

life together

But still 6 ft apart!

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 19 - 25, 2021

today - 4th Sunday of Advent



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

5 PM & 8 AM -

Pastor Brent Campbell
9 & 11 AM - Cantata

PRESIDING:

5 PM Deb Oas Koepsell
8 AM Pr Sue Wallager
9 AM Pr Connie Tiede
11 AM Pr Mike Rueckert

READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson
8 AM Marlene Gray
9 AM Bill Travis
11 AM Sylvia Goldman

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the families of John Carlson and Corissa Quance who mourn their deaths.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in memory of Char Nelson given by Floyd Nelson

RADIO BROADCAST SUPPORT FUND...Thank you to these recent supporters:

- Nancy Bever
- The LeNoue family in memory of Ruth
- Naomi Circle
- Bev Fraser in honor of Dottie Carlson's 94th birthday

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA

TODAY | 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Zion's Adult Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Campbell present "A Christmas Cantata", a five-movement work for choir, string quartet and piano by David von Kampen, a young American composer with texts by Lutheran pastor and hymn writer, Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) and the Gospel of John.

ADULT FORUMS - A History of Carols - Part 2

TODAY | 10:00 AM | CLC (*NOTE LOCATION CHANGE*)

Join us as we listen to the history of some of our favorite Christmas carols and then sing as we prepare for Christmas. *NOTE: No Sunday forums on Dec 26 and Jan 2.*

KID CITY AND TOT TOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The recording of "The First Night" shadow play will be shared at TODAY'S 11 am service. No Kid City or Tot Town Sunday School TODAY. Both resume January 9.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT HOUR FOR FAMILIES

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Parents and kids are invited to a Christmas Craft Hour. Families can choose from a variety of crafts and ornaments to make as gifts to give away or treasures to keep!

BLUE CHRISTMAS

TODAY | 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

This message of Christmas is specifically sent for those in pain and suffering. It is not that "all is merry and bright." Rather, it is the abiding truth that God seeks to be with us, even when we are "blue." Lord of Life Church will join us for this service.

Welcome Guests!

We are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about Zion please fill out the information below and give it to an usher or pastor as you leave. Information bags are available at the Welcome Center on the lower level.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

I'm looking for a church home I wish to join Zion Please have a pastor call me Invite me to the next New Member Orientation

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*

Michael Busbey
*ELCA Missionary in
Central America*

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

encouraging words

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

VERSE OF THE WEEK

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
Micah 5:2

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

Communion Service - Homestead

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

TOPS

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Boy Scouts

6:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM, CLC
& ART ROOM

Young Adult Bible Study - Group 1

6:30 PM | OFFSITE

Divorce Support Group

7:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Reopening Task Force

7:00 PM | OFFSITE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Equity Team

5:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Church Council Meeting

6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | CLASSROOM B (204-205)

Adult Choir

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Worship

12:00, 1:30 & 3:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship

4:30 & 7:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Christmas Eve Vespers Worship

10:00 PM | SANCTUARY

*All Christmas Eve services
will be available on line*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Worship Service

10:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Reminder: There will be no 5 pm service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Traditional Worship Service

8, 9, & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

MORTGAGE REDUCTION

OPPORTUNITY

The Zion Foundation has approved a matching gift to encourage the reduction, and eventual elimination of Zion's mortgage. New gifts of any amount, over and above current pledges in place for our capital appeal, will be matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$300,000 over the next 3 years. Our church mortgage is currently around \$2,230,000. Our monthly payment is \$15,695. Over half of our monthly payment is for interest! It is scheduled to be paid off January 2039. If an additional \$200,000 is paid off at the end of each year in 2022, 2023 and 2024; our loan would be paid off 5-1/2 years sooner and save us over \$415,000 in interest. Please consider this special opportunity to pay it forward for future generations of Zion Lutheran Church. Special "Mortgage Reduction" envelopes are available at the front desk and the tables at the Sanctuary entrances. Questions? Call the Church office at 763-421-4656 or talk to Pastor Brent.

2022 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

If you haven't already returned your 2022 stewardship commitment please do so as soon as possible. You may mail it in, drop it off at the church office or place it in one of the offering boxes near the exits on Sunday morning. Thank you for your faithful stewardship! Additional stewardship packets are available at the front desk.

coming up

CHRISTMAS OFFERING - NOTICE

For all of our Christmas services we will be passing offering plates during worship to collect the offering. The offering boxes are still available if you prefer.

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED MONDAY, DEC 27 & FRIDAY, DEC 31

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please call the Zion's main number, 763-421-4656 and the messaging service will reach the pastor on call.

CARING TREE UPDATE - THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who gave gift cards for the Caring Tree – with your generosity we were able to give out over \$4500 in gift cards!

YEAR-END GIVING

The church will be closed Monday, Dec 27 (Christmas holiday) and Friday, Dec 31 (New Year's holiday). Please drop off your year-end gifts by 5 pm on Dec 30 or mail them (postmarked) by Dec 31 or give online at www.zionanoka.org by Dec 31. Thank You!

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY - "GRACISM" BY DAVID A. ANDERSON

In this 4-week study, beginning the week of January 3, Pr. David Anderson presents a biblical model for showing special grace to others on the basis of ethnicity, class or other social distinction and offers seven sayings of the gracist with practical examples for building bridges and including others. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Books are available for \$12 at the front desk.

MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY

Matthew Bags are now available, at the Welcome Desk, for you to pick up to give to a needy person that you encounter. Each bag contains water, food bars, personal hygiene items and socks.

UPCOMING BAPTISM CLASS

SUN, JAN 9 | 10 AM | LIBRARY

If you would like to know more about baptism at Zion, we will be having an informational class. Baptisms are part of worship either Saturdays at 5 PM or at our blended service on Sunday mornings at 11 AM. To register contact Kristine at kjohnson@zionanoka.org or Pr Connie at ctiede@zionanoka.org

CAMP WAPO NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offering this last weekend! We gathered \$255.25 bringing our total since October to \$958.11. The Camp Wapo Noisy Offering buckets will be out around the Sanctuary again the weekend of Jan 8 & 9. We invite you to bring your coins (bills accepted too) that weekend to place in these buckets. We will have a bucket at the Welcome Desk for those who may want to drop off their noisy offering during our normal office hours. The Noisy Offering goes to support Camp Wapo's dining hall expansion campaign.

HOODIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Thank you to all who have donated mittens, gloves, hats, and socks for needy students at Anoka Middle School. Another major need is hoodie sweatshirts. We are looking for gently-used hoodies that your children or grandchildren have outgrown to give to the many students who need them. A collection box will be at the Welcome Center. Shirts should be sized to fit 11-14 year-olds, which varies greatly, so even a few larger sizes will be needed.

LIVE BROADCAST

SATURDAY 5 PM
SUNDAY 8, 9 & 11 AM

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
SUNDAY | 10 AM
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

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Go to:
[https://cutt.ly/
ziongivetoday](https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday)
or
Scan this
QR code



growing in faith together

UPCOMING LESSONS

DECEMBER 26

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Luke 2:41-52

There will be no 5 PM service on the 25th

JANUARY 1/2

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1-9, 46-55

JANUARY 8/9

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore they shall be given up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of the ruler's kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And the ruler shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now the ruler shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Sermon Scripture: Luke 1:39-55

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." 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."

prayer request

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

prayer corner

Shepherd of Israel, you gently support the one who is with child and call forth the Lamb who dances in the womb. Stir our hearts to recognize Christ's coming, as Elizabeth recognized his presence in Mary's radiant obedience to your desire, and open our souls to receive the one who came to love your flock. Amen.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 WITH COMMUNION - *In person and online*
12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM*, 7:30 PM*, 10:00 PM* (VESPER)
**candlelight service*

Nursery Care: 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM by reservation only
Please pre-register by calling the front desk at 763-421-4656.
Due to COVID there is limited capacity.

Cable TV (Channel 6): 1:30 PM & 4:30 PM

Radio Broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1): 4:30 PM & 10:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 WITH COMMUNION - 10:00 AM *in-person and online*
Note: There will be no evening service on this Saturday

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 - 5:00 PM
FRI: 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
While in the building please wear a mask & maintain 6' social distancing.

