

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26- DECEMBER 2, 2023



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

ASSISTING:

5 PM Deb Oas Koepsell
8 AM Pr Brent Campbell
9 AM Pr Connie Tiede
11 AM Pr Connie Tiede

READERS:

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

today - Christ the King Sunday

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with August Reed Harris who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice with Carrie Allen as she receives her First Communion. We pray for the family of Lars Brosdahl who mourns his death.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in memory of Art Goebel's 97th birthday by Sue Arvesen. Given in celebration of Joe & Diane Hebert's 67th wedding anniversary.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Ken & Sandy Benson in memory of Bonnie Strand and Pastor Brent's mother
- Bob Fischer in memory of Sharon Fischer
- John & Carol Loyd in memory of Ed Pederson
- Mike & Julie Kunz

NO ADULT FORUM, HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL, KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL OR COMMON GROUND TODAY

PRAYER TEAM 4

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

NOISY OFFERING - SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Noisy Offering buckets will be out next weekend .

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who gave food or monetary donations for the ACBC food shelf and to all the volunteers who helped pack up the food from the Thanksgiving Eve service last Wednesday.

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!

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 27

Luke Bible Study

1:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:30 PM | CLC

Pre-K Board Meeting

2:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TOPS Group

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Divorce Care Group

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Scouts/Pack 233

6:30 PM | CLC/ART ROOM

Zion Pages Book Group

6:30 PM | THEATER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Luke Bible Study

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Altar Guild Meeting

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Women of Zion Ministry Team

6:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

North Star & Lake Country Choir

7:30 PM | SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Luke Bible Study

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Toddler Open Gym

10:30 AM | CLC

Pizza Dinner

5:00 PM | CORNERSTONE

Confirmation

6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Family ADVENTures

6:00 PM | THEATER

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

Worship Team Rehearsal

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Adult Choir

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Common Ground

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Luke Bible Study

1:00 PM | ZOOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

KidSing Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

Zion Youth Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM | SANCTUARY

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

"A Night in Bethlehem" Family Event

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 5

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Common Ground

12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

Worship at Farmstead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

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! 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.**

coming up

ZION PAGES BOOK DISCUSSION

MON, NOV 27 | 6:30 PM | THEATER

We will be discussing *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult. All are welcome!

NORTH STAR & LAKE COUNTRY CHOIR CONCERT - "VOICES OF CHRISTMAS"

TUE, NOV 28 | 7:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Tickets available at the door or through info@lakecountrychorus.org. General admission: \$15, children 6 & under are free.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY 'ADVENTures'

WED, NOV 29, DEC 6 & 13 | 6-6:45 PM | THEATER

All families are welcome to come each Wednesday for an Advent devotion and activity. Not enough time to fit in dinner? We will still be offering Pizza in the Cornerstone from 5-6 pm! Everyone is 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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

REHEARSALS: SAT, DEC 9 & 16 | 10 AM |

CHOIR ROOM

Zion's Music Director, Jonathan Campbell, is directing this fun choir for children and youth to learn Christmas carols to sing at the CHORAL WORSHIP SERVICE, DEC 16 @ 5 PM, & DEC 17 @ 9 AM. Sign your children up at the front desk or email Jon at jcampbell@zionanoka.org.

LEFSE FOR MISSION TRIP

FUNDRAISER

SUN, DEC 10 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM |

CORNERSTONE

Buttered and sugared lefse rolls will be served to help raise money for their Mission Trip. Bags of lefse will also be available for purchase for \$10/bag.

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.

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, Bridgeview Drop-in Center at Lee Carlson Center and Stepping Stone Emergency Housing. 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, Dec 13**.

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



ZION PRE-K IS HIRING

Zion Pre-K is looking for a qualified Preschool Teacher for our faith-based 3 year-old preschool classroom. Qualifications include knowledge of best practices and preschool educational methods as well as the ability to engage children and earn their trust and attention. Contact Denise Lewandowski, Pre-K Director, for more information at dlewandowski@zionanoka.org.

growing in faith together

UPCOMING GOSPEL READINGS

DECEMBER 2/3
Mark 13:24-37

DECEMBER 9/10
Mark 1:1-8

DECEMBER 16/17
John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

O God, in Jesus Christ we celebrate your power at work. You raised him from the dead to rule with you forevermore. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may see the hope to which Christ calls us, a realm of eternal peace. 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

SUPPORT OF DINESH AND SRIMATHI BY CYF

Last year, Zion's children and youth began sponsoring two children through Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry, Dinesh (10) and Srimathi (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/ month per child. To donate make checks payable to Zion and indicate LPGM/Project Education India in the memo line. Or go to www.zionanoka.org and click the GIVE TODAY button. A display of emails exchanged between Dinesh, Srimathi and our Zion kids is located outside the CYF office, lower level.

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

