

# life together

*But still 6 ft apart!*

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF JANUARY 9-15, 2022

## today - Baptism of Our Lord

### IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN OUR SANCTUARY AT ZION

We continue to require masks, encourage social distancing by roping off every other pew, and other COVID precautions due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant of COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...**We celebrate with Abby Shoop & Michael Marshaw who were married at Zion on January 8. We pray for the families of Terry Geldaker and Joyce Swanson who mourn their deaths.

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

- Ron & Linda Hegberg
- Florence Shebetka, in memory of her son Glen
- John & Sandy Steinbring
- Donna Fiske-Iseminger

**ALTAR FLOWERS...**Given in memory of Philip Martin in honor of his birthday given by his family and in honor of Gary & Mary Prozinski's 50th wedding anniversary given by their daughter Molly.

### ADULT FORUM - The Food Group/Fare for All

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Food Group is a local nonprofit focused on using nutritious food to strengthen community. Zion partners with The Food Group to monthly house the program *Fare for All*. Presented by Sean Hurdle, Community Engagement

**NO IN-HOUSE KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL  
OR TOT TOWN TODAY** (*see announcement below*)

**BAPTISM CLASS**  
TODAY | 10 AM | LIBRARY

### GOING VIRTUAL (ONLINE) FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Kid City Sunday School, Confirmation, and High School Ministry will be going virtual (online) for the month of January to protect children, families, volunteers and staff as the Omicron variant of COVID-19 hits its peak in our area. Whirl Wednesdays will take a break for January. Tot Town and Kid City will offer Zoom activities, Facebook posts and mailings. Parents, please watch your emails for details.



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### PREACHING:

Pastor Brent Campbell

#### PRESIDING:

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

#### READERS:

5 PM Greg Bergeron  
8 AM Marlene Gray  
9 AM Ken Johnson  
11 AM Steve Dussl

## 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*

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 now thus says the Lord, the one who created you, O Jacob, the one who formed you, O Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."  
Isaiah 43:1

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

### Communion Service - Walker

10:00 AM | OFFSITE

### Ruth Circle

10:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### "Gracism" Study - Group A

1:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### Hannah Circle

1:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

### TOPS

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Boy Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

### Divorce Support Group

7:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

### "Gracism" Study - Group B

7:30 AM | ZOOM

### Lydia Circle

9:30 AM | OFFSITE

### Naomi Circle

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Deborah-Priscilla Circle

3:00 PM | LIBRARY

### Evangelism Committee Meeting

6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### Rachel Circle

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

### "Gracism" Study - Group C

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### Worship Team Rehearsal

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

### "Gracism" Study - Group D

5:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Confirmation

6:00 PM | ZOOM

### Ringmasters

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

### Common Ground

6:30 PM | ZOOM

### Adult Choir

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

### Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

### Traditional Worship Service

8 & 9 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Adult Forum

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | LIVESTREAM ONLY

### Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

## CAMP WAPO NOISY OFFERING

The Camp Wapo Noisy Offering buckets are out around the Sanctuary. A bucket will be 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 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.

## GRADE 2 BIBLE PRESENTATION RESCHEDULED

The Grade 2 Bible Presentation that was scheduled for Jan 30 has been postponed to a later date. Watch for a new date to be set for February or March. Questions? Contact Ann at [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org).

# coming up

## NEW BIBLE STUDY ON "1-3 JOHN" STARTS JANUARY 20

THURSDAYS, JAN 20 - FEB 24 | 11 AM |  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join Pastor Dixie Johnson as she facilitates this 6-week Bible study by Michael LeFebvre. Study Guide, *Knowing The Bible, 1-3 John*, will be available for purchase at the front desk for \$10.

## ZION PAGES

MONDAY, JAN 24 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

We will be discussing Ernest Hemingway's *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. In 1937, Hemingway traveled to Spain to cover the civil war there for the North American Newspaper Alliance. Three years later he completed the greatest novel to emerge from "the good fight" and one of the foremost classics of war literature. All are welcome as we discuss one of the best war novels ever written. Contact Pr Sue Wallager for Zoom invite at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION -

SUNDAY, JAN 30 | 10 AM | LEGACY ROOM

If you are interested in learning more about Zion please join us. RSVP to Pastor Brent at [bcampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:bcampbell@zionanoka.org) or call the church office, 763-421-4656. If you are interested in membership but unable to attend the New Member Orientation, contact Pastor Brent and he will be happy to visit with you.

## GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

TUESDAYS, FEB 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 10 AM

This support group offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Meetings are open to anyone suffering a loss of a loved one. All the sessions are stand alone, but it is recommended that you attend them all. Questions? Please contact Pastor Sue at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WANTED!

We are asking for donations for our annual silent auction event on Feb 20! All proceeds will be going towards our youth trips next summer to Colorado and Duluth! We will only be taking new items/baskets. If you wish to donate, **please bring in your basket/item by February 13** to drop it off at the front desk. Thank you for your support.

## NOTE: DATE CHANGED

## FAMILY FEUD & SILENT AUCTION - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20

GAME | 1-3 PM | SANCTUARY

SILENT AUCTION | 9 AM - 3 PM |

CORNERSTONE & ONLINE

Join us for fun in *Family Feud*. Sign up at the Welcome Desk, with a team of 4 or come as an audience member! Teams will compete for the first-place prize of \$100 (split between the four team members). Greg Bergeron will be hosting the games. In addition Zion Youth are raising money for our summer youth trips to Colorado and Duluth by having a Silent Auction! Silent auction items will be in the Cornerstone for you to bid on onsite and online! If you would like to donate a basket or item for the Silent Auction please drop it off at the front desk no later than Sunday, Feb 13.

## ZION ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, SUNDAY, FEB 27 | 10 AM | SANCTUARY

The Annual Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church will be in-person and also available via livestream. Copies of the annual report will be available beginning the weekend of February 19/20. Absentee ballots for leadership elections and the 2022 church budget will be included in the February Herald. Watch the Life Together insert and next month's Herald for more details.

## 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

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>  
or  
Scan this  
QR code



# growing in faith together

## UPCOMING LESSONS

JANUARY 15/16

1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

JANUARY 22/23

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

JANUARY 29/30

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Luke 4:21-30

## Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, the one who created you, O Jacob, the one who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

## Sermon Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. With a winnowing fork is in hand, he will clear the threshing floor and gather the wheat into his granary, burning the chaff with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

## COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, Zion's monthly newsletter "The Herald" and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. If you would like to become part of the *Home Communion Visitation Team* contact Pastor Sue at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## 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 & 5 PM.

## 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](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## prayer corner

God, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, mark us with your images, and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## 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.*

