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NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

MARCH 2023



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN + ANOKA

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### In-Person Worship

5 pm (Sat)

8, 9 & 11 am (Sun)

### Livestream Worship

9 & 11 am (Sun)

### Cable TV

10 am & 5 pm (Sun)

### Radio Broadcast

106.1 (BOB-FM)

9:10 am (Sun)

### Gospel Readings

#### March 4-5

John 3:1-17

#### March 11-12

John 4:5-42

#### March 18-19

John 9:1-41

#### March 25-26

John 11:1-45

## Mid-Week Lenten Services Continue @ 12 noon & 6:30 pm

Mid-week Lenten services continue at 12 noon and 6:30 p.m. each week. We use the Holden Evening Prayer for worship and we hear from the "Silent Witnesses."

There were many witnesses to the suffering of Christ and his crucifixion that took place over 2,000 years ago on a hill outside of Jerusalem. There were angry crowds, those who loved Jesus, and those that were required to be there tending to the necessary tasks which went along with an execution. But there were other witnesses as well, witnesses we don't usually think about, although they were even closer to the events than the crowd. Memorable objects involved in our Lord's suffering and death; the thorn, robe, nail, spear, shroud and stone which guarded the tomb, all took part in the events surrounding Christ's crucifixion. On Wednesday nights during Lent, these "silent witnesses" come to life and share their viewpoints and deepen our understanding of the Passion story.

## Holy Week and Easter

### April 2 is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week.

Worship at 5 p.m., 8, 9 and 11 a.m. We start the week with a palm procession as we are reminded of Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, as he entered into the city with Alleluias. We will also hear the whole Passion story.



### April 6 is Maundy Thursday.

Worship at 12 noon and 6:30 p.m. We hear the command to love one another as Christ has loved us and we partake in the Lord's Supper. As Jesus left the meal and went to the Mt. of Olives, it was there he was betrayed and arrested.

### April 7 is Good Friday.

Traditional worship at 12 noon and 6:30 p.m. We hear the seven last words of Christ. Family service at 5:30 p.m.

### April 8 & 9 is the Celebration of Easter.

Saturday worship at 5 p.m. and Sunday worship at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

We proclaim together *Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!*

# financial update

## Mortgage Reduction Progress

We are very pleased to report that with your ongoing gifts to the Building Fund, your special gifts to the mortgage reduction effort, and the Zion Foundation's matching grant for mortgage reduction, we have reduced our mortgage significantly in 2022. As of February 15, 2023 our mortgage balance has been reduced by approximately \$550,000 (see below). Reducing our mortgage is saving a significant amount of interest over the remaining life of our loan and will allow us to pay our loan off about 3 years early. There is still about \$100,000 available over the next two years for matching special gifts given for mortgage reduction. Any new gift, over and above current pledges in place for our capital appeal, will be matched dollar for dollar by the Zion Foundation. "Mortgage Reduction" envelopes are available at the front desk. The chart below shows the reduction in our mortgage loan balance since January 2022. Thank you for your continuing support of the Building Fund and our mortgage reduction effort!

01-01-2022 Mortgage Balance	\$2,222,606
02-15-2023 Mortgage Balance	\$1,672,867

## Thank You for Your Faithful Stewardship in 2022

As you can see from the chart below, in 2022 Zion has been able to meet our General Fund expenses for 2022. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and generosity! We are very grateful for your support of the mission and ministry of our congregation.

General Fund 2022	
2022 General Fund Budget	\$1,774,893
2022 Actual Expenses	\$1,774,036
2022 Actual Income	\$1,774,036*

\*This includes a transfer of \$25,115 from ERC funds (ERC is Employee Retention Credit) to cover a small shortfall of \$25,115. The deficit was the result of an increase in utilities, insurance and snow removal.

## Following Jesus to the Cross

By Colleen Nelson

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the season of Lent offers believers an opportunity to ponder Christ's journey to the cross and his crucifixion. It marks a time to reflect on the love of God witnessed by the death of his Son, Jesus Christ on the cross to defeat sin and death. Most importantly, it provides 40 days for contemplation, prayer and preparation for the good news of Christ's resurrection and the promise of eternal life that Easter brings.

### LENT:

**L-Love** Romans 5:8 "...but God shows his **love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

**E-Eternal Life** John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have **eternal life**."

**N-New Creation** 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the **new creation** has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

**T-Throne** Hebrews 12:2 "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the **throne** of God."

Please join us for mid-week Lenten worship beginning on Wednesday, March 1 as we hear from the "silent witnesses" of the crucifixion – the thorn, robe, nail, spear, shroud, and stone. Services will be held at Zion at noon and 6:30 p.m.

# welcome and worship

## Upcoming Baptism Class - March 5

If you are expecting, have had a baby or adopting and would like to know more about baptism, we will be having a baptism class on Sunday, March 5 at 10 a.m. in the Library. Please contact Kristine [kjohnson@zionanoka.org](mailto:kjohnson@zionanoka.org) to register for the class.

## Welcome Brunch for New Members - March 12

If you have become a new member of Zion in the past fourteen months (since January of 2022) we invite you to a Welcome Brunch on Sunday, March 12 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be served and the pastors and some of our congregation leaders will join us. The brunch will simply be an opportunity for us to get to know you better and enjoy a time of fellowship and good food. If you are a newer member and able to attend on March 12, please RSVP by calling the church office, 763-421-4656 or emailing Suzanne [sgaboury@zionanoka.org](mailto:sgaboury@zionanoka.org).

## Fare For All - March 23

MARCH 23 | 4 - 6 PM | LOWER COMMONS

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.



**FARE FOR ALL**  
*Food that makes cents*

## Super Sale Leader Meeting - Thursday, April 20 @ 6:30 pm

There will be a meeting of the Zion Super Sale Leaders on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This includes department heads and other Super Sale leaders. The Super Sale is planned for June 8 and 9, with drop off and set up from June 4-7. If you have questions please contact Liz Jensen or Pat Stearns.

### Weekly Worship Opportunities

#### **In-Person Worship**

Saturdays @ 5 pm and Sundays @ 8 am, 9 am & 11 am

#### **Livestream Worship**

Sundays @ 9 am & 11 am

#### **Radio (BOB-FM, 106.1)**

Sundays @ 9:10 am

#### **Cable TV Channel 6 Broadcast**

Sundays @ 10 am & 5 pm

## 2023 MOZ Retreat - Save the Dates

Where: Pasha Lake (Jellicoe, Ontario)

When: July 29 - August 5

Cost: TBD

Minimum age: 13

If interested, contact Brad Jacobson by March 12 as 9 of 16 spots are already reserved:

763-443-3902 or [MOZRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:MOZRetreat@gmail.com)



## Sunday Adult Forum Schedule

Zion's Sunday Adult Forums are at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Here's what we have scheduled for this month:

- March 5: *Tracing the Biblical Truth of the Resurrection* presented by Pastor Dixie Johnson. Bring your Bibles!
- March 12: *Amazing Grace: Celebrating 250 years* presented by Dr. Jonathan Campbell. The beloved hymn "Amazing Grace" was written by the English poet and Anglican pastor John Newton to accompany a sermon he preached on New Year's Day 1773. Come and share in the history of this wonderful hymn.
- March 19 and 26: *Humor and Faith* presented by Dr. Rolf Jacobson. Dr. Jacobson is Dean of the Faculty, Professor of Old Testament and The Alvin N. Rogness Chair of Scripture, Theology, and Ministry. Known for his humor and faithful biblical interpretation, Jacobson is an in-demand preacher and teacher.

## Small Group Studies

The Simon Peter small group study wraps up this month with the last two sessions:

- Week of March 6: *From Cowardice to Courage*
- Week of March 13: *The Rest of the Story*

Our last small group study "Help is Here" by Max Lucado starts in April. *Are you drowning in questions you can't answer and problems you can't solve? Grab on to the life-saving strength of the Holy Spirit! Reminding you that limitations don't define you, Lucado reveals who the Spirit is, how he can empower us to become more joyful, and ways we can overcome anything when we draw closer to God.* Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Books are \$15 at the front desk.

- Week of April 17: *Our Powerful Ally*
- Week of April 24: *Our Strength and Guide*
- Week of May 1: *Our Peace and Guarantee*
- Week of May 8: *Our Intercessor and Advocate*
- Week of May 15: *Our Gift-Giver of Life*

## Zion Pages Book Club - March Discussion

MARCH 27 | 6:30 PM | THEATER

On March 27 we will be discussing *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Zion Pages meets the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Theater. All are welcome!

## Toddler Open Gym

MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 9-10:30 AM | CLC

Need space for your toddler to run off pent-up energy? Join us for open gym playtime!

Ages 0-5 with an adult. Register now at [www.zionanoka.org/upcoming-events/](http://www.zionanoka.org/upcoming-events/).

Contact Lee Neitge [lneitge@zionanoka.org](mailto:lneitge@zionanoka.org) for more information.

## Toddler Open Gym!



## Register NOW for Zion Kids Summer Camps!

Registration for Zion Kids Summer Camps is now open! Register at [www.zionanoka.org/upcoming-events/](http://www.zionanoka.org/upcoming-events/) or pick up a registration form in the lower lobby.

### "Mending God's World"

For families with kids age 0-5 plus siblings  
June 7, 14, 21 & 28 (W) 6-7 p.m.

### "Operation Restoration" Day Camp 1

For kids grades K-5  
June 26-29 (M-TH) 9 a.m.-noon

### "Operation Restoration" Day Camp 2

For kids age 3-grade 5  
July 10-13 (M-TH) 9 a.m.-noon

### Zion Sports Camp

For kids grades K-5  
July 24-27 (M-TH) 9 a.m.-noon

### Camp Create It

For kids grades K-5  
Aug. 7-10 (M-TH) 9 a.m.-noon



## Apply Now for Paid Summer Intern Positions!

Join a team of young adults who lead Zion Kids Day Camps and discover your God-Given superpowers! We offer three types of paid positions with differing start dates and compensation levels: **Intern 1** (high school graduate) and **Intern 2** (at least 1 year of post high school education) and **Lead Intern** (returning). You will work approximately 12-30 hours per week, Monday-Thursdays from mid-June through mid-August. (The week of July 3-5 is a scheduled break.) Excellent training is provided, with a focus on safety, group leadership skills, organizational communication and faith formation methods for kids of all ages. Our camps are geared to kids Age 3-Grade 5, but the experience also includes working with families of young children, youth and adult volunteers, and parents. A complete job description and application can be found in the Document Center at [www.zionanoka.org/ziondocumentcenter/](http://www.zionanoka.org/ziondocumentcenter/) and also at the front desk. Contact Ann Campbell at (763) 421-4656 or [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org) with questions. Applications are due March 15. Apply soon! Interviews and hiring decisions may be made as applications arrive.



## Spring Break Mini Camp - March 14 or 28

TUES, MARCH 14 OR 28 | 9 AM-NOON | CLC

Kids in grades K-5 are invited to join us for a mini camp! Choose to attend either March 14 or 28. We'll meet from 9 a.m.-noon for Bible stories, crafts, gym games and FUN!

This is a FREE event. Register now at [www.zionanoka.org/upcoming-events/](http://www.zionanoka.org/upcoming-events/). For more information contact Lee [lnetge@zionanoka.org](mailto:lnetge@zionanoka.org).

*Spring Break  
Mini Camp!*



## First Communion Class - March 26

First Communion instruction will be offered on Sunday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Theater. We practice open communion here at Zion, so parents, if you feel your children are ready, please sign up. Children will receive their first communion at the service of your choice in April. Please register all children, and at least one accompanying adult. Register by March 23 at [www.zionanoka.org/upcoming-events/](http://www.zionanoka.org/upcoming-events/) or scan the QR code at the right. For more information contact Ann [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org). If you're unable to attend, our next class will be in the fall.



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## Growing Through Loss© - Spring Grief Series

The series continues at Servant of Christ Lutheran Church in Champlin Thursdays through March 30. Registration is at 6:45 p.m. At 7 p.m. a guest speaker will discuss a grief topic, followed by facilitated small groups. You are welcome to come and listen to the speaker; support group participation is optional. The evening ends at 9 p.m. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all sessions. There is no pre-registration or fee and the event is open to the public. Questions? Contact Pastor Sue [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

- March 2: *Journey Through Grief and Loss* - Pr. Sue Wallager, Spiritual Care, Zion Lutheran Church
- March 9: *Conversations on Grief with a Psychotherapist* - Maddie Johnson, MA, LPCC
- March 16: *How to Care for a Grieving Heart* - Linda Cherek, MSW, Spiritual Dir., Loyola Spirituality Ctr of St. Paul
- March 23: *Love is the Only House Big Enough for All of Our Pain* - Patty Brunn, BSA Marketing, Inspirationalist, Author
- March 30: Prayer and Healing Service - Pr. Melissa Maltman, Servant of Christ Lutheran

## Prayer Team Meeting

There will be a meeting of Zion's Prayer Team on Wednesday, March 8 at 12:45 p.m. in the Legacy Room. This meeting is open to all former Prayer Team members and anyone else who is interested in this ministry. Contact Pastor Sue Wallager [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org) with questions.

## Radio Broadcast Fund Donors

Thank you to our recent Radio Broadcast Fund donors:

Liz Jensen  
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Kristine Johnson  
Lois Peterson  
Marilyn Herbold in memory of Nancy Winholtz  
Verlyn & Jan Wenndt in honor of their wedding anniversary  
Bev Fraser in memory of Wilma Carling

## about our people

### Baptisms

Feb 4 - Brenley Schultz  
Feb 4 - Brogan Schultz  
Feb 12 - Emerson Bergh  
Feb 18 - Greta Douglass

### Deaths

Clark Cutts  
Bradley Dahl  
Wilma Carling  
Carol Rabehl  
Barb Ogaard  
Thomas Thorsen

### New Members

Laurel & Pam Okerstrom  
Melissa Bloomfield  
Scott & Cindy Tucker  
Ross, Connie & Hayzen Gjevre  
Adrian & Bonnie Barkosky

## easter garden

Help decorate Zion's Sanctuary by donating to the Memorial Easter Garden in memory or in honor of someone special. Memorials are \$20 each. To order, fill out the coupon below and mail it back with your payment or pick up an envelope at the front desk. Envelopes must be returned by Sunday, March 26.



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### About the Library at Zion!

Did you know that Zion's library has belonged to the National Association for many years? First it was the Lutheran Church Library Association, then the National Church Library Association and now it is the Twin Cities Area Library Association. Many changes have occurred throughout the years to match the changes in church libraries. Even though our library has become smaller over the years, our membership in this organization has been maintained. Many librarians attend but it is open to anyone interested. There are programs in the spring and fall sometimes with books for sale. On April 29, author William Kent Krueger will speak. If you are interested in attending this event, as a paid congregational member, you qualify for the \$15 member fee instead of the regular \$18 fee. There is always a lunch served, a book swap (anyone can bring or take a book regardless of whether or not they brought one) and sometimes bookstores present their books. For more information become friends on Facebook or go to <https://tcacila.com>. The website will have copies of the newsletters, program information and registration forms. We hope you will consider joining us on April 29 for Mr. Krueger.

### Family Promise News

We are thrilled to announce the purchase of two adjoining properties to open a Family Promise Campus this spring! The Family Promise Campus enables us to better serve families and children in Anoka County through a continuum of services for families experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. The Family Service Center (formerly called the Day Center) will be located at 363 Coon Rapids Boulevard in Coon Rapids and the residential property where shelter space will exist is at 340 95th Avenue NW. We will be more centrally located within the county and right on a public transit bus line, increasing accessibility for families without their own transportation. Read more about the exciting news <https://www.familypromiseanoka.org/fpcampus>. Watch for more information regarding Zion's volunteer involvement as we move full-speed ahead on the fundraising efforts to make sure we have what we need to bring the project to completion. We are looking for a few people to help us with sub committees looking to raise the first \$130,000 toward the project. We've broken that goal down into different categories, including congregations, individuals, and service organizations. Each of these areas will have a short-term committee helping to raise the funds and shepherd the process to ensure we get the support needed to get the new Family Service Center up and running. If you would like to join one of the committees, or have someone who would, please contact David Frei at [david.frei@familypromiseanoka.org](mailto:david.frei@familypromiseanoka.org).



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## pre-k kids visit Mary Jo and the organ



Our Pre-K students recently joined Zion organist, Mary Jo Gothmann in the Sanctuary. After playing a piece, she invited them up to have a turn at the organ. The children enjoyed playing the largest and the smallest pipes.



### WELCOME

You are invited, you are welcome to come and experience God's love at Zion Lutheran Church.

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