

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3, 2022



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Brent Campbell

ASSISTING:

8 AM Pr Mike Rueckert

9 AM Pr Connie Tiede

11 AM Pr Sue Wallager

READERS:

5 PM Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM Bob Fischer

11 AM Steve Dussl

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about Zion please fill out the pink information card found at the end of each row in the pew in front of you.

Or use
this
QR
code.



today - 1st Sunday in Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the family of Orall Johnson who mourns his death.

SUPPORT OUR RADIO BROADCAST ON BOB-FM

Every Sunday morning at 9:10 AM, Zion's traditional worship service is broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1). Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome.

Thank you to recent supporters of the Radio Broadcast Fund:

- Greg & Ann Bergeron, in memory of Char Montei
- Cara Fish
- Charles & Mary Kucera
- Women of Zion Circles

ADULT FORUM

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

In the Dust of the Rabbi: The Very Words of God part 5 of 5 of a DVD series by Ray Vander Laan.

UPCOMING ADULT FAITH FORUMS

Dec 4: Managing Family Stress during the Holidays led by Pastor Sue

Dec 11: Holiday Trivia

Dec 18 & 25: No Forum

NO HOLY SHENANIGANS OR KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

CARING TREE - GIFT CARDS ONLY

This year in lieu of Caring Tree gift tags, we will be collecting gift cards for Walmart, Target or Cub. These cards will be distributed to Alexandra House, Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center, Stepping Stone Emergency Housing and Bridgeview Drop-in Center at Lee Carlson Center. In order to get the gift cards to these agencies in a timely manner so they can be used by families for Christmas, **please drop them off at Zion's front desk by Tues, Dec 13** during normal business hours.

POINSETTIA GARDEN

Help decorate Zion's Sanctuary by donating to the poinsettia garden in memory or in honor of someone special. Memorials are \$20 each. An order form will be included in the December Herald or pick up an envelope at the front desk to submit your request and **return it no later than Wednesday, Dec 14.**



ZION: A PLACE TO GATHER AND GROW

If you have not yet returned your completed Intention Sheet you can mail it or bring it to the church during regular business hours. You may also make your pledge online by clicking on the "2023 Pledge" button. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

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*

HEARING ASSISTANCE UNITS AVAILABLE

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

encouraging words

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

home visits

If you would like a visit from one of our pastors or lay visitors, please call the office at 763-421-4656 and we will be happy to visit you.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Advent Small Group Study

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TOPS

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Zion Pages Book Group

6:30 PM | THEATER

Divorce Support Group

7:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Small Group Study -

Reclaiming the 'L' Word

8:00 AM | ZOOM

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Lake Country & North Star Choruses

7:30 PM | SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Advent Small Group Study

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Afterschool

3:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM/CLC

Pizza Dinner

5:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Worship Team Rehearsal

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Confirmation

6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Joiz-n-Noiz (Pre-Teen Ministry)

6:00 PM | CLASSROOM 5

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

Whirl Wednesday

6:00 PM | ART ROOM

Adult Choir

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

The Gathering

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

Gathering Support Group

10:00 | FIRESIDE ROOM

Communion Service - Homestead

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

Advent Small Group Study

1:00 PM | ZOOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

HS Lock-in

8:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Children's Choir Rehearsal

10 AM | SANCTUARY

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

Traditional Worship Service

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Adult Forum

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Common Ground

12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

Worship at Farmstead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all those who helped pack up the food from the Thanksgiving Eve service last Wednesday.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED!

We are in need of communion servers. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, there is a notebook in the Sacristy where you can sign up for the weekend and worship service time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

coming up

CHORAL CONCERT AT ZION

TUES, NOV 29 | 7:30 PM | SANCTUARY
Lake Country and North Star Choruses presents *Christmas Under the Stars*. All tickets General Admission: \$15; children 6 years and under are free. Tickets available at the door or by contacting JoAnn Baldwin 612-804-3686 or info@lakecountrychorus.org.

“JOIZ-N-NOIZ!”

Zion Kids Wednesdays has a big announcement! Our preteen ministry now has a name! It's called “Joiz-n-Noiz!” We meet from 6-7:20 pm on Wednesdays and feature activities created especially for kids in grades 4-5! “Joiz-n-Noiz” combines with Whirl Wednesday kids (grades K-3) for a Bible story and gym games. New registrations are always welcome for Zion Kids Wednesdays at <https://cutt.ly/ZionWed22-23>.

ZION CHORAL WORSHIP

SAT, DEC 17 | 5 PM | SANCTUARY
SUN, DEC 18 | 9 AM | SANCTUARY
Our theme for Choral Worship this year is “*Winds Through the Olive Trees*.” We'll sing about the mystery and wonder of the incarnate Christ over 2000 years ago, as the winds of the spirit moved through the olive trees of ancient Israel and brought the Word made flesh to Mary's womb. The olive is an ancient symbol of peace, as well as an important source of food. “Winds Through the Olive Trees” reminds us of three important facts: the Holy Spirit is alive and at work in the world; God provides a creation that nourishes and sustains our bodies; God became a part of that same creation in the incarnate Christ, long, long ago.

ZION PAGES BOOK CLUB

MON, NOV 28 | 6:30 PM | THEATER
We will be discussing *All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack*, a Black Family Keepsake by Tiya Miles.

ZION KIDS PROGRAM

SUN, DEC 18 | 11 AM | SANCTUARY
Children in Zion Kids Sunday (Kid City and Holy Shenanigans) and Zion Kids Wednesdays (Whirl and Joiz-n-Noiz) will answer the question “What will you call the baby?” during a special Christmas “*His Name is Jesus*” will include kids from Age 0-Grade 5, and will feature new and familiar Christmas songs, scripture and story.

BLUE CHRISTMAS - A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

WED, DEC 21 | 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY
This time of year can be a mix of emotions that make it a challenge. Blue Christmas is a gentle, contemplative service that offers comfort and hope for those carrying pain or loss during this Holiday Season. Join us for this service of reflection, comfort and hope for hurting hearts.

THANK YOU, ZION QUILTERS!

Zion's quilters made 170 quilts this year! These quilts were blessed last weekend and are being distributed to the following locations: Lutheran Social Services, ACBC, St. Cloud VA, Global Health, Bridgeview, Bridging, Bundles of Love, and Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to our quilters for all of your hard work and dedication to this wonderful ministry!

JUST A REMINDER

Zion Sunday School (Holy Shenanigans & Kid City) takes registrations throughout the school year. Go to our Children's Ministry page at www.zionanoka.org for more information.

LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM
www.zionanoka.org
(click “Worship Online”)
or
[www.facebook.com/
ZionLutheranChurch
AnokaMn](https://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchAnokaMn)
(Available anytime)

CABLE TV

Metro Cable Network
Channel 6
SUNDAY | 10 AM & 5 PM

RADIO BROADCAST

106.1 BOB FM
SUNDAYS | 9:10 AM

TEXT TO GIVE

With Vanco's GivePlus, you can quickly and easily give to Zion using your smartphone. For more info call the church office between 9 AM & 5 PM.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Go to:
<https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday>
or
Scan this
QR code



growing in faith together

UPCOMING LESSONS

DECEMBER 3/4

2nd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

DECEMBER 10/11

3rd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Matthew 11:2-11

DECEMBER 17/18

4th Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Matthew 1:18-25

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the Jacob's God, who will teach us the ways of God, that we may walk in the paths of the Lord." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Second Lesson: Romans 3:11-14

There is no one who has understanding, there is no one who seeks God. All have turned aside, together they have become worthless; there is no one who shows kindness, there is not even one. Their throats are opened graves; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of vipers is under their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son-of-Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son-of-Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, the owner would have stayed awake and would not have let the house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son-of-Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT ANOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Numerous types of volunteer opportunities constantly exist at Anoka Middle School. Some occur inside one of the two campus buildings, but most are requests for donations of things needed for class projects, or busy prep work for projects that you can take and complete at home. If you are interested today, next week, or next month, contact Glen Semanko at glensemanko@yahoo.com, and you will be sent a link so you can explore the opportunities at your leisure to see if anything fits. Note: Some activities require a simple background check, which you can quickly complete online.

prayer corner

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

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 - 5:00 PM
FRI: 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

