

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 24-30, 2023



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA



For a child has been
born for us,
a son given to us;
he is named
Wonderful
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

today - Christmas Eve

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS ... We rejoice with Jax Anthony White-Rodriguez as he receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for families who are missing loved ones this Christmas.

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

SUPPORT OUR RADIO BROADCAST SUNDAY MORNINGS ON BOB-FM

Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome. Thank you to recent supporters of the Radio Broadcast Fund:

- Florence Olson in memory of Odell Olson
- Ken & Sandy Benson in memory of Don & Chere Fauteck
- Tina Erickson

NO ADULT FORUM - RESUMES JAN 21

NO HOLY SHENANIGANS OR KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL - RESUMES JAN 7

NO WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING - RESUMES JAN 10

BUILDING CLOSED - YEAR-END GIVING

The church office will be closed Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day) and Monday, January 1 (New Years Day). Please place your year-end gifts in the offering plate on December 31 or mail them (postmarked by December 31) or give online at www.zionanoka.org by December 31. Thank you!

GREEN PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew holders for you to write a prayer request. Place them in the wooden prayer collection boxes located in the Sanctuary, Chapel or at the Welcome Desk. All prayer concerns or thanksgivings are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Team.

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 25*

Christmas Day

Christmas Worship Service

10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

**Building will be closed after Christmas Day worship on Monday. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please call the Zion's main number, 763-421-4656 and the messaging service will reach the pastor on call.*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Gathering

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Traditional Worship Service

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED

MONDAY, JAN 1 FOR THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

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MISS A SERMON?

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

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 11 AM 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 is about 6 times/year from 11 AM - 12 PM. All are invited to join. If interested please contact Pastor Sue.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED!

We are in need of communion servers. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, there is a notebook in the Sacristy where you can sign up for the weekend and worship service time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

GREETERS NEEDED - 8 & 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 Hauck at linn.hauck@gmail.com or Suzanne at sgaboury@zionanoka.org if you are interested or have questions.

MATTHEW BAGS

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Matthew Bag Ministry. You may wonder "Where do these bags go?" Besides parishioners handing them out to those in need, they also go to the following: Salvation Army store at Northtown, ACBC, Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center, Hope4Youth, Anoka Ramsey Community College, Anoka Technical College, Hennepin Technical College. We are also still collecting donations of adult-size crew socks, bottled water (16 oz), granola bars, and Kleenex (individual packs). Donations can be dropped off in the *Matthew Bag* donation bin at the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your continued support.



2023

Poinsettia Garden



In Honor of/Memory of:

Craig Wurm, Fern Pray, Jim & Vera Wurm

Erin DeGuise, Helen & Lynn Emerson, Leo DeGuise,
& Janet Wiederhoft

Lynn & Helen Emerson

Marge Mulligan

James Seeman

Robert Rose, Mary & Lou Taylor

My parents, Zion staff

Bill & Avis Frank

Parents and brother, Mel, Virginia & Bill Odell

Loved ones

Diane Bahr

Wayne & Donna Melby

Mike Johnson

Our parents

Our four thoughtful grandchildren

Chadd Nelson

Kendra, Teagan & Aubrey Gerlach

Our parents, brother and sisters

Mary Jean Ellen Ammann

Norm

Loved ones

Axel, Bjorn, Annika & Lisbet

Rev. Landis & Carol Olson, Bud Jones and Diane Jones

Tom King & loved ones

Kathy Anderson – Altar Guild

Robert Fenstermacher

Louie & Maxine Severson, Ann & Russ Johnson,

Harold, Bernice & George Mathison

Loved ones

Amidore & Leah Hauff, Gordy & Harriet Bune, Gene Hauff,

Darlene Hauff and friends & family we love

Loved ones

Darlene Jackson

The Syring 11

Bev Kreager, Larry Wallager

Patricia & Wayne Wallace

Ima Olson & Scott Olson

Parents Willard & Lavon Willock, James & Norma Field;

brother John Willock, sister Marilyn Field,

brother Richard Field, brother-in-law Jerome Kusy

Given by:

Denise, Stacy, Tyler, Mara, Levi &
Elijah Wurm

Janet & Gary DeGujise

Barb Emerson Lutmer

Joe Hirvela

Cheryl L. Seeman

Mary Lou Rose

Judy Dietrich

David Frank

Linda Odell-Cowles

Barb & Gary Janas

Jerry & Kathy Johnson

Their daughters and sons-in-law

Patty Johnson & family

Sharon & Pete Raatikka

Steve & Laurie Rykkeli

Gary & Linda Nelson & family

Aunta and Jeremy

Rich & Jan Peterson

The Cyr and Severance family

Marianne Nahring

Mary Gangl

Doug & Karla Jones

Doug & Karla Jones

Bonnie King

Pinky Pendergrass

Helen Fenstermacher & family

Mike & Terri Severson

Gary & Mary Prozinski

Bill & Beth Bune

Ron & Pinky Pendergrass

Scott & Sheri Jackson

The Syring family

Susan & Jeff Wallager

Chuck, Terry Wallace,

Jeanne & Gary Clauer

Larry & Kathy Nelson

Lyle & Marlene Willock



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In Honor of/Memory of:

Lloyd Olson
Bob & Judy & Alan Johnson
Don & Mary Braucht, Mick Pipenhagen
John & Sue Klund
Matt Steinbring, Herm, Dodie & Annie Talle
Mil & Carl Kronholm, Helene & Lars Birkliid
Bror D Trudie Anderson, Susan Weber
Parents, grandchildren
Shirley Dye
Richard (Dick) Isaacson
Dave Herbold
Daughter Beth's Christmas birthday, Zion's pastors & staff,
husband Jim Fraser
Florence, Leslie Bryngelson, Jan & Vincent Crowley
Billy Hauck
Doris Wood
Bruce Weaver and loved ones
Orall and Troy Johnson
Harold & Frances Stroner
Our parents
Michael & Christopher Hiatt, Bud & June Hiatt, Art Syverson
George Holthus
Dick Weller
Kathryn Anderson
Jason Boedigheimer
LaVerne Grosslein

Richard & Isabell Lucas; Arne & Isabel Solei
Thomas Giddings
Steve, Milly & Wally Ostlund, Art & Edna Taylor,
Steve & Chris Erickson
Charlie Ellison
Ray & Lola Herrboldt
My family
Neal Paulson, loving husband & father
Sharon Woizeschke
Al & Bertha Menden
Elmer & Jeannette Rechtzigel
Our family
Sharon Bauer, Robert Bauer, Denise Burbeck, Ginger Wood
Harry & Diane Bahr
Howard & Lucille Sanasac
Richard J. Pearson

Given by:

Keith & Tina Olson
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Mike & Cindy Pipenhagen
Klund Family
John & Sandy Steinbring
Carol Kronholm & Travis Birkliid
Michael & Eldri Wittkamper
Susan H. Dougherty
Joel Dye & family
Elaine Isaacson
Marilyn Herbold
Bev Fraser

Dennis & Monica Bryngelson
Linn Hauck
Tami Wood
Mike & Nancy Engelmann
Joann Johnson
Pam & Rick Moen
Stephen & Joyce Schmidt
Patti Hiatt
Evelyn Holthus
Audrey Weller & family
Kerry & Charles Hollenback
Boedigheimer family
August "Duke" & Dana Grosslein and
Tom & Nancy Blaska
Ron & Phyllis Solei
Sharon Giddings & family
The Taylor family

Chuck & Wanda Ellison
Their loving children
Audrey Chergosky
Wife Norma & family
Family
Wayne & Phyllis Rechtzigel
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Mike & Sandy Schelkoph
James Bauer
Roger & Marilyn Roelofs
Dr. Jon & Janis (Sanasac) Bathke
Renate Pearson



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In Honor of/Memory of:

Pastors and Zion staff
Olaf and Tom Olson
Odell Olson
Grandma Mary Lou Olsen
CeCe Goodale
Our Godparents
Gary Siewert, Wayne & Leone Seeman, Astrid &
Lawrence Siewert
Susan Wegge (Jon's sister) and Frank Lundberg (Liz's brother)
Sheryl's sister Susan and father Harlan
My great-grandchildren: Leo, Lucy, Auggie, Addie, & Hazel
Nancy Winholtz
Lauraine Blaska
Bob Hewitt
Howard & Mildred Skelly (Dad & Mom)
Mom & Dad – Phyllis & Larry Morreim
Cliff Nelson, Kristen Nelson; Carol, Darryl & Steve Wangsness

Gene Hauff
Ed Pederson
Dick & Sylvia Reinholdt (Ann's parents) and Marjorie Campbell
(Pr. Brent's mother)
Our parents
Orwoll & Florence Olson and Dean & Novelle Townsend
Loved ones
J. David Johnson and N. Jean Johnson and in honor of all
the young people & families of Zion
Our parents, Marcel & Suzi and Roger & Donna
Jon-Matthew Springer, Parents – Walter & Barbara Mohr
Don & Audrey Knutson, Joe Greenwood, & Nicole Fischer
Marvin Miller
Marcy Erickson
Our Mom & Dad
Carol Rabehl
Kevin Osmonson
Ervin & Dolores Jeska and loved ones
William & Avis Frank, Joe & Caroline Hebert,
Riik & Bonnie Johnson
Evelyn & Elmer Nelson and Anna & Albert Erickson
Our children
Charley Houle
Herb Lien and Barbara Ogaard
Harley & Darlene Fedje, John & Betty Turok

Given by:

Scott & Kathy Mohr
Jean Olson
Florence Olson & sons
Heather Rule
The Gerlachs
Kendra, Teagan & Aubrey Gerlach
Karen Siewert

Jon & Liz Fredlund
Gary & Sheryl Fahnhorst
Judy Bendiske
Lyle & Jerene Anderson
Blaska Family
Diane Hewitt and family
Carol Skelly
Pat Morreim
Joanne & Jeff Nelson,
Erik & Kari Wangsness Family
Barb Hauff
Dianne Pederson
Pastor Brent & Ann Campbell

Pam & Bill Goodrich
Carolyn & Jim Townsend
Vern & Laurel Silvernale
Ellen Johnson

Jamie & Suzanne Gaboury
Paula Mohr
Tim & Tami Knutson
Mitchell Miller
Tery Blahut
Darlene & Philip Martin Children
George Rabehl
Glenn & Jan Osmonson
Duane Jeska
Joe & Diane Hebert

Floyd Nelson
Greg & Hope Sand
Vendy Houle
Andrea Southard
Mechell & Bill Turok



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In Honor of/Memory of:

Vincent & Rose Oman and George & Dory Will
Bradley Hennen
Jim Hadden
Our children Grace & Emma Parenteau and Natalie & Jack
Jorgenson
Betty & John Turok and Reubin Lee

Our parents – Al & Ann Sater and Bill & Myrtle Bender
Thurman and Vaida Wetteland
Sebastian Torres
Sharon Fischer
Quinn August Krasean
Myrle Dunning, Marvel Dunning, Jerry Smothers
Chuck Camp
John Mann
John & Donna Carver
Greg Nelson
Loved Ones
Bob Lindberg
Agnes & Oscar Anderson, Mildred & John Mann
Marvin Miller
Mike Johnston
Our parents and our children
Marion LaSalle
Our children & grandchildren
Lyle Schmidt, loving husband and father
Phyllis Tohm
Jerry Millard and Douglas Anderson
Family members
Stanley Liedman and Michelle Franta
Craig R. Johnson, Nadene Besonen

Given by:

Steve, Sharon & Alex Will
Lee & Verna Hennen
Linda Hadden
Tony & Jackie Parenteau

Peter & Brenda Turok, Meghan & Kevin,
Garth & Natisha
Bill & Judy Bender
Mindy Wetteland & Dan Messman
Grandma & Grandpa Hagstrom
Bob Fischer
Karin & Gary Evenson
Emma & Huxley Hannan
Mary, Brian, Joy, David, Kelly & Gus Camp
The Mann family
The family
Cathy Cox
Steve & Carolyn Johansen
Marilynn Lindberg
Carol Mann
Virginia Miller
Shirley Johnston
Marty & Ron Gray
Donald LaSalle and family
Rick & Gail Michaelson
Lisa, Ashley & Megan
Kenneth Tohm
Joan Anderson and family
Lee & Barbara Thompson
Lynn Liedman
Kristine Johnson


*Merry
Christmas*

coming up

BAPTISM CLASS

SUN, JAN 14 | NOON | LIBRARY

If you are expecting, have had a baby or adopting and would like to know more about baptism this class is for you. Contact Kristine at kjohnson@zionnoka.org for more info or to sign up for this class. Baptisms are part of the traditional service on Saturday nights at 5 PM or at our blended service on Sunday mornings at 11 AM. Please contact Kristine or Pastor Connie for more information.

6TH GRADE RETREAT

SUN, JAN 14 | NOON - 4 PM | CLC

We will gather for lunch and participate in activities centered around what it means to reaffirm our baptism. All 6th grade confirmation students are required to attend, email kweiland@zionanoka.org if you have a conflict.

OUR NEXT SMALL GROUP STUDY

Starts the week of January 15 with a study by Adam Hamilton entitled: *"Why? Making Sense of God's Will."* This study brings insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, and how we can comprehend God's plan for the world and ourselves. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Books on sale at the front desk for \$10.

WHIRLYBALL

FRI, JAN 19 | 7 - 8:30 PM | OFFSITE

All middle and high school students are invited to join us for the first Lutheran Late Night – an evening of fun at Whirly Ball Twin Cities! WhirlyBall is a lacrosse style game played on bumper cars. The fast-paced game requires teamwork and is an exciting way for our youth to build relationships. The event is \$20, you must register in advance online at <https://cutt.ly/WhirlyBall> or email kweiland@zionanoka.org.

ZION PAGES BOOK CLUB

JANUARY 22 | 6:30 PM | THEATER

We will be discussing *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America. Wilkerson compares this epic migration to the migrations of other peoples in history. All are welcome.

A NEW RECOVERY MINISTRY BEGINS

SUN JAN 28 | 12 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us in this special ministry in the area of alcohol and drug misuse and addiction. A light lunch will be available. For more info call Pr. Connie Tiede at 763-506-8142. If you are unable to commit to a team, we will be asking the congregation to fill out an online survey that will help with the direction and ministry of the team. We are collaborating with Faith Partners who will be training our team and helping with the survey. The link will be live starting Feb 4 thru Feb 18. For more info on Faith Partners, go to their website at www.faith-partners.org.

JEST KIDDING - "Oldie but goody"

Little Jimmy wanted to be Joseph in the Sunday School pageant. Instead he was cast as the innkeeper and objected loudly, but to no avail. When the pageant was presented, Mary and Joseph knocked on the door and asked him if he had a room for them. The boy smiled and said, "Yes, sure. Lots of room. Come on in!" but the boy who played Joseph, not missing a beat, looked around and proclaimed "This place is a dump. We'll stay in the stable."

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 30/31
Luke 2:22-40

JANUARY 6/7
Mark 1:4-11

JANUARY 13/14
John 1:43-51

encouraging words

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



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.

Gospel for December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent: Luke 1:46b-55

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Gospel for December 24 - Christmas Eve: Luke 2:1-20 (see bulletin)

Gospel for December 25 - Christmas Day: Luke 8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

prayer corner

December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Ever faithful God, through prophets and angels, you promised to raise up a holy child who would establish a household of peace and justice. Open our hearts to receive your Son, that we may open our doors to welcome all people as sisters and brothers, and establish your household in our time. Amen.

December 24/25 - Christmas:

God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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

