

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF MARCH 3 - 9, 2024



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

ASSISTING:

SAT Deb Oas Koepsell

SUN Pr Connie Tiede

READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Ken Johnson

11 AM Jill Arendt

today - 3rd Sunday in Lent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We celebrate with Jessica Johnson-Quade & Dalton Johnson who were married at Zion on February 29. We pray for the families of Marcia Carlson, Helen Fenstermacher, Marcia Kawecki, Harry Lydeen, Everett Wheeler and Kirk Ziegler who mourn their deaths.

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 buckets are out this weekend. Kids & Youth will be invited to help gather the Noisy Offering during the closing hymn.

ADULT FORUM - 1st of a 3 part series

TODAY | 10 AM | SANCTUARY

The Inclusive Church: Becoming a More Hospitable Congregation. This presentation by Linda Peterson will open our eyes to discover how many things in our congregation such as our building, our worship and our language can seem "normal" but can be a huge obstacle for others with disabilities.

HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | CHAPEL

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | THEATER

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

TODAY | 11:00 AM | THEATER

DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS MARCH 10 - "Spring Ahead!"

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour or you'll be late for church next week!

PRAYER TEAM 8

TODAY | 11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

WORSHIP AT FARMSTEAD

1:30 PM | OFFSITE



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 Connie Tiede
Interim Lead Pastor

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, MARCH 4

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

Funeral for Everett Wheeler

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

"God Never Gives Up ..." Small Group

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TOPS

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Divorce Care Group

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

"God Never Gives Up ..." Small Group

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Preschool Ballet

9:15 AM | THEATER

First Tuesdays

1:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Eco-Faith Meeting

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Esther Circle

7:00 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

"God Never Gives Up ..." Small Group

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Rachel Circle

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Lenten Service

12:00 & 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Worship at Homestead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

Kids w/Parent Ukulele Class

4:30 PM | CLASSROOM 11

Worship Team Rehearsal

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Ringmasters

5:45 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

Adult Choir

7:15 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

The Gathering

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

Caregivers Support Group

10:00 | FIRESIDE ROOM

Sons of Norway Book Club

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Communion Service - Homestead

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

"God Never Gives Up ..." Small Group

1:00 PM | OFFSITE (ZOOM)

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Traditional Worship Service

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Adult Forum

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Family Promise Sunday

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

Prayer Team 1

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Baptism Class

12:00 PM | LIBRARY

EASTER GARDEN

Help decorate Zion's Sanctuary by donating to the Easter Garden in memory of or in honor of someone special. Memorials are \$20 each. The order form will be included in the March Herald or pick up an envelope at the front desk. Completed order forms and envelopes must be **returned by March 17.**

coming up

SPRING PRESCHOOL BALLET

TUESDAYS, MAR 5, 19, APR 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
9:15-9:45 AM | THEATER

Preschool Ballet continues into spring! 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. Current Families do not have to register/pay. Contact Lee at Lneitge@zionanoka.org for more info. *No class on March 12 (A-H Spring Break) or March 26 (Holy Week).*

FAMILY PROMISE SUNDAY

SUN, MAR 10 | 10 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Adam Monaghan, program Coordinator for Family Promise will give a presentation for people to learn more about Family Promise or who might be interested in volunteer opportunities.

BAPTISM CLASS

SUN, MARCH 10 | 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 information or to sign up for this class.

FREE BASIC SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

MONDAYS, MAR 11 – MAY 20 |

8:15 PM – 9:15 PM | CLC

Come learn basic moves to release & escape from choke holds and other grabs/holds. There will be demonstrations on how to break down, defend yourself and participate in class. Instructor is Marvin A. Schnickels, a devoted instructor with a 6th Degree Black Belt and Teaching Degree in Martial Arts with over 20 years teaching experience and over 34 years training in this style of Martial Arts. For more info, questions or to sign up, contact Marvin Schnickels at marvinas@q.com.

SPRING BREAK MINI-CAMPS ARE BACK FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-5

TUES, MARCH 12 | 9 AM - NOON **and/or**

THUR, MARCH 14 | 9 AM - NOON.

- On Tuesday *Build your Bible Brain...* one plastic brick at a time! You won't want to "le-go" of this opportunity!
- On Thursday *Doll Adventures!* Bring your favorite doll to camp with you! We'll hear historical stories about courage, determination, and grace. What can American girls learn from the gritty and graceful women of the Bible? Join us for crafts, stories, and doll adventures!

You can choose one camp or the other, or BOTH! We'll meet for Bible stories, crafts, gym games and FUN! Go to zionanoka.org click on Registration Events! Contact Ann at acampbell@zionanoka.org or Lee at Lneitge@zionanoka.org with questions.

Zion Pre-K news - Job Opening

PRE-K ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We are seeking an individual to assist the director of Zion Pre-K with general administrative duties. Duties to include receptionist, record-keeping, and administrative support tasks. This position is approximately 20 hours per week during the school year and up to 10 hours per week during the summer months. This position requires computer skills, 1-2 years of accounting/bookkeeping experience, and strong communication skills. Interested candidates may send their resume and cover letter to Denise Lewandowski at, dlewandowski@zionanoka.org. All interested parties please inquire by March 20, 2024.

REGISTER FOR ZION PRE-K!

We are taking registrations for the 2024-25 school year. All 3-5 year olds welcome. Use QR code for more info. Share with your friends and family!



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

MARCH 9/10
John 3:14-21

MARCH 16/17
John 12:20-33

MARCH 23/24
Palm Sunday
Mark 15:1-39

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

Holy One, creator of the stars and seas, your steadfast love is shown to every living thing; your word calls forth countless worlds and souls; your law revives and refreshes. Forgive our misuse of your gifts, that we may be transformed by your wisdom to manifest for others the mercy of our crucified and risen 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.

Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jewish people was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Judeans then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Judeans then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

A THANK YOU FROM PASTOR BRENT

Dear Zion Church Family,

Thank you for your cards, kind words, generous gift and wonderful luncheon and program on the occasion of my retirement. It has truly been a privilege and a joy to be your Lead Pastor for the past 8 1/2 years. As St. Paul wrote: "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God...for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ..."
Philippians 1:3-4

You have been such a blessing to me. I will miss you dearly. May God be with each one of you!

Gratefully in Christ, Pastor Brent

WELCOME

God is here for you, in the word and sacraments, in the love of this community.

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OFFICE HOURS

MON - THU: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
FRI: 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

