

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19-25, 2023



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Brent Campbell

ASSISTING:

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

READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske
8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell
9 AM Ron Gray
11 AM Steve Dussl

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Charlotte Kammer Mesenbourg who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for the families of Connie Engstrom and Adeline Watson who mourn their deaths.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in celebration of James & Marjorie Mudge's 70th wedding anniversary by John & Kari Lace..

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

TODAY | ALL SERVICES | SANCTUARY

Help us bless the beautiful quilts created by our hard-working quilters. These quilts will be given away to various ministries.

ADULT FORUM - Part 3 of 3 part series - Comparative Religions.

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

TODAY | 6:30 PM | OFFSITE AT LORD OF LIFE IN RAMSEY

The Anoka Area Ministerial Association is sponsoring an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Canned goods/items will be collected to be given to the ACBC food shelf.

REMINDER

- NO Wednesday youth activities this week.
- Church Building will be closed this Thursday and Friday, Nov 23/24.

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 3

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

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 20

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

Luke Bible Study

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:30 PM | CLC

TOPS Group

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Scouts/Pack 233

6:30 PM | CLC/ART ROOM

Divorce Care Group

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Luke Bible Study

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Open Pickleball

9 AM | CLC

Quilters

9 AM | ART ROOM

Church Council Meeting

6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Luke Bible Study

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Thanksgiving Mini-Camp

9:00 AM | ART ROOM

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Holiday

BUILDING CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Day after Thanksgiving Holiday

BUILDING CLOSED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 4

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

SUPPORT OF DINESH & SRIMATHI BY CYF

Last year, Zion's children and youth began sponsoring two children through Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry, Dinesh (age 10) and Srimathi (age 8). The program Project Education India works with Dalit-led Arcot Lutheran Church in India, and provides boarding home schools for thousands of children. We provide \$40.00 per month per child. To participate, donate to Zion Lutheran Church, indicate LPGM/Project Education India on your envelope. Or go to www.zion-anoka.org and click the GIVE TODAY button on the home page. A display of emails exchanged between Dinesh, Srimathi and our Zion kiddos is located outside the CYF office, lower level.

ZION'S MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Join Zion in thanking Steve and Kim Blewett 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. 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.**

MISS A SERMON?

Zion's sermons are available each week in audio form. Find us on Spotify - search Zion Lutheran Church - Anoka MN.

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

coming up

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.

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 Welcome 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.

ZION PAGES BOOK DISCUSSION

MON, NOV 27 | 6:30 PM | THEATER

We will be discussing *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult. In this searingly honest novel, Jodi Picoult gracefully explores the lengths to which we will go in order to keep the past from dictating the future. All are welcome!

ADVENT FAMILY EVENT

SUN, DEC 3 | 10-11 AM | CLC

Experience the night of Jesus' birth at "A Night in Bethlehem!" Pet real nativity animals as you arrive, get counted for the census, help village craftspeople like the potter, weaver and carpenter. Sample food of David's city, meet the shepherds and sing with angels. Stop for a family photo and visit Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus at the stable.

NEW - CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

SAT, DEC 9 & 16 | 10 AM | CHOIR ROOM

We are trying something different this December. Zion's Music Director, Jonathan Campbell, is directing this fun choir for children and youth to learn Christmas carols for worship. Rehearsals will be Saturdays, December 9 and 16 at 10 a.m. in the Choir Room. Sign your children up at the front desk or email Jon at jcampbell@zionanoka.org.

THANK YOU RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

Thank you to all those who volunteered and those who donated at the blood drive last Monday.

CARING TREE

The need is still so great in our community. The Caring Tree supports four local agencies: Alexandra House, Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center, Stepping Stones Emergency Housing and Bridgeview Drop-in Center at Lee Carlson Center. We will be collecting gift cards from Walmart, Target and Cub then distributing to all four of these agencies. Gift cards can be dropped off at Zion during our business hours. In order to get the gift cards to the agencies in a timely manner that can be used by families for Christmas, we ask that you **bring the gift cards in by Wed, December 13.**

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. The order form is 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 13.** We will print the complete list in the January Herald.

LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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 25/26
Matthew 5:1-12

DECEMBER 2/3
Mark 13:24-37

DECEMBER 9/10
Mark 1:1-8

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

You, O God, are our dwelling place from generation to generation, our shield from anguish and distress. You arm us as children of light with the hope of salvation, and you protect us by your love. Give us grace to build up and encourage one another, as we seek wisdom and abundant life in the strength of your Word and the assurance of your Spirit. 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: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

