

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 - 17, 2022



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Brent Campbell

### ASSISTING:

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

### READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson  
8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell  
9 AM Ron Gray  
11 AM Sylvia Goldman

## today - 3rd Sunday of Advent

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...**We celebrate with Evelyn Evans as she receives her First Communion. We pray for the family of Beverly Olson who mourn her death.

**ALTAR FLOWERS...**Given in memory of Char Nelson by Floyd Nelson. Given by Kari Wangsness in celebration of Joanne Nelson's 89th birthday and Jeff Nelson's 65th birthday

### SUPPORT OUR RADIO BROADCAST SUNDAY MORNINGS ON BOB-FM

Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome. Thank you to recent supporters of the Radio Broadcast Fund:

- Bev Fraser, in memory of Char Montei

### CAMP WAPO NOISY OFFERING - TODAY

We will hold our final Camp Wapo Noisy Offering today. We invite kids and youth at the 9 & 11 AM services to help us collect the Noisy Offering. A bucket is available at the Welcome Center for those who may want to drop off their Noisy Offering during the normal office hours. The Camp Wapo Noisy Offering gathered a grand total of \$15,123.80 over the last 3 years. Thank you for your faithful support.

### CENTERING PRAYER AS A FAITH PRACTICE

TODAY | 8:15-8:35 AM AND/OR 10:25-10:45 AM | CHAPEL

"Centering (contemplative) Prayer" for the Season of Advent will take place today, Dec 11 & on Dec 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

*Holiday Trivia* led by Pastor Connie Tiede

Note: No Forums on Dec 18, 25 or in January.

Forums resume Feb 5.

### KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | THEATER

### HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL

### LAST WEEK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 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 was 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.**

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.



# 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 12

### Communion Service - Walker

10:00 AM | OFFSITE

### Ruth Circle

10:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Advent Small Group Study

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Hannah Circle

1:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

### TOPS

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

### Sons of Norway

6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### Divorce Support Group

7:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

### Small Group Study -

### Reclaiming the 'L' Word

8:00 AM | ZOOM

### Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

### Lydia Circle

9:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Naomi Circle

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Deborah-Priscilla Circle

3:00 PM | OFFSITE

### Rachel Circle

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

### Advent Small Group Study

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

### Afterschool

3:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM/CLC

### Pizza Dinner

5:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### 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 | CHOIR ROOM

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

### The Gathering

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

### Gathering Support Group

10:00 | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Advent Small Group Study

1:00 PM | ZOOM

### Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

### Christmas Choral Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

### Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

### Centering Prayer

8:15 & 10:25 AM | CHAPEL

### Cinnamon Roll Sunday

8:30 AM-12:30 PM | CORNERSTONE CAFÉ

### Christmas Choral Worship Service

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

### Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

### Zion Childrens Christmas Program

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Common Ground

12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

## CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

SUN. DEC 18 | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM |

CORNERSTONE CAFÉ

Zion high school youth will be serving cinnamon rolls in the Cornerstone Café to help raise money for their 2023 summer trips. A free will offering will be taken.

# coming up

## LAST CHANCE -

### CARING TREE - GIFT CARDS ONLY

Tuesday, Dec 13 is the last day we are collecting gift cards from 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. Please drop them off at Zion's front desk during normal business hours.

## 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 Pre-Teen Ministry) 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.

## FARE FOR ALL

THUR, DEC 22 | 4 - 6 PM | LOWER COMMONS

This month includes the popular December Holiday Pack! Fare For All is a program that allows people to come and shop at Zion once a month for deeply discounted nutritious food. Fare For All is open to everyone and accepts CREDIT, DEBIT and EBT cards.

## JOIN ZION'S MUSIC GROUPS - WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

- CHOIR | 7 - 8:30 PM | CHOIR ROOM
- HANDBELLS | 6 - 7 PM | HANDBELL ROOM
- WORSHIP TEAM | 5:30-6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

For more info contact Jonathan Campbell at [jcampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:jcampbell@zionanoka.org). Everyone is welcome to participate!

## MATTHEW BAG DONATIONS

We are collecting donations of adult-size crew socks, bottled water (16 oz), granola bars, and Kleenex (individual packs). They can be dropped in the *Matthew Bag* donation bins at the Welcome Desk. Financial donations are also accepted at the front desk. Please write "Matthew Bags" on the memo line of your check. Thank you.

## "JEST KIDDING" - GROANER

What's the absolute best Christmas present? A broken drum—you can't beat it!

## LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

[www.zionanoka.org](http://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 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

DEC 31/JAN 1  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Luke 2:15-21

## First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-6

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. God will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

## Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: those who are blind receive their sight, those who are lame walk, those with leprosy are cleansed, those who are deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the dominion of heaven is greater than he."

## prayer corner

O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist, through all such faithful ones you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life. Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent promise that one day we will walk in the holy way of Christ, where sorrow and sighing will be no more and the journey of God's people will be joy. 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](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## 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!

## 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.

## CONTACT

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

