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NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

MAY 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

May 6-7
John 14:1-7

May 13-14
John 14:15-21

May 20-21
John 17:1-11

May 27-28
John 20:19-23

Zion Lutheran Church

1601 4th Ave | Anoka

SUPER SALE

Thursday, June 8

9 AM – 6 PM

Friday, June 9*

9 AM – Noon

***Friday Only – Everything Half Price!**

No Admission Charge

Volunteers Needed

- Set up days - June 4, 5, 6 & 7
- Perk sale for volunteers - June 7 from 5-6:30 p.m.
- Sale days - June 8 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. | June 9 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Clean up - June 9 from 12 p.m. to completion

Contact Liz Jensen 763-360-4590 for more information or sign up to help at the Welcome Desk in the lower commons.

message from pastor brent



Family Promise in Anoka County has provided shelter and support services for families experiencing homelessness for more than 10 years. Zion partners with Family Promise to serve families in need of emergency shelter and served as a shelter site when Family Promise followed a congregational rotation model to provide shelter space—until the pandemic. Family Promise recently announced some very exciting news. Family Promise received a Community Development Block Grant from Anoka County of \$1.2 million dollars to purchase two adjacent parcels of land in Coon Rapids for the new Family Promise campus. The campus will include offices, a day center for the families, and eventually a multi-unit micro apartment building(s) for the shelter program for families. The new Family Promise campus is located in Coon Rapids, just off of Coon Rapids Boulevard and Highway 610. It is centrally located within the county and on a public transit bus line. It will be the first family shelter of its kind in Anoka County.

Family Promise will need the financial support of congregations and individuals to pay for renovations to the day center and office building and for the cost of planning for the new apartment building/permanent shelter for families. If you would like to learn more about the new Family Promise campus and how you can support it, please plan to attend a special breakfast at Zion on Sunday, May 21 at 10 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Our speaker for the breakfast is David Frei, Executive Director of Family Promise. The breakfast is free. To RSVP for the breakfast please call the church office, 763-421-4656 or email Pastor Brent, bcampbell@zionanoka.org.

Pastor Brent

In the Spirit of Mercy

By Colleen Nelson

According to dictionary.com, mercy is compassionate or kindly forbearance shown toward an offender, an enemy, or other person in one's power; compassion, pity, or benevolence. Prior to the advanced technology of car cameras, a woman was backing out of a parking spot when she noticed a sedan in her rearview mirror doing the same. She stopped but the other driver didn't, causing him to graze her bumper. They both exited their cars to assess the damage. His bumper reminded her of urban graffiti; making it difficult to tell if the fender bender added to the existing collage of dents and scrapes. As for her nearly flawless bumper, there appeared to be a fresh scratch or two. The driver apologized and begged her to let it go, saying he couldn't afford a rate hike with his insurance. Reacting to the distress in his voice, the woman agreed to walk away, even though the scratches were caused by him. By doing so she showed him an abundance of mercy. Another example of mercy, as God intended, occurred during the height of COVID-19. A police officer responding to a call about a shoplifter at a small grocery store, came face-to-face with a mom accused of stealing a loaf of bread. Instead of arresting her or dismissing her with a warning, he bought groceries for her family and sent her on her way. According to Psalm 145:8, "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." There are numerous examples in the Bible of God's gracious mercy, any number of which we can choose to emulate. In the Old Testament, King Manasseh was a wicked king. God's punishment was to imprison him at which time the king humbled himself and implored God through prayer. With a merciful heart, God forgave him and restored him as king. In the New Testament, Simon Peter denied knowing Christ three times and yet was very influential in the early church. For more examples of mercy, follow the ministry of Jesus in the Gospels and you won't be disappointed.

welcome

Join Summer Choir!

Join us for Summer Choir! We sing at 9 a.m. on June 4, 11, 18; July 2, 23; August 6, 13, 27. Rehearsals are on Sundays the day we sing from 8-8:45 a.m. All adults welcome! Questions? Contact Jon jcampbell@zionanoka.org.

Spring Clean-up Day

SATURDAY, MAY 6 | 9 A.M. - NOON

Spring Clean-up Day is an opportunity to spruce up our church grounds after the long, hard winter. Bring your rakes! Donuts and coffee will be provided. Please mark your calendars now and join us on May 6!!

Baptism Class - May 7 at 10 a.m.

If you are expecting, have had a baby or are adopting and would like to know more about baptism, we will be having a baptism class on Sunday, May 7 at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact Kristine kjohnson@zionanoka.org to register for the class.

New Member Orientation - May 7 at 10 a.m.

A new member information meeting for those who are interested in learning more about Zion and/or becoming a member will be held on Sunday, May 7 at 10 a.m. in the Legacy Room. The session will be led by Pastor Brent. Please email Pastor Brent bcampbell@zionanoka.org or call the church office 763-421-4656 if you plan to attend or have questions about membership at Zion. RSVP is helpful but not required.

Family Promise Breakfast at Zion - May 21 at 10 a.m.

When: Sunday, May 21 at 10 a.m.

Where: Zion Fellowship Hall

What: A FREE delicious catered breakfast will be served

Who: Anyone interested in learning more about the new Family Promise campus is invited.

RSVP: bcampbell@zionanoka.org or call the church office 763-421-4656



SUNDAY, MAY 7 | 3 PM | ZION SANCTUARY

Admission is free. Donations welcome! For more information visit www.tctrumpets.org.

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

Pentecost Weekend - May 27-28

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts, the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we, too, are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Wear **RED** as we celebrate the Holy Spirit!

A Message from Zion's Nursery

While we encourage and celebrate families bringing their children to worship, we understand that this is not ideal for every family all of the time. For those seeking professional child care during worship, we offer nursery care from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., mere steps away from the Sanctuary.

Staffed by background-checked employees (one of whom will always be an adult with current CPR and First Aid certifications), the nursery provides a warm, enriching, Christ-centered environment for children ages six weeks through three years.

Our Child Care Coordinator (affectionately known by many families at Zion as "Miss Samantha") has been faithfully working in our nursery since 2009. Along with years of experience and training in numerous child safety measures, she is currently pursuing a degree in Child Development. Feel free to stop by and say hello. Parents and caregivers are always welcome to join their child in the nursery.

Equity Team Update

The Equity Team has concluded that our work in the community is complex and comprehensive and we have decided to split into three different teams: Eco-Faith Team, Neighborhood Engagement Team (which was Evangelism) and a Racial Justice Team. We will work on getting a description of each team so that we can invite anyone who would like to be involved. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Connie Tiede ctiede@zionanoka.org.

Sunday Adult Forum Schedule

We only have one adult forum left for the program year. On Sunday, May 7, join us for the final session of *The Dramatic Presentation of Galatians*. In this segment of the DVD lecture, Dr. Rhoads reflects on Paul's letter to the Galatians and Paul's theological view of the world. He also discusses the implications of Paul's theological understanding of the world and how it relates to the challenges of our time.

Zion's Sunday Adult Forums meet at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall during the program year.

Spring Small Group Study

During the month of May, we will conclude our small group study "Help is Here" by Max Lucado. Below is the remaining schedule of this five-week study on the Holy Spirit.

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*

Toddler Open Gym

Need space for your toddler to run off pent-up energy? Join us for open gym playtime Mondays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 and June 12, 19 & 26 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the CLC. Ages 0-5 with an adult. This is a free event. To register go to www.zionanoka.org and click on the Upcoming Events tab at the top of the page. For more information contact Lee lnetge@zionanoka.org.

Register NOW for Zion Kids Summer Camps!

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

"Mending God's World" VBS

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

"Operation Restoration" Day Camp 2

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

Camp Create It

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

"Operation Restoration" Day Camp I

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

Zion Sports Camp

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

Annual Plant Sale

On Saturday, May 6, Zion will be having a one-day plant sale! We will be selling plants online ahead of time for people to purchase and then pick up on the day of the sale or you can come to the sale and buy plants from what is available. There will be three different plant options: shaded potted patio plants, sunny potted patio plants and red geraniums with spikes. Expect a variety of colors. All plants are \$35. Please note that plants will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. If you order online, you will be guaranteed the number of plants you purchase, but you may not get the colors that you want. The plant sale will start at 8:30 a.m. and will go as late as 12 p.m. or whenever plants are sold out! Online orders open April 30 and run through May 5. Watch for more details in upcoming E-updates. Questions? Contact Josh jmyroniuk@zionanoka.org.

grow and care

Join the Z-Team!

Zion youth! Want to volunteer with kids? Join the Z-TEAM! Whether you're in Grades 6-8 or Grades 9-12, you're perfect for the Z-TEAM, a specially trained crew of young people serving kids at Zion! Training is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, from 6-7:30 p.m. You'll learn simple but effective skills for leading younger kids and keeping them safe. Then, we'll deploy you to the summer day camps of your choice! This training also applies to youth serving with Sunday School and Whirl Wednesdays. To register go to www.zionanoka.org and click on the Upcoming Events tab at the top of the page or scan the QR code at the right.



Hospital Visits and Pastoral Care

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine kjohnson@zionanoka.org or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff is very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care.

Radio Broadcast Fund Donors

Every Sunday morning at 9:10 a.m., Zion's worship service is broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1). Our radio broadcast covers a good portion of the State of Minnesota and reaches several hundred listeners each Sunday, including many who do not have internet capability. Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome. Gifts may be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion such as a wedding anniversary. To make a gift to the Radio Broadcast Fund, note "radio broadcast" on the memo line of your check. If it is in memory of a loved one or in honor of an anniversary or birthday, enclose a note or post-it.

Thank you to our recent Radio Broadcast Fund donors:

Craig Bakken
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Don LaSalle in memory of Marion LaSalle
Jean M. Olson in memory of Olaf & Tom Olson
Rick & Gail Michaelson in honor of their 50th Anniversary
Randy & Ida Boike in honor of grandson Charlie

about our people

Baptisms

Mar 26 - Liam Behrendt
Apr 2 - Gavin Paulson,
Peyton Paulson
Apr 8 - Samuel Guptill,
Zachary Guptill
Apr 15 - George Youngquist,
Josephine Youngquist
Apr 16 - Jaxton Stewart

Deaths

Shelly Reilly
Merlin Amundson
Bernadene Heath
Dan Goepfert
Kenneth Boerner

New Members

Stephen & Joyce Schmidt

Easter Worship



Photos by Jeff Wallager April 2023

serve

Habitat for Humanity 2023

There are a number of ways to volunteer with Twin Cities Habitat For Humanity. For many years, Zion volunteers have helped to build a new home or to rehab an old home which Habitat would sell with an affordable mortgage to a qualified buyer. A less well-known arm of Twin Cities Habitat is a program called "A Brush With Kindness". Here the goal is to help a homeowner do repairs that will allow them to stay in their house and get needed help with repairs. In most cases, the family will be living in the house as volunteers come in to do repairs. Repairs are most frequently done to the exterior of the home.

This year, Habitat has asked Zion volunteers to help with this ABWK program. We will be helping on a house in Brooklyn Park from July 11-14, so this will be a 4 day week instead of 5 as we have done in previous years. The scope of work involves repair of damaged siding and trim, as well as painting the exterior of the house. Left unattended, damage such as this can lead to rapid deterioration of the house.

The goals of Twin Cities Habitat "Build Forward Together" program are to expand homeownership opportunities, advance racial equity and engage the community to strengthen our foundation.

If you are interested in volunteering with Habitat and Zion this summer you can sign up at the front desk or talk with Bill Norquist (952) 334-1395 or Sylvan Flaten (763) 421-6607.



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Pastor Mike Rueckert and Facilities Manager Steve Dussl ascended to new heights as they changed out light bulbs and fine-tuned Zion's Sanctuary lighting just in time for Easter Worship.

WELCOME

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

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