

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 31 2023 - JANUARY 6, 2024



ZION
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WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING:

SUN Pr Brent Campbell

READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM Kathy Quade

11 AM Carol Loyd

today - 1st Sunday of Christmas

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...Peace in the world for the New Year.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Pinky Pendergrass, in honor of Joanne Nelson's 90th Birthday
- Greg Nelson

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in celebration of Tom and Deb Erickson's 55th wedding anniversary by Heather, Tanya and grandkids

NO ADULT FORUM - Resumes January 21

NO HOLY SHENANIGANS OR KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL - Resumes January 7

NO WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING - Resumes January 10

BUILDING CLOSED - YEAR-END GIVING

The church office will be closed tomorrow Monday, January 1 (New Years Day). Please place your year-end gifts in the offering plate or give online at www.zionanoka.org today. Thank you!

NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering buckets will be out again next weekend, Jan 6/7. All proceeds go to our Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting our children and youth.

GREETERS NEEDED - SAT 5PM AND SUN 8 & 11 AM SERVICES

Help us be a welcoming church, we need you. 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.

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, JANUARY 1

New Years Holiday

BUILDING CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

First Tuesdays

1:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Eco-Faith Meeting

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Worship at Homestead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

Addiction Recovery Team

2:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Worship Team Rehearsal

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

The Gathering

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

Caregivers Support Group

10:00 | FIRESIDE ROOM

Communion Service - Homestead

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Traditional Worship Service

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 (continued)

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 8

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED

MONDAY JANUARY 1 FOR

THE NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY

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.

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!

JUST A REMINDER

New registrations for Zion Kids ministries (Sundays and Wednesdays) are welcome throughout the school year. For more information go to our Children's Ministry page at zionanoka.org/registration-events/.

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

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.

MEN OF ZION

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

MON, JAN 22 | 10 AM - 1:30 PM | CLC

All men of Zion are invited to a cornhole tournament. No experience required. If you have a cornhole game that we could use, please bring it to set up at 9:30 AM. Lunch will be served for a free will offering. **Sign up by January 21** at the Welcome Desk. Call Norm Berg at 763 -614-9758 for more information.

ZION PAGES BOOK CLUB

MON, JAN 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.

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.

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

JANUARY 6/7
Mark 1:4-11

JANUARY 13/14
John 1:43-51

JANUARY 20/21
Mark 1:14-20

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

God of glory, you have given us a new name and robed us in salvation. May we like Anna find our home in your presence, and like Simeon recognize Jesus as the Christ, so that, in joy and thanksgiving at becoming your children, we may join with all creation to sing your praise. 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: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

ADULT CHOIR - ITALY TOUR

Join the choir this summer for a wonderful Italy tour June 21-30. We are close to our goal of 30 or more travelers, but could use a couple more! Email Director of Music Jonathan Campbell at jcampbell@zionanoka.org if you're interested."

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

