

life together ^{6 ft apart}

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13 - 19, 2020



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

today - 3rd Sunday of Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Blake Joseph Bunes who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | LIVESTREAM

RADIO BROADCAST SUPPORT FUND

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 James & Carole Daggett, given in memory of Dave Herbold

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS KIT YET?

Although we will be celebrating Christmas Eve virtually, we would still like to share a little bit of Zion with you. Register for your Christmas Kit by contacting Kristine at kjohnson@zionanoka.org or 763-421-4656. If you have already registered you can **pick up your Christmas Kit today Dec 13 (9am to Noon) or Mon-Fri during business hours.** Each kit will have 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.

THE RIVER - ADVENT LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DEC 16, & 23 | 7 PM | LIVESTREAM

The River livestream worship will lead us through the Advent season with the words and music of the Holden Evening Prayer led by Michael Morris and *The River* Worship Team.

CARING TREES

Today is the **last day** Zion will be collecting gift cards (Target, Walmart, etc.) for the *Caring Trees* which support four local agencies: Alexandra House, Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center, Stepping Stone Emergency Housing and Bridgeview Drop-in Center at Lee Carlson Center. 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.

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING

Pastor Brent Campbell

PRESIDING

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Pastor Sue Wallager

BLENDED SERVICE

Pastor Connie Tiede

Pastor Mike Rueckert

VERSE OF THE WEEK

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Isaiah 61:1

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, DECEMBER 14

Christmas Kit Pickup

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | LOWER COMMONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Christmas Kit Pickup

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | LOWER COMMONS

Church Council Meeting

6:30 PM | ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Christmas Kit Pickup

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | LOWER COMMONS

Worship Team Rehearsal

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Confirmation

6:00 PM | ZOOM

The River Worship Service

7:00 PM | LIVESTREAM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Christmas Kit Pickup

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | LOWER COMMONS

Fare For All Express

3:00 AM - 6:00 PM | MAIN PARKING LOT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Christmas Kit Pickup

9:00 AM - NOON | LOWER COMMONS

Family Game Night

6:30 - 8:00 PM | ZOOM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Traditional Worship

5:00 PM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Christmas Kit Pickup

9:00 AM - NOON | LOWER COMMONS

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 & 9:00 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

Kid City Sunday School -

10:00 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

High School Small Group

7:00 PM | ZOOM

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)
- *Reverent Recipes* - Zion's 150th Anniversary cookbook (\$15)
- *Forward in Faith* Face mask (\$6)
- Zion's 150th Anniversary mug, gift wrapped and ready to put under the tree (special price of \$5)

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

NOISY OFFERING FOR CAMP WAPO

One of the commitments of Zion's Capital Appeal *Zion 150 years + Forward in Faith* is a pledge of donating \$150,000 over the 3 years of the Capital Appeal to expanding Camp Wapo's dining hall. To help with this commitment, last year we held a monthly Camp Wapo Noisy Offering between the months of October 2019 to March 2020 which helped to raise \$2,540.16 towards this commitment. While we can't take a Noisy Offering when we aren't meeting in the building, we will have the Noisy Offering bucket on a table inside the main doors for donations during December. During Zion's regular office hours until December 30, you can empty your jars of spare change (bills are accepted too) into the Noisy Offering bucket.

coming up

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, DEC 18 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

Zion CYF Staff is hosting a virtual FAMILY GAME NIGHT with family ministry expert Tony Ducklow, who is also a Game Software Engineer! Families and individuals will be pitted against each other in a variety of games, like Family Feud, Jeopardy, Trivia, Wheel of Fortune, 10K Pyramid, and more! We need an accurate count of participants, so **please RSVP using your Realm Account by Dec 14th**. You don't want to miss out on this family night of fun! P.S. Rumor has it, 1st-2nd-3rd place families will receive a prize!

DECEMBER FARE FOR ALL

THURSDAY, DEC. 17 | 3-6 PM |

MAIN PARKING LOT

Come pick up a Holiday Pack for only \$30! The Holiday Pack includes: Jennie-O Turkey (8-10 lbs.), Panko Chicken Tenderloins (3.5 lbs.), Sweet Corn (1 lb.), Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin (23 oz.), 2 Tuscan Meatballs (beef & pork - 1 lb. each), and Chocolate Mint Cheesecake (19 oz.). Limit one per household (purchasing for another household is welcome!) Enter Zion from 4th Ave, follow the direction of the parking lot attendants and groceries will be put right in your trunk! Fare For All is a program that allows people in the community to shop for deeply discounted nutritious food. It is open to everyone and accepts Credit, Debit and EBT cards.

YEAR END GIVING TO ZION

Thank you for your faithful stewardship. Your financial support of the mission of Zion makes a difference during this challenging time. Financial contributions for 2020 should be post marked by December 31 or delivered to the Church Office by 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 31. Again, many thanks!

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

MONDAY, DEC 21 | 7 PM | LIVESTREAM

The holidays can be a lonely time of the year for those experiencing 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 KIDS VIDEO PREMIERES

DEC 24 | ZION'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Zion Kids are creating a Christmas "program" video entitled *Miracle in the Manger*, which will post to Zion's Facebook Page on Christmas Eve. We invite everyone to enjoy this new take on an old tradition! The video can be viewed on your own timetable, and shared with friends and family afar! Thanks to all of the kids and families participating in its production!

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG - YOUTUBE PLAYLIST

Join us for Christmas caroling this year as we can still sing our favorite carols from the safety of our homes. During Advent we will be uploading sing-a-long videos to our YouTube playlist. We hope that these sing-a-long 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!

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

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

DECEMBER 26/27
Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
Luke 2:22-40

JANUARY 2/3
Jeremiah 31:7-14
John 1:10-18

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

Merciful God of peace, your work, spoken by the prophets, restores your people's life and hope. Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace, that we may hold fast to your great goodness and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the world.

Amen.

1st Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

2nd Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Sermon Scripture: John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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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