

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 10-16, 2023



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Brent Campbell

### ASSISTING:

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

### READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske  
8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell  
9 AM Bill Travis  
11 AM Sylvia Goldman

## today - 2nd Sunday of Advent

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...**We rejoice with Brooks David Best as he receives his First Communion.

**ALTAR FLOWERS...**Given in celebration of Joanne Nelson's 90th birthday by Kari & family and in celebration of Claribel Berghorst's 95th birthday given by the Berghorst family & friends.

### THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Shirley Dussl • Bev Fraser, in honor of Dottie Carlson's 96th birthday.
- David & Darlene Holmes, in memory of Marjorie Campbell
- Mike & Arlene Kelly, in memory of Marjorie Campbell • Lyle & Marlene Willock
- Carol Mann in honor of grandchildren: Sadie & Noah Mann, Cody Porvaznik, Sarah & Alex Holm

### ~~CINNAMON ROLL~~ LEFSE SUNDAY - MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

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

Buttered & sugared or plain 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.

### ADULT FORUM - "NAME THAT (CHRISTMAS) TUNE!"

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Players compete in a game that will determine how well we know our Christmas Carols. This is the last Forum for 2023, it will resume again on January 21.

### HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL

### KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | THEATER

### PRAYER TEAM 6

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### COMMON GROUND

TODAY | 12 PM | YOUTH ROOM

### CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR ZION'S MISSIONARIES

Today is the last day to turn in your Christmas cards to Steve and Kim Blewett. Place your cards in the basket at the Welcome Desk. We will make sure they get mailed.

**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 11

### Communion Service - Walker

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

### Ruth Circle

10:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Hannah Circle

1:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### 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

### Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

### Sons of Norway

6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

### Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

### Lydia Circle

9:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Deborah-Priscilla Circle

1:00 PM | OFFSITE

### Naomi Circle

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Church Council Meeting

6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### Rachel Circle

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Youth Visit to Global Ministries

6:30 PM | OFFSITE

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

### 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

## Adult Choir

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

## Common Ground

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

### The Gathering

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

### Luke Bible Study

1:00 PM | ZOOM

### Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

### Fare for All

4:00 PM | LOWER COMMONS

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

### Festival All-Youth Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM | CHOIR ROOM

### Cantata Rehearsal

3:00 PM | SANCTUARY

### Choral Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

### Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

### Choral Worship Service

9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

### Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

### Prayer Team 7

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

## MISS A SERMON?

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

# coming up

## FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK

This week is Zion's hosting week. 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. This is accomplished through SignUpGenius. Email Dulcie at [livingoutfaith@hotmail.com](mailto: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 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.

## 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](mailto:kweiland@zionanoka.org)

## JOIN US FOR FAMILY 'ADVENTures'

WED, DEC 13 | 6-6:45 PM | THEATER  
All families are welcome to come each Wednesday for an Advent devotion and activity. We will still be offering pizza in the Cornerstone from 5-6 PM! Everyone is welcome.

## "FARE FOR ALL" AT ZION

THU, DEC 14 | 4-6 PM | LOWER COMMONS  
*Fare for All* is a program that allows people in the community to come and shop for deeply discounted nutritious food. It is open to everyone and accepts CREDIT, DEBIT and EBT cards.

## JUST A REMINDER -

Donations to the **Poinsettia Garden**, in honor/memory of someone special and **Caring Tree gift cards** supporting people from four local agencies are **due this Wednesday December 13**. See insert for more info.

## NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offering in December! We gathered \$633 which will go toward our camp ministries. The next weekend our Noisy Offering buckets will be out is January 6 & 7.

## 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.

## THANK YOU ZION QUILTERS!

Thank you for your time and work on all of the beautiful quilts! There were 150 quilts made this year! They are being given to Family Promise, Stepping Stone, ACBC, LSS (house for teen parents), St. Cloud VA, Bridging and Lutheran World Relief. What a wonderful blessing to so many!

## THANK YOU

## CHRISTMAS DÉCOR TEAM!

Thank you to those who set up the trees and to those who helped decorate. Thank you also to Kathy Johnson for coordinating the event. The trees and church look stunning!

## 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

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

DECEMBER 23  
Luke 1:24b-55

DECEMBER 24/25  
Luke 2:1-14; 15-20

DECEMBER 30/31  
Luke 2:22-40

## 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

God of hope, you call us from the exile of our sin with the good news of restoration; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ our 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: Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to the city that it has served its term, that its penalty is paid, that it has received from the Lord's hand double for all its sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

## Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of the Lord,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "After me one who is more powerful than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but the one who is coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## "NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM" VOLUNTEERS - THANK YOU

We had a great turnout for the Advent Family Event last Sunday. According to our official census takers, over 250 people were "registered" in the city of David. Thank you to the following volunteers: Linnea and Nikesh Yadav, Colleen Nelson, Deb Oas Koepsell, Nathan and Brita Norquist, Dawn, Tim and Carly Munce, Randy and Janis Korus, Lois Tinker, Marty Gray, Kathy Woods, Kathy Nelson, Beth Johnson, Joe Kempf, Dixie Johnson, Pat Reuss, Louise Person, Pinky Pendergrass, Marie and Bill Norquist, Jim Townsend, Patty Horazdovsky, Barb Janas, Linn Hauck and Dot Hagstrom.

## 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 [dlwandowski@zionanoka.org](mailto:dlwandowski@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

