

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 4 - 10, 2022



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Brent Campbell

ASSISTING:

5 PM Deb Oas Koepsell

8 AM Pr Connie Tiede

9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

11 AM Pr Mike Rueckert

READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Doug Jones

11 AM Steve Dussl

today - 2nd Sunday of Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We celebrate with Carley Bergh as she receives her First Communion. We celebrate with Ben & Katie Svien who were married on Saturday. We pray for the family of Orall Johnson who mourns his death.

ACBC FOOD INGATHERING & DONATIONS

Thank you to all who contributed food and financially to our Thanksgiving ACBC Food Ingathering. To date we have collected 1437 pounds of food and \$6,525.

CENTERING PRAYER AS A FAITH PRACTICE

TODAY | 8:15-8:35 AM | CHAPEL

TODAY | 10:25-10:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

"Centering (contemplative) Prayer" for the Season of Advent will take place today, Sunday, Dec 4 and on Sundays, Dec 11 and 18.. The format will include Christ Care Prayers, a Scripture reading with prompts for reflection, a time of silence to reflect on the reading, and a closing. All are welcome. Note, we'll meet on the far-right side of the Chapel so that those coming in to pay respects to loved ones or pray individually may still freely move about.

ADULT FORUM

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Managing Family Stress during the Holidays

led by Pastor Sue. Next Sunday, Dec 11: Holiday

Trivia; Dec 18 & 25, no forums

HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | THEATER

COMMON GROUND

TODAY | 12 PM | YOUTH ROOM

WORSHIP AT FARMSTEAD

TODAY | 1:30 PM | OFFSITE

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.



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.**

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, DECEMBER 5

Funeral for Orall Johnson

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Advent Small Group Study

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TOPS

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Divorce Support Group

7:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Small Group Study -

Reclaiming the 'L' Word

8:00 AM | ZOOM

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

First Tuesdays

1:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Esther Circle

7:00 PM | OFFSITE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Advent Small Group Study

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Worship at Homestead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

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 8

The Gathering

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

Advent Small Group Study

1:00 PM | ZOOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

Centering Prayer

8:15 AM | CHAPEL

Traditional Worship Service

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Holiday Trivia

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

Centering Prayer

10:25 AM | CHAPEL

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Common Ground

12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

ADULT CHOIR - POSSIBLE ITALY TOUR

Zion's Adult Choir is potentially going on tour to Italy the Summer of 2024. We are planning to sing in some of the most famous cathedrals in Europe including St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and St. Mark's in Venice. It would be an amazing tour but we need more singers! For more information contact Dr. Jonathan Campbell at jcampbell@zionanoka.org.

coming up

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 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.

JEST KIDDING - "GROANER"

What's every parent's favorite Christmas Carol? Silent Night.

"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>.

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, or want more info 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.

thank you

CHRISTMAS TREES

Thank you to all who helped put up the Christmas trees and to those who decorated them! They are just beautiful.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who delivered meals last week. Our next week to deliver is January 9-13, 2023.

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 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

DECEMBER 24/25

Christmas Eve/Christmas

Isaiah 62:6-12

Luke 2:1-20

prayer corner

Laboring God, with axe and winnowing fork you clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child holds sway. Clear our lives of hatred and despair, sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth and we may live in harmony with one another. 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.

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-5, 10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of its roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. On that day there will stand as a signal to the peoples the root of Jesse, of whom the nations shall inquire, and whose dwelling shall be glorious.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the dominion of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of the Lord.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. With a winnowing fork in hand, he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS - AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE FRONT DESK

- "Peace Amid the Pandemic" devotional booklet - \$10
- *Reverent Recipes* cookbook - \$15
- *Road to Emmaus* note cards 6/set - \$5
- Zion pictorial directory - \$5

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

