

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12-18, 2023



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

### ASSISTING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

### READERS:

5 PM Greg Bergeron  
8 AM Marlene Gray  
9 AM Sandy Benson  
11 AM Sylvia Goldman

## today

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...**We give thanks for Arlene Tesch who celebrates her 98th birthday this Tuesday, Nov 14. We rejoice with Emma, Owen and Wyatt Mattson as they receive their First Communion. We pray for the family of Margie Campbell (mother of Pastor Brent) who mourns her death.

**COMMUNION:** Please let an usher know if you would prefer communion to be served to you in the pew.

### THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Diane Halvorson
- Elaine Isaacson
- Lyle & Marlene Willock
- Karen Siewert, in memory of Gary Siewert and Leona Seeman

### CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

TODAY | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM | CORNERSTONE

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

### ADULT FORUM - Part 2 of 3 part series - Comparative Religions

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### MISS A SERMON?

Zion's sermons are available in audio format on Spotify for people to listen to. Search Zion Lutheran Church - Anoka MN to find us on Spotify.

### ZION: A PLACE TO GATHER AND GROW

If you haven't already done so, please return your completed 2024 Stewardship Intention Sheet. Mail it in or drop it off at church when you are able. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

### HOLY SHENANIGANS & KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL/THEATER

### PRAYER TEAM 2

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### BAPTISM CLASS

TODAY | 12 PM | LIBRARY

### COMMON GROUND

TODAY | 12 PM | YOUTH ROOM

**Please silence your cell phone. Thank you.**

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 Connie Tiede  
*Pastor for Worship,  
Welcome, & Missions*

Pastor Sue Wallager  
*Pastor for Spiritual Care*

Ken Johnson  
*Visitation Minister*

Michael Busbey  
*ELCA Missionary in  
Central America*

Steve & Kim Blewett  
*Missionaries in  
Papua, New Guinea*

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**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, socio-economic status, political affiliations, 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**Communion Service - Walker**

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

**Ruth Circle**

10:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Blood Drive**

1:00-6:00 PM | CLC

**Hannah Circle**

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Luke Bible Study**

1:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

**Nordic Fest**

5:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

**TOPS Group**

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Scouts/Pack 233**

6:30 PM | ART ROOM

**Social Justice Team Meeting**

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

**Divorce Care Group**

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**Luke Bible Study**

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

**Open Pickleball**

9 AM | CLC

**Lydia Circle**

9:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Deborah-Priscilla Circle**

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Naomi Circle**

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

**Neighborhood Engagement Team**

6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

**Rachel Circle**

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**Luke Bible Study**

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

**Toddler Open Gym**

10:30 AM | CLC

**KidSing Jr (Ages 3-7)**

4:30 PM | CLASSROOM 11

**First Communion Class**

5:00 PM | ART ROOM

**Pizza Dinner**

5:00 PM | CORNERSTONE

**Zion Kids**

5:30 PM | CLC

**Joiz-N-Noiz (Pre Teen - Gr 3-5)**

5:50 PM | CLASSROOM 5

**Whirl Wednesday**

5:50 PM | ART ROOM

**Confirmation**

6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

**Ringmasters**

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

**Worship Team Rehearsal**

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

**Nominating Committee**

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

**Adult Choir**

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

**Common Ground**

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**The Gathering**

9:00 AM | YOUTH ROOM

**Caregivers Support Group**

10:00 | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Luke Bible Study**

1:00 PM | ZOOM

**Open Pickleball**

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**KidSing Choir Rehearsal**

10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

**Zion Youth Choir Rehearsal**

10:30 AM | SANCTUARY

**Traditional Worship Service**

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

# coming up

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

## Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

## Adult Forum

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

## Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

## Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

## Prayer Team 3

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

## Common Ground

12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

## FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

WED, NOV 15 | 5 PM | ROOM 4

For kids in Grades K-5 and their parents. Questions? Contact Ann Campbell at [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org). To register go to [zionanoka.org/registration-events](http://zionanoka.org/registration-events). Families can schedule their child's First Communion individually.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MON, NOV 13 | 1-6 PM | CLC

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: Zion.

## SONS OF NORWAY - NORDIC FEST

MON, NOV 13 | 5-8 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for this fun evening. Nordic food samples, Scandinavian crafts, silent auction, vendors & more. All are welcome.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling Darlene at 763-241-0214 or Claudia at 763-427-4847.

## BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

November 18/19, come and help us bless the beautiful quilts created by our hard-working quilters prior to them being given away to various ministries.

## ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUN, NOV 19 | 6:30 PM | OFFSITE

If you are unable to come to Zion's Thanksgiving Eve Service, the Anoka Area Ministerial Association is sponsoring an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Lord of Life in Ramsey. We will be collecting canned goods and items to be given to the ACBC food shelf.

## THANKSGIVING MINI CAMP

WED, NOV 22 | 9-11:30 AM | ART ROOM

Join us for this free event. Drop off your kids ages 3-5. We'll play, hear Thanksgiving and Bible stories and make plenty of turkey crafts! Register on Realm. Questions? Contact Lee at [Lneitge@zionanoka.org](mailto:Lneitge@zionanoka.org).

## THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

WED, NOV 22 | 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

We will sing all our favorite thanksgiving songs and share in a message of thanksgiving. Following worship you are invited to the Fellowship Hall for pie! Pick up a bag and Donation Wish List at the front desk and bring your donations to worship. ACBC is also asking for financial donations. Your \$1 donation purchases up to \$10 of food from food banks.

## THANK YOU!

## MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all who helped deliver meals last week! Our next week to deliver meals is December 11 - 15.

## FARE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all who helped with Fare for All last Thursday! Our next Fare for All is Thursday, December 14.

## NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offering last weekend. We gathered \$588.

## 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

## HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

## 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.

## 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

NOVEMBER 18/19  
Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 25/26  
Matthew 5:1-12

DECEMBER 2/3  
Mark 13:24-37

## encouraging words

Start each day with encouraging words from Zion! Dial 763-506-8191 to hear a daily message of encouragement and hope.

## prayer corner

Ever-living God, you inscribe our names in your book of life so that we may share in the firstfruits of salvation. Grant that we may acknowledge Christ as our redeemer and, trusting in him, be confident that none of your own will be lost or forgotten. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. 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).

## Lesson: Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## ZION'S MISSIONARY SUPPORT FOR STEVE AND KIM BLEWETT

Join Zion in thanking Steve and Kim for their 30+ years in Papua New Guinea by making them Christmas Cards! You may remember Steve was a graduate of Anoka High School and a member of Zion. He and Kim work as Wycliffe Bible Translators. Send a note of thanks, prayers and encouragement in your card. Special cards are located at the Welcome Desk and the Adult Forum space. We also have cards for kids to color. Place your cards in the basket at the Welcome Desk when completed and we will make sure they get mailed. Please have your card back to us by December 10.

## ADULT FORUMS

Zion's adult forums cover a variety of topics, including music, world religions, elder care, domestic violence, Bible studies, and more! If you can't make it to a forum, you can find them on our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/@ZionLutheranAnoka](http://www.youtube.com/@ZionLutheranAnoka).

## 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

