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THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22 - 28, 2020



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING

Pastor Brent Campbell

PRESIDING

5 PM Pr Mike Rueckert
11 AM Pr Connie Tiede
& Pr Sue Wallager

VERSE OF THE WEEK

For I was hungry and
you gave me food, I was
thirsty and you gave me
something to drink, I
was a stranger and you
welcomed me.

Matthew 25:35

today - Christ the King Sunday

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Jack Dean Arneson, Nigel Mercer and Noah Samuel Mercer who receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We celebrate with Kayla Hanson and Cody Crandall who were married on November 21. We pray for the family of Tim Niemi (son-in-law of Paul & Marlene Rasmusson) who mourns his death.

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL
TODAY | 10:00 AM | LIVESTREAM

HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP
TODAY | 7:00 PM | ZOOM

RADIO BROADCAST SUPPORT FUND...Thank you to those who donated to our Sunday morning radio broadcast fund: In memory of Carolyn Zarling given by The Zarling Family Fund of InFaith Community Foundation; in memory of beloved husband Henry given by Joan Sanchez, and Rod & Diane Halvorson in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

THIS WEDNESDAY, NOV 25 | 7 PM | LIVESTREAM

Due to COVID 19 we will live-stream our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. We will sing all our favorite Thanksgiving songs and share in the message of Thanksgiving. Since we cannot meet in person and donate food to the ACBC Food Shelf, please consider giving a monetary donation. An envelope was provided in the November Herald for your convenience or pick one up at the front desk. Please make checks payable to ACBC. You can either mail it in or drop it off at the front desk during office hours. Thank you for your faithful giving to our community.

CARE PACKAGE SPONSORS NEEDED!

Zion will be sending out care packages to our college-age students! Help us show our support to them by sponsoring a care package. Each package costs \$10 to sponsor. **Donations can be given online at www.zionanoka.org/upcoming-events now through Sunday, Nov 22.** Thank you for supporting our youth!

POINSETTIA GARDEN

Help decorate Zion's Sanctuary by donating to the memorial poinsettia garden in memory or in honor of someone special. Memorials are \$15 each. To order, fill out the form in the November Herald and mail it back with your payment or pick up an envelope at the front desk. **Envelopes/forms must be returned by Wednesday, Dec 9.** We will print the complete memorial list in the January Herald.

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*

Ken Johnson
Visitation Minister

Pastor Mawien Ariik
*Missionary in
South Sudan*

Pastor Stephen Deal
*ELCA Missionary in
Central America*

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

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Zion Pages

6:30 PM | ZOOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Worship Team Rehearsal

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

7:00 PM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Building Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Building Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Traditional Worship

5:00 PM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Traditional Worship Service

8 & 9 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

Kid City Sunday School -

Advent Fair

10:00 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

Blended Worship Service

11 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

ZION 151 YEARS -

WALKING IN FAITH

Thank you to all who have returned their stewardship commitments for 2021. If you have not yet had the opportunity to return your commitment, please mail it in or drop it off at the church office. Your faithful stewardship during this challenging time is much appreciated and makes such a difference.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who volunteered and those who gave blood at the Red Cross Blood drive here at Zion last week.

STILL NEEDED -

CONGREGATIONAL GODPARENTS

Every child needs AAA (authentic, available and affirming) adults in their lives – the more the better! At Zion we believe in “marinating” our children in prayer and being present from the beginning. That is why we have Congregational Godparents – AAA adults who are willing to be present at the baptism of a child and pray for them every day and send cards (which are provided) on their birthdays and the anniversary of their baptism. It’s an easy job, but a vital one. We are in need of people who would like to be part of this ministry and be present at the baptism. Contact Kristine Johnson or Pastor Connie for more info.

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Looking for a unique gift to give during the holidays? Here are a few suggestions.

- Notecards with the painting *On the Road to Emmaus* by Paul Oman (\$5/set of 6)
- Zion’s 150th Anniversary mug - (\$10)
- *Reverent Recipes* - Zion’s 150th Anniversary cookbook, (\$15)
- *Forward in Faith* Face mask - (\$6)

Items are available for online purchase on our website www.zionanoka.org (click on the Zion Store tab) with next day pick up during business hours. Purchased items will be just inside the main doors in a bag with your name on it.

CHRISTMAS KITS

We may be celebrating Christmas Eve virtually, but we still would like to share a little bit of Zion with you. Christmas Kits will be ready for families or individuals to pick up *starting Dec 13*. Inside each kit will be the Christmas Eve bulletin, communion elements, candles for the candle lighting service, a Christmas offering envelope and, for families with kids, special glow sticks and other activities. To register for a Christmas Kit please contact Kristine kjohnson@zionanoka.org or 763-421-4656.

coming up

ZION PAGES VIA ZOOM

MONDAY, NOV 23 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

Join us as we discuss *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem. Email Pastor Sue swallager@zionanoka.org for Zoom invitation.

HELP MAKE A VIDEO -

ZION KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Zion Kids, join us in creating a Christmas program video! We welcome all children from Age 3 - Grade 5 to participate. The theme for our video is "Miracle in the Manger." We will provide scripts, costume suggestions, music files, and art direction. You record your part at home and send it to us to edit into an amazing presentation, to premiere on Facebook and YouTube on Christmas Eve! You can sign up to sing, dance, create illustrations, act, speak or do a combination of parts in this program. Parts will be assigned between Nov 30 - DEC 4, and completed videos will be due DEC 14. **Register online, now through Nov 29.** Watch for more information in our weekly e-updates. Contact Ann Campbell at acampbell@zionanoka.org or Lee Neitge at lneitge@zionanoka.org with questions.

ADVENT WORSHIP

NOV 28/29, DEC 5/6, 12/13, & 19/20 |

SATURDAYS 5 PM AND SUNDAYS 8, 9 & 11 AM

During these four weeks, the future and the past mingle together as we celebrate the Christ who came and is yet to come. Memories, inherited through scripture and tradition, are sparked in order to feed tomorrow's hope. The Spirit nudges the discovery, "If God came once, maybe God really will come again." Though it is going to be celebrated very differently this year. The theme for Christmas is "Waiting for a Place at the Stable or a Stable Place," because we all want our Lord to be present, to be among us, but will his coming bring with it the stability we desire?

CARING TREES

Like most everything else, our Caring Trees will be virtual this year! But even though the way we are giving is different, the need in our community is still very great. The Caring Trees will support the same four local agencies: Alexandra House, Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center, Stepping Stone Emergency Housing and Bridgeview Drop-in Center at Lee Carlson Center. How you will give will be different. If you would like to give to a certain agency, you can go to zionanoka.org/zion-caring-trees/ and click on the link to give to that agency (we will also have those links available in our weekly updates). If you are unable to do that, we are still collecting gift cards (Target, Walmart, etc.) that we will distribute to all four of the agencies we are helping. Gift cards can be dropped off at Zion during our business hours. In order to get the gift cards to the agencies in a timely manner and used by families for Christmas, we ask that you bring the gift cards in by December 13.

CHRISTMAS FROM ST. OLAF

SUN, DEC 6 | 3:30 PM | LIVESTREAM

St. Olaf College is pleased to announce *All Earth is Hopeful*, a digital concert celebrating the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season. *All Earth is Hopeful* will showcase music captured from recent and past Christmas Festivals. Due to COVID 19 this year's ensembles will not appear on the program. We hope this music can provide people with healing, hope and joy. Join us by going to www.christmas.stolaf.edu to watch the program live, comment along with other viewers, and experience a communal celebration of the holiday season.

LIVE BROADCAST

SATURDAY 5 PM
SUNDAY 8, 9 & 11 AM

www.zionanoka.org
(click "Worship Online")
and on
[www.facebook.com/
ZionLutheranChurch
AnokaMn](http://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchAnokaMn)
(Available anytime)

LIVE CABLE TV BROADCAST

on
Metro Cable Network
Channel 6

Traditional Service

SATURDAY | 5 PM*

*Rebroadcast:

Mon @ 7:30 AM,

Tue-Thu @ 7 AM

Fri @ 2 PM

Blended Service

SUNDAY | 5 PM

RADIO BROADCAST

on
106.1 BOB FM
SUNDAYS | 9 AM

encouraging words

Start each day with encouraging words from Zion! Dial 763-506-8191 to hear a daily message of encouragement and hope.

growing in faith together

UPCOMING LESSONS

NOVEMBER 28/30

Isaiah 64:1-9
Mark 13-37

DECEMBER 5/6

Isaiah 40:1-11
Mark 1:1-8

DECEMBER 12/13

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
John 1:6-8, 19-28

prayer request

If you have a celebration or concern you would like the prayer team to include in their prayers, please email it to swal-lager@zionanoka.org.

prayer corner

O God, in Jesus Christ we celebrate your power at work. You raised him from the dead to rule with you forevermore. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may see the hope to which Christ calls us, a realm of eternal peace. Amen.

Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

WELCOME

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

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OFFICE HOURS

MON - THU: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
FRI: 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
While in the building please wear a mask and maintain 6' social distancing.



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