

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4-10, 2024



**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 Marcia Wilson  
9 AM Doug Jones  
11 AM Jill Arendt

## today - Scout Sunday

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

### NOISY OFFERING

TODAY | 9 & 11 AM SERVICES | SANCTUARY  
Proceeds go to our Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting our youth.

### ADULT FORUM - Belonging - Part 1

TODAY | 10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL  
"Belonging: What the Samaritan Woman at the Well Teaches Us About Following Jesus"

### HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | CHAPEL

### A FAREWELL LUNCHEON & PROGRAM FOR PASTOR BRENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 12:00 PM

Join us to celebrate and wish Pastor Brent well with a luncheon and small program. Seating is limited so be sure to **sign-up by Wednesday, February 14** at the front desk to reserve your seat and lunch!

### "SIGN THE CARD"

Let's send Pastor Brent off with a personalized retirement (scrapbook) card.

You are invited to sign either:

- A photo page (*think high school yearbook*) located at the Welcome Desk or
- Sign a note card that you can take home to fill out. Please **return it to the front desk by Wednesday, February 21** to insure it is included in the retirement card for presentation at Pastor Brent's farewell luncheon.

If you have relevant photos we could include in the scrapbook/card please e-mail them to [swill@zionanoka.org](mailto:swill@zionanoka.org) or bring in and we will copy/scan them. Thank you for your participation.

### KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | THEATER

### PRAYER TEAM 4

TODAY | 11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

TODAY | 10-10:50 AM | LEGACY ROOM

**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, FEBRUARY 5

### Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

### Small Group Study - "Why?"

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Open Pickleball

2:30 PM | CLC

### TOPS

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Divorce Care Group

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

### Small Group Study - "Why?"

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

### Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

### Preschool Ballet Class

9:15-9:45 AM | THEATER

### First Tuesdays

1:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Pre-K Open House

5:00 PM | PRE-K CLASSROOMS

### Eco-Faith Meeting

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Grief Support Group

6:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Esther Circle

7:00 PM | LIBRARY

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

### Small Group Study - "Why?"

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

### Toddler Open Gym

10:30 AM | CLC

### Worship at Homestead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

### KidSing Jr (Ages 3-7)

4:30 PM | CLASSROOM 11

### Pizza Dinner

5:00 PM | CORNERSTONE

### Zion Kids

5:30 PM | CLC

### Joiz-N-Noiz (Pre Teen - Gr 3-5)

5:50 PM | CLASSROOM 5

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - cont'd

### Whirl Wednesday

5:50 PM | ART ROOM

### Confirmation

6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

### Ringmasters

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

### Worship Team Rehearsal

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

### Adult Choir

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

### Common Ground (Grades 9-12)

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

### The Gathering

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

### Small Group Study - "Why?"

1:00 PM | ZOOM

### Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

### Children's Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

### Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

### Traditional Worship Service

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Adult Forum

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

### Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

### Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Prayer Team 5

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Common Ground

12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

## TODAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY

Scouts BSA designates the weekend before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday. Scout Sunday is an opportunity for scout units and their faith partners to recognize scouts, scouters, their contributions to the 12th point of the Scout Law, 'Reverence' and to recognize the Packs' earning of the Lutheran Service Award. The Scouting Program seeks to provide opportunities for worship, for study, for service, and for fellowship. The Northern Star Scouting Program uses the P.R.A.Y. program as one means of Christian growth and discipleship. The P.R.A.Y. program requires young people to study scripture and then design service projects to put into action what they have learned. P.R.A.Y. awards feature a four-colored cross. The four colors converge into a point to create an "X" at the center of the cross. "X" is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ, and it is symbolic of how Christ should be at the center of our lives. The four colors correspond to the four levels in the P.R.A.Y. series.

Today we take time to celebrate those who have fulfilled the requirements of the P.R.A.Y. program and deserve recognition for outstanding accomplishment.

- Recipients who have earned the red God and Me emblem which symbolized love and the blood of Christ:  
Liam Opp, Jaxon Solt, Tommy Potts, Ryan Vandecar, Grayson Cao, Wyatt Klunenbergen, August Pehl, and Jax Hazelton.
- Recipients who have earned the yellow God and Family emblem which symbolizes sunlight & joy:  
Haleigh Schmidt and Mandy Backen

Besides fun, fellowship, and training, Scouting emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Scouting depends on volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles. We salute the splendid volunteers who serve in the many positions of leadership. Cub Scout Pack 233 and Troop 233 thank you for being a part of their program. For more info contact Jackie Rollings at [rollings33@gmail.com](mailto:rollings33@gmail.com).

## CAMP WAPO REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Camp Wapo is a Bible camp located near Amery, WI, supported by Zion and a number of other Twin Cities area congregations. Zion has reserved openings for the June 14-16 Seeds camp (Gr. 1-3) and the June 16-21 Youth camp (Gr. 4-12). The spots will open to the public on Feb. 15. Zion provides automatic scholarships for all of our campers. Seeds campers receive \$100 per child, 8th grade confirmation campers receive \$400, and all other week-long campers receive \$300. To receive the scholarships, only pay the deposit fee when you register. Zion will then add the scholarship to your account, and you'll be billed for any remainder. Additional support is available through Zion and Camp Wapo. Questions? Contact Katie Weiland at [kweiland@zionanoka.org](mailto:kweiland@zionanoka.org). Please use the following link to register <http://lwlbc.com/zion-anoka>.

## CAMP WAPO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Zion has a long history of supporting kids and youth active in our children and youth programming to go to Bible camp at Camp Wapo, and we need your help to be able to continue to support our families through the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Our main sources of funds for these scholarships are from Thrivent Choice Dollars and direct donations. If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you can look into your eligibility to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars at [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836, follow the prompts and a Thrivent representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars to Zion. You can also send donations to Zion for the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and "Scholarship Fund" written in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of our Bible camp scholarship fund at Zion!

### 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](http://www.youtube.com/@ZionLutheranAnoka)

## SAVE THE DATES FOR KIDS SUMMER CAMPS!

Families and volunteers! It's time to put Zion Kids Camps on your schedule! Registration opens March 15! Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme is back by popular demand—The Blessing Bus: LIVE!

- **Family “Blessing Bus” VBS** For families with kids age 0-5 plus siblings

SUNDAYS, JUNE 9, 16 & 23 | 10-10:50 AM

- **Zion Sports Camp - For kids grades K-5**

M-TH, JUNE 24-27 | 9 AM-NOON

- **PK “Blessing Bus” VBS - For kids age 3-5**

T-TH, JULY 9-11 | 9-11 AM

- **K-5 “Blessing Bus” VBS - For kids grades K-5**

M-TH, JULY 15-18 | 9 AM-NOON

- **Camp Create It - For kids grades K-5**

M-TH, JULY 29-AUG 1 | 9 AM-NOON

Family Program - THUR, AUG 1 | 11:30 AM-NOON

- **KidSing Jr. - For kids age 3-7**

WED, JUNE 12, 19 & 26 | 9:30-10 AM

WED, JULY 17, 24 & 31 | 9:30-10 AM

## APPLY NOW FOR PAID SUMMER INTERN POSITIONS!

Join a team of young adults who lead kids' day camps, and discover your God-Given superpowers! We offer three types of paid positions with differing start dates and compensation levels: Intern 1 (high school juniors and seniors) and Intern 2 (at least 1 year of post high school education) and Lead Intern (returning). You will work approximately 12-30 hours per week, Monday-Thursdays from mid-June through mid-August. (The week of July 4 is a scheduled break.) Excellent training is provided, with a focus on safety, group leadership skills, organizational communication and faith formation methods for kids of all ages. Our camps are geared to kids Age 3-Grade 5, but the experience also includes working with families of young children, youth and adult volunteers, and parents. For a complete job description and application, contact Ann Campbell at (763) 421-4656, or [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org), our website at [www.zionanoka.org](http://www.zionanoka.org), or at the main desk at the church. Applications are due March 15. Interviews and hiring decisions may be made as applications arrive, so apply soon.

## 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 11AM-12PM. All are invited to join. If interested please contact Pastor Sue Wallager at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

**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.

## HELP OUR ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY WITH A SURVEY

We are asking the congregation to fill out a brief online survey to help shape the direction of this ministry. The link will be live through February 18. For more information, attend the Adult Forum on Sunday, February 11 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Help Zion's Pre-K with *Box Tops for Education*. It's easy to do, no clipping or searching, The app will do it for you (See QR code). After you buy participating products you can either:

1. Use the Box Tops app, to scan your store receipts (within 14 days of purchase) to submit them.
2. Just drop your store receipts off at the front desk and we will scan and submit them for you.

A list of participating products is available at [BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS](http://BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS).





# coming up

## PRESCHOOL BALLET

TUES, FEB 6, 13, 20, 27 | 9:15-9:45 AM | THEATER

Your child will learn ballet steps to instrumental and popular Christian music, begin & end class in prayer, and meet new friends. Ages 2-5 with a caregiver. \$10 per child. Register on Realm. Questions or more info contact [Lneitge@zionanoka.org](mailto:Lneitge@zionanoka.org).

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS

TUES, FEB 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

This support group offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. Contact Pr Sue for more info [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## MEN OF ZION MINI-GOLF

MON, FEB 12 | 10 AM |

GRAND SLAM COON RAPIDS

Please join the Men of Zion for mini-golf (irregular terrain). It will give you a time of recreation, minimal competition, meeting old & new friends and a pizza lunch. That's a good deal! No sign-up required. Cost is \$10 (payable when you arrive) which covers both mini-golf and pizza lunch. Hope to see you there.

## JOYA CONCERT

SUN, FEB 18 | 3 PM | SANCTUARY

Mark your calendars for another free JOYA concert. Back by popular demand the trio includes Minnesota Orchestra members James Garlick, violin and Silver Ainomäe, cello along with pianist Mary Jo Gothmann. The program will include Mendelssohn's masterpiece Trio in D Minor. For more information visit [www.joyachambermusic.com](http://www.joyachambermusic.com).

## 7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

SUN, FEB 18 | 12-3 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Gather for lunch and participate in activities centered around what it means to reaffirm our baptism. **All 7th grade confirmation students are required to attend.** If you have a conflict email [kweiland@zionanoka.org](mailto:kweiland@zionanoka.org).

## UKE CAN DO IT! - Wednesdays in Lent

FEB 21, 28, MAR 6, 13, 20 | CLASSROOM 11 AGES 4-7 W/ CARE GIVER | 4:30-5 PM

INTERGENERATIONAL - AGES 5+ | 6-6:25 PM  
Beginner ukulele classes for kids and grown ups. Free! Ukuleles will be provided. Sign up on Realm. Questions or more info contact Lee at [Lneitge@zionanoka.org](mailto:Lneitge@zionanoka.org).

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

WED, FEB 21 | 5-6 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for a Lenten Soup Supper! Soup will be served before our 6:30 PM Wednesday night Lenten worship service. A free will offering will be accepted for the soup, and the proceeds will be used to support our Mission Trip to Tacoma, Washington this summer.

## LUTHERAN LATE NIGHT

FRI, FEB 23 | 7-10 PM | CLC

Join us at Zion for Lutheran Late Night! This event is for middle and high school students and functions like a lock-in, but you go home at the end of the night. Snacks will be provided, and night games will be played. Friends welcome – hope you can make it!

## ZION ANNUAL MEETING

SUN, FEB 25 | 10 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

The Annual Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church will be held. The meeting will be in person and will also be livestreamed. Watch for more details in the February Herald, Life Together bulletin inserts and the weekly E-update.

## 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

FEBRUARY 10/11  
Mark 9:2-9

FEBRUARY 17/18  
Mark 1:9-15

FEBRUARY 3/4  
Mark 1:29-39

## 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

Everlasting God,  
you give strength to  
the powerless and  
power to the faint; you  
raise up the sick and  
cast out demons. Make  
us agents of healing  
and wholeness, that  
your good news may  
be made known to the  
ends of your creation.  
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 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. Jesus came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." Jesus answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS MARCH 3

SUN, MAR 3 | 11 AM - NOON | THEATER

We practice open communion here at Zion, so parents, if you feel your children are ready, please sign up. Children will receive their first communion at the service of your choice. Register all children, and at least one accompanying adult at [www.zionanoka.org](http://www.zionanoka.org) under Upcoming Events, or through your Realm app, or using this QR code. Contact Ann at [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org) for more info. Our next class will be in the fall.



## O.W.L.S. POTLUCK AND PROGRAM

THUR, FEB 29 | NOON | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Zion's "Older Wiser Lutherans" are having a potluck and program! Our entertainment will be Pastor Kevin Doely who is a musical ventriloquist. If your last name begins with A thru L, please bring a hotdish to pass and M thru Z, bring a salad. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Please **sign up by Sunday, February 25** at the Welcome Desk so we know how many people are planning on attending.

## 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

