

# life <sup>6 ft apart</sup> together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 5, 2020

## today - 1st Sunday of Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the families of Dennis Carlson and Ruth Soderman who mourn their deaths.

### KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT FAIR

TODAY | 10:00 AM | LIVESTREAM

### 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.



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### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### PREACHING

Pastor Mike Rueckert

#### PRESIDING

Pastor Brent Campbell

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG - YOUTUBE PLAYLIST

While we are unable to gather together for Christmas caroling this year, we can still sing our favorite carols from the safety of our homes. During Advent (beginning Nov. 28), we will be uploading sing-a-long videos to our YouTube playlist. We hope that these sing-along carols bring joy to your homes as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our savior. Go to <https://cutt.ly/zioncarols> and "sing-a-long" with us!

### 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](mailto:kjohnson@zionanoka.org) or 763-421-4656.

### 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](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org) or Lee Neitge at [lneitge@zionanoka.org](mailto:lneitge@zionanoka.org) with questions.

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

○ that you would tear  
open the heavens and  
come down.

|isaiah 64:1a

# 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 30

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

### Worship Team Rehearsal

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

### Confirmation

6:00 PM | ZOOM

### The River Worship Service

7:00 PM | LIVESTREAM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

### Traditional Worship

5:00 PM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

### Traditional Worship Service

8 & 9 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

### Kid City Sunday School -

10:00 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

### Blended Worship Service

11 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

## 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](http://www.zionanoka.org) (click on the Zion Store tab) with next day pickup during business hours. Purchased items will be just inside the main doors in a bag with your name on it.

## 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/](http://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.

## SUPPORT OUR RADIO BROADCAST ON BOB-FM

Every Sunday morning at 9 AM, Zion's 8 AM worship service is broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1). Our radio broadcast covers a good portion of the State of Minnesota and reaches several hundred listeners each Sunday, including many who do not have internet capability. Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome. Gifts may be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion such as a wedding anniversary. Thank you to recent supporters of the Radio Broadcast Fund.

## TEXT TO GIVE

With Vanco's GivePlus, you can quickly and easily give to Zion using your smartphone. For more information call the church office between 9 AM - 4 PM.

# coming up

## 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 at <https://www.stolaf.edu> to watch the program live, comment along with other viewers, and experience a communal celebration of the holiday season.

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, DEC 18 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

Mark your calendars. Zion is hosting a virtual FAMILY GAME NIGHT with internet sensation Tony Ducklow, Game Software Engineer.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

MONDAY, DEC 21 | 7:00 PM | LIVESTREAM

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 in your homes 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 service is a shared worship service with the Anoka Ministerium.

## 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.

## 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 hopefully 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](http://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!

## JEST KIDDING

A woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 30 Lutheran, 10 Catholic and 6 Baptist ones."

## LIVE BROADCAST

SATURDAY 5 PM  
SUNDAY 8, 9 & 11 AM

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

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

DECEMBER 19/20  
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Luke 1:26-38

## 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](mailto: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: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

## Sermon Scripture: Mark 13:24-37

But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

## WELCOME

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

## CONTACT

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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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