

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 3-9, 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 Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Doug Jones

11 AM Jill Arendt

today - 1st Sunday of Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS... We rejoice with Peyton Lea Haugen who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for the family of Judith Rootes who mourns her death.

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

NOISY OFFERING - SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

TODAY | 9 & 11 AM SERVICES | SANCTUARY

The Noisy Offering will be received today (at the end of the service). There will be small buckets for your loose coins at the exits. All proceeds go to our Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting our children and youth.

ADVENT FAMILY EVENT

TODAY | 10-11 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

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.

NO ADULT FORUM, HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL OR KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAYER TEAM 5

TODAY | 11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

COMMON GROUND

TODAY | 12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

WORSHIP AT FARMSTEAD

TODAY | 1:30 PM | OFFSITE

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Zion Church Family,

Thank you for your kind words, prayers, cards and notes following the recent loss of my mother. Your kindness has meant so much during this difficult time. We are grateful for my mother's life and for the promise of heaven, and for friends like you who have supported us with love and compassion.

Gratefully, Pastor Brent and Family

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, DECEMBER 4
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

Divorce Care Group

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Luke Bible Study

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

First Tuesdays

1:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Addiction Recovery Team Meeting

2:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Eco-Faith Meeting

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Esther Circle

7:00 PM | OFFSITE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Luke Bible Study

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Toddler Open Gym

10:30 AM | CLC

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Worship at Homestead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

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, DECEMBER 7

The Gathering

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

Caregivers Support Group

10:00 | FIRESIDE ROOM

Communion Service - Homestead

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

Luke Bible Study

1:00 PM | ZOOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Festival All-Youth Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM | CHOIR ROOM

Orchestra Rehearsal

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Cinnamon Roll Lefse Sunday

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

Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

"Name That Christmas Tune"

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 6

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Common Ground

12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

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

JOIN US FOR FAMILY 'ADVENTures'

WED, 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.

FESTIVAL ALL-YOUTH CHOIR

REHEARSALS

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

This fun choir is an opportunity for children and youth to learn Christmas carols for worship. Choir will sing at the worship services on SAT, DEC 16 @ 5 PM; SUN, DEC 17 @ 9 AM; & CHRISTMAS EVE @ 1:30 PM. To sign up your child email Jon Campbell, Director of Music and Worship at jcampbell@zionanoka.org.

LEFSE - 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.

SUNDAY, ADULT FORUM

"NAME THAT (CHRISTMAS) TUNE!"

SUN, DEC 10 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Players will compete in a game that will determine how well we know our Christmas Carols.

GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES

TUE, DEC 12 | 6:30-8:30 PM | OFFSITE

Zion youth and families are invited to join us at Global Health Ministries for a community service project of packing medical supplies to be sent out to global partners in need. If you are interested please register by emailing kweiland@zionanoka.org

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.**

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK

Zion's hosting week is December 10-17. Your donations help cover the cost of cleaning supplies for the month. To donate, make your checks out to Zion with a note that it goes into the Zion Family Promise Account. Each participating church is also asked to provide six meals in December. This is accomplished through SignUpGenius. Email Dulcie at livingoutfaith@hotmail.com and she will send you the link and instructions. There is no obligation, just look at what there is to do and sign up for the date that is best for you. Meals can be very simple, and since you are the one delivering the meal, you will have brief contact with the family member who comes to your car to get the meal.

GREETERS NEEDED - 11 AM SERVICE

To help us be a welcoming church, we need you and your smile. Come share a smile and a warm greeting with all who come to worship. Please contact Linn at linn.hauck@gmail.com or Suzanne at sgaboury@zionanoka.org if you are interested or have questions.

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

DECEMBER 9/10

Mark 1:1-8

DECEMBER 16/17

John 1:6-8, 19-28

DECEMBER 23

Luke 1:26-38

DECEMBER 24/25

Luke 2:1-14; 15-20

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

Creator of the world, you are the potter, we are the clay, and you form us in your image. Shape our spirits by Christ's transforming power, that as one people we may live out your compassion and justice, whole and sound in the realm of your 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: Isaiah 64:1-4;7-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for you. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are as a father to us; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-26;32-37

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son-of-Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like someone going on a journey, who leaving home and putting the slaves in charge of their own work, commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the lord of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else, coming suddenly, the lord may find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

PRAYER TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As a Prayer Team member you pray, as a team, for the requests (joys/concerns) from the green prayer cards received and gathered before the 11AM service. This is also 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 about 6 times/year from 11 AM - 12 PM. All are invited to join. If interested please contact Pastor Sue Wallager.

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.

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

