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THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 20-26, 2020



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING

Pastor Brent Campbell

PRESIDING

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Pastor Mike Rueckert

BLENDED SERVICE

Pastor Connie Tiede
Pastor Sue Wallager

VERSE OF THE WEEK

And now, you will
conceive in your womb
and bear a son, and you
will name him Jesus.

Luke 1:31

today - 4th Sunday of Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for all those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and for the safety of all health care workers, doctors, nurses, etc.

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

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

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS KIT YET?

We will be celebrating Christmas Eve virtually and would 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. You can **pick up your Christmas Kit 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.

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.

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES AT ZION - VIRTUAL

We will be livestreamed at 9:00 & 10:00 AM on Christmas Day. The music will be led by the musicians from The River. The service will include communion. Go to zionanoka.org and select the Worship Online button to watch our livestream services or watch on Zion's Facebook page.

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.

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 21

Christmas Kit Pickup

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

Blue Christmas Service

7:00 PM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Christmas Kit Pickup

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Christmas Kit Pickup

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

Worship Team Rehearsal

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

The River Worship Service

7:00 PM | LIVESTREAM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

(Building Closes at Noon)

Christmas Kit Pickup

9:00 AM -NOON PM | LOWER COMMONS

Zion Kids Video Premier

ALL DAY | FACEBOOK



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

(Building Closes)



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Traditional Worship

5:00 PM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 & 9:00 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

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.

YEAR END GIVING TO ZION AND IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Financial contributions for 2020 should be postmarked by December 31 or delivered to the church office by 4 PM on Thursday, December 31. Thank you for your generous and faithful stewardship in 2020!

REMINDER - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and be closed Christmas Day. If you have a pastoral need, please call the main church number (763-421-4656) and the answering service will connect you to the pastor on call.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

MEALS ON WHEELS & FARE FOR ALL

Thank you to all who helped deliver meals last week and to those who helped with *Fare for All* last Thursday! Thank you for all of your dedication in 2020! You are such a blessing to Zion and our community! Merry Christmas to you and your family! Our next days to deliver meals will be January 25 & 28, and our next *Fare for All* is March 25.

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 31, you can empty your jars of spare change (bills are accepted too) into the Noisy Offering bucket.

coming up

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DEC 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.

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!

FREE JOYA CONCERT - VIRTUAL

Joya will be presenting a virtual concert featuring *Uptown Brass*-- a brass quintet made up of members of the Minnesota Orchestra who have played together for 15 years. The *Uptown Brass* will present an eclectic, entertaining and virtuosic program featuring songs of joy from around the world inspired by dance rhythms of many cultures. The program will include the music of Bernstein, Piazzolla and Paquito D’Rivera as well as American spirituals; brand new works by award winning composers Jack Stamp and Dean Sorenson; and also holiday favorites. **This concert will be available beginning December 24 and it's free.** The link for viewing the concert will be found on www.zionanoka.org and www.joyachambermusic.com

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG

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!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN

• MY GRANDMOTHER'S HANDS

SUNDAY, JAN 10 | 3:00 PM | ZOOM

This book study is being offered as a follow-up to the Dialogues on Race Study from the fall. Even if you did not do that study, you are welcome to participate in this one! In this book study, we will be reading the book *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem. This book focuses on the physical and psychological reactions our bodies have around racial tensions and helps us to explore how to heal and cope with those reactions. If this sounds interesting to you, please sign up!

• ESTHER

MONDAY, JAN 11 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

Interested in a Bible Study on Esther? Join us Monday evenings to dive deep in the the book of Esther. This study is open to everyone who is interested and will be online only.

ADULT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 11

Our next study will be a six-week DVD study titled *Galatians: Accepted and Free*. Classes are on Zoom and will be held Mondays at 1 PM, Tuesdays at 7:30 AM, Wednesdays at 10 AM and 6:30 PM and Thursdays at 1 PM. Sign up and purchase the study guide for \$10 at the front desk.

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 26/27

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
Luke 2:22-40

JANUARY 2/3

Sirach 24:1-12
John 1:10-18

JANUARY 9/10

Acts 19:1-7
Mark :4-11

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

Ever faithful God, through prophets and angels, you promised to raise up a holy child who would establish a household of peace and justice. Open our hearts to receive your Son, that we may open our doors to welcome all people as sisters and brothers, and establish your household in our time.

Amen.

Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Sermon Scripture: Luke 1:26-38; 46-55

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

help wanted

With each season, the beautiful décor in our sanctuary and church changes as we celebrate what God has done for us. I would like to thank our décor leaders – Carol Kronholm and Kathy Johnson – as they help to make our church beautiful. Carol has decided to retire after Christmas and Kathy will retire next year. We are looking for someone to replace Carol and who would be trained by Kathy and eventually take over the lead for Zion's décor team. A job description is available at the front desk, but each person brings their own gifts. If you have questions or would like to get more information, contact Pastor Connie.

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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