Worship with Holy Communion

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DEC 30

Worship with Holy Communion

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

The River - Evening Worship

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

Christmas Day the building will be closed following the worship service. Building will also be closed Tuesday January 1.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in decorating the sanctuary by donating to the Poinsettia Garden.

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

DEC 26/JAN 2

There will be no CrossWalk Confirmation, Ringmasters, Adult, Youth or Kids Choirs. Wednesday night activities will resume on January 9.

NO FROLIC DEC 25/JAN 1

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

FARE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all who helped with Fare for All last Thursday! Our next Fare for All is Thursday, January 31.

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 are 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

Around Christmastime, so that his young children would not be disappointed in the number of presents under their Christmas tree, a father told his children that Christmas was Jesus' birthday and Jesus received only three gifts. When it came time for worship on Christmas morning, the father asked his children what Jesus would have thought about his gifts and if Jesus could ask Santa one question, what would it be. The youngest child replied, "I think Jesus would have asked how come he only got three things, and none of them were toys."

coming up

BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP 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

BAPTISM CLASS

JAN 13 | 10 AM | LIBRARY

Whether you are expecting a child, recently had a child, or adopted a child and would like to know more about baptism, you are invited to join us for this class.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAYS ARE BACK

JAN 13 | 9 AM - 12 PM | CORNERSTONE CAFÉ

Come and enjoy some delicious, freshly made cinnamon rolls and support our youth going to Nicaragua and the Boundary Waters this summer!

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, contact Pastor Mike. Registration is through Zion's website.

ULTIMATE LOCK-OUT FOR GRADES 6-12

JAN 25-26 | 9 PM-8:30 AM | OFFSITE

We will be having an Ultimate Lock-Out for youth in grades 6-12 on Jan 25-26. This is an overnight event spent mostly at the Shoreview Community Center where there is a pool/water park, gym, space for movies and other activities. Friends are welcome! More info at: <https://zionanoka-middleschool.blogspot.com/2018/12/ultimate-lock-out-january-25-26.html>

LOOKING FOR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!!

It's hard to imagine, but Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and that means our second ever Valentine's Dinner and Silent Auction on Feb 8 to raise money for the summer trips to Nicaragua and the Boundary Waters! Tickets go on sale for the dinner starting in January, but if you wish to also contribute in other ways, we are looking for homemade or themed basket donations for the silent auction! If you would like to contribute to the silent auction. Questions? Contact Josh Myroniuk at 763.506.8123 or at jmyroniuk@zionanoka.org.

"YEAR-END GIVING TO ZION/ IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Financial contributions intended for 2018 should be placed in the offering plate by year-end (Sunday, Dec 30) or written, mailed, and post-marked by Dec 31. The church office will be open Monday, Dec 31 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for year-end giving drop off as well. Thank you for your generous and faithful stewardship in 2018 and support of the work we do together as a congregation!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you for saving *Box Tops for Education*. Box tops may be dropped off anytime at the Zion front desk or in the Pre-K office.

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](http://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.*

growing in faith together

UPCOMING LESSONS

DECEMBER 29/30

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

JANUARY 5/6

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

JANUARY 12/13

2 Chronicles 20:5-17
Matthew 14:22-33

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Sermon Scripture: Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

prayer corner

*He came, quietly impossible,
Out of a young girl's womb,
A love as amazingly marvelous
As his bursting from the tomb.*

*This child was fully human,
This child was wholly God.
The hands of All love fashioned him
Of mortal flesh and bone and blood.*

*The ordinary so Extraordinary
The stars shook in the sky.
As the Lord of all the universe
Was born to live, to love, to die.*

*He came, quietly impossible:
Nothing will ever be the same:
Jesus, the Light of every heart -
The God we Know by name.*

Madeleine L'Engle



STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

If you have not yet returned your Stewardship Intention Sheet for 2019, please mail it in, place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the front desk. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

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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