life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA WEEK OF APRIL 2-8, 2023

ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING:

SATURDAY:
Pr Brent Campbell
Pr Connie Tiede

SUNDAY:
Pr Brent Campbell
Pr Mike Rueckert
Pr Connie Tiede
Pr Sue Wallager

READERS:
5 PM Kathy Johnson
8 AM Marcia Wilson
9 AM Bob Fischer
11 AM Carol Loyd

today - Palm Sunday

Today we share in a drama portraying Jesus' Last Supper, his arrest and his death at all services. The congregation has a part also as the angry crowd. Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We start our worship by waving palms in celebration as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week which stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work. Thank you to the following for your participation:

- Narrator: Sylvia Goldman
- Jesus: Jake Sullivan
- Pilate: Jamie Gaboury
- High Priest: Steve Dussl
- People/Criminals: Sandy Benson, Pr. Brent Campbell
- Centurion: Jim Townsend
- Crowd Leader: Pr. Connie Tiede
- Disciples: Pr. Mike Rueckert, Alex Martinson, Pr. Sue Wallager

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS..We rejoice with Gavin Henry Paulson and Peyton Grace Paulson as they receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We celebrate with Aili Janas, McKaila Koran, Lucas Ratajczak and Kory Ratajczak as they receive their first communion. We celebrate with Vern & Laurel Silvernale on their 60th wedding Anniversary.

WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK! -FAMILY EVENT

(No Adult Forum or Sunday School Today)
SUN, APR 2 | 10-10:50 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Step into Bible-times Jerusalem and experience each day of Holy Week through crafts, activities and more! Discover how Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday all connect to the miracle of Easter Sunday!

COMMON GROUND

TODAY | 10 AM | YOUTH ROOM

ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER APRIL 2, 16 & 23

TODAY | 8 AM-12:30 PM | WELCOME DESK

Zion Youth are having an Envelope Fundraiser to support their summer trip to Nashville! Pick up an envelope with the amount you wish to give and return it to the front desk with your donation or donate online on our website under Upcoming Events.

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. To learn more about Zion please fill out the information below and give to an usher or pastor as you leave or place in the offering plate. Or use this QR code.→

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 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

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, APRIL 3

Red Cross Blood Drive
1:00 PM | CLC
TOPS
5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM
Scouts - Pack 233
6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS
Divorce Support Group
7:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Open Pickleball
9:00 AM | CLC
Y's-Start
3:00 PM | CLC
Esther Circle
7:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Worship at Homestead
1:30 PM | OFFSITE
Ringmasters
6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM
Adult Choir
7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

The Gathering
9:30 | YOUTH ROOM
Gathering Support Group
10:00 | FIRESIDE ROOM
Sons of Norway Book Club
10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM
Communion Service - Homestead
10:30 AM | OFFSITE
Maundy Thursday Worship Service
NOON | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM
Open Pickleball
2:00 PM | CLC
Y's-Start
3:00 PM | CLC
Maundy Thursday Worship Service
6:30 PM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Good FridayWorship Service - Trad.
NOON | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM
Good FridayFamily Worship Service
5:30 PM | CHAPEL
Good FridayWorship Service - Trad.
6:30 PM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Easter Worship Service
5:00 PM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Easter Worship Service
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00AM
SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

PAID SUMMER INTERN POSITIONS!

Join a team of young adults who lead kids (age 3-Gr 5) day camps. We offer 3 types of paid positions with differing start dates and compensation levels: • **Intern 1**: HS graduate • **Intern 2**: min. 1 yr post HS education • **Lead Intern**: returning intern. Approx. 12-30 hours/week, Mon-Thurs, mid-June thru mid-August, (except July 3-5). Training provided. For complete job description and application contact Ann Campbell by e-mail at acampbell@zionanoka.org or our website at www.zionanoka.org; 763-421-4656; or at the front desk at Zion. Interviews and hiring decisions may be made as applications arrive.

ZION KIDS SUMMER CAMPS!

Registration is now open.

- "Mending God's World"
  For families w/kids age 0-5 plus siblings
  WEDS, JUNE 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 6-7 PM
- "Operation Restoration" Day Camp I
  For kids grades K-5
  JUNE 26-29 (M-TH) | 9-NOON
- "Operation Restoration" Day Camp 2
  For kids age 3-grade 5
  JULY 10-13 (M-TH) | 9-NOON
- Zion Sports Camp-For kids grades K-5
  JULY 24-27(M-TH) | 9-NOON
- Camp Create It - For kids grades K-5
  AUG. 7-10 (M-TH) | 9-NOON

Register online or pick up a paper registration form at the front desk.

coming up

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offering this last weekend and to the kids and youth who helped hold buckets to collect it! We gathered $453.31 this weekend. Adding that to what we gathered since January, brings our total for 2023 to $1288.07.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, April 3 | 1 -6 pm | CLC

To register go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Zion or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

WOMEN OF ZION SPRING PROGRAM

Sat, April 15 | 1 pm | Sanctuary

Join us for our spring program featuring **CODA**. Coffee and treats to follow. **Free, open to all. CODA** is a saxophone/keyboard duet consisting of Scott Dorff on soprano, alto and tenor saxophone and Malcolm Anderson on piano and keyboard. They perform at a variety of venues, have released five recordings and continue to compose and arrange music weekly striving to make each individual performance both pleasurable and entertaining for their audiences.

MATTHEW BAGS PACKING EVENT

Sat, Apr 15 | 5:45 pm | Legacy Room

Sun, Apr 16 | 10 am | Legacy Room

The Matthew Bag Ministry will be having a congregation-wide bagging event immediately after the 5 pm & 9 am services. Individuals and familes are welcome to join us for this important ministry. No sign up required, just show up. Donations are still being accepted. Thank you!

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY

Our last small group study for the program year starts the week of April 17. It will be a 5-week study called "Help is Here" by Max Lucado. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Study guide can be purchased at the front desk for $15.

PRAYER TEAMS RESTARTING

Teams are being formed now. As a Prayer Team member you pray for the requests (joys/concerns) from the green prayer cards received and gathered before the 11am service. This is a great time to share any of your own personal prayers of concern/thanksgivings and pray for the ministry we share at Zion. The commitment would be once every 8 weeks from 10:45 am-12 pm. All are invited to join. If interested contact Pastor Sue Wallager.

REGISTER NOW! - ZION PRE-K 2023-2024

It's time to register for the 2023-2024 school year! We happily serve 3, 4, and 5-year-olds in our faith-based, early learning program. Two and three day options are available now with an opportunity for five days a week. We are happy to serve our littlest learners with a one day a week option for the young 3-year-olds. For more information go to zionprekanoka.org/registration-tuition/ or pick up a brochure.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who donated snacks for Lincoln Elementary, collected by the two Anoka High School Students.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped fold palm fronds into crosses which were handed out this weekend.

JOIN US

April 6: Maundy Thursday.
Worship at 12 noon & 6:30 pm

April 7: Good Friday.
Trad worship at 12 noon & 6:30 pm
Family service at 5:30 pm

April 8 & 9: Celebration of Easter.
Saturday worship at 5 pm
Sunday worship at 8, 9:30 &11 am

LIVE STREAM

Sunday 9 & 11 am

www.zionanoka.org
(click "Worship Online")
or
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 GOSPEL READINGS

Easter

APRIL 8/9
Matthew 28:1-10

APRIL 15/16
John 20:19-31

APRIL 22/23
Luke 24:13-35

prayer corner

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejection and death into triumph. Grant us the steadfast faith to enter the gates of righteousness, that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens of your holy realm. 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.

Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, although being in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but relinquished it all, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And they will be sent immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

We welcome you exactly as God created you.

We worship God with everyone who chooses to participate, including the youngest of God's children who make noise to praise God in their own way. We find strength in our diversity, and strive to be united by our common humanity, while celebrating our differences.

We welcome people of all: races, ethnicities, backgrounds, generations, political affiliations, socio-economic status, physical and mental abilities; sexual orientations, gender identities, and their families.

All are welcome and encouraged to be involved in all aspects of our life together.

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."
1 John 4:7-8

Welcome Statement adopted by Zion's Church Council, October 2022

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

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