

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF MARCH 10 - 16, 2024



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

### ASSISTING:

5 PM Deb Oas Koepsell  
8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell  
9 AM Katie Weiland

### READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson  
8 AM Marcia Wilson  
9 AM Sandy Benson  
11 AM Sylvia Goldman

## today - 4th Sunday in Lent

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...**We rejoice with Harrison Charles Eppel as he receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for the family of Shirley Lemke who mourns her death.

**ADULT FORUM** - 2nd of a 3 part series of *The Inclusive Church* Disability Ministry  
TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### FAMILY PROMISE SUNDAY

TODAY | 10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

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

### HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | CHAPEL

### KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | THEATER

### NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offering this last weekend.

### CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

MARCH 17 | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM | CORNERSTONE

Zion high school youth will be serving cinnamon rolls to help raise money for their Mission Trip. A free will offering will be taken.

### 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 was 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.**

### PRAYER TEAM 1

TODAY | 11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### BAPTISM CLASS

TODAY | NOON | LIBRARY

**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 11

### Ruth Circle

10:15 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### "God Never Gives Up ..." Small Group

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Hannah Circle

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Open Pickleball

2:30 PM | CLC

### TOPS

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Social Justice Team Meeting

6:00 PM | LIBRARY

### Divorce Care Group

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Sons of Norway

6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### Scouts - Eagle Review

6:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM

### Self-Defense Class

8:15 PM | CLC

## TUESDAY, MARCH 12

### "God Never Gives Up ..." Small Group

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

### Open Pickleball

9 AM | CLC

### Spring Break Mini-Camp

9:00 AM | ART ROOM

### Altar Guild

9:30 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### Lydia Circle

9:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Deborah-Priscilla Circle

1:00 PM | LIBRARY

### Naomi Circle

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Super Sale Dept. Heads Meeting

4:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

### Feed My Starving Children

5:00 PM | OFFSITE

### N.E.T. Meeting

6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

### "God Never Gives Up ..." Small Group

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

### Toddler Open Gym

10:30 AM | CLC

### Lenten Service

12:00 & 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

### Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### 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 14

### Spring Break Mini-Camp

9:00 AM | ART ROOM

### The Gathering

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

### "God Never Gives Up ..." Small Group

1:00 PM | OFFSITE (ZOOM)

### Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15

### Lutheran Late Night

7:00 PM | CLC

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16

### Children's Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

### Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

### Traditional Worship Service

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Cinnamon Roll Sunday

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

### Adult Forum

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

# coming up

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - cont'd

**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 2**

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Common Ground**

12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

**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](mailto: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 BOTH! We'll meet for Bible stories, crafts, gym games and FUN! Go to [zionanoka.org](http://zionanoka.org) click on Registration Events! Questions? Contact Ann at [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org) or Lee at [lneitge@zionanoka.org](mailto:lneitge@zionanoka.org)

**SPRING PRESCHOOL BALLET**

TUESDAYS, MAR 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](mailto:Lneitge@zionanoka.org) for more info. *No class on March 12 (A-H Spring Break) or March 26 (Holy Week).*

**MEN OF ZION LADDER GOLF**

MON, MARCH 18 | 10:00 AM | CLC

Join the Men of Zion for Ladder Golf. Please bring your Ladder Golf Set(s) to the church at 9:45 AM for setup. Please bring Corn Hole Sets as a backup. We will have a free-will-offering lunch and recognition of game results. Bring a friend! Questions, please contact Doug Boxeth 763-222-3936 or Mike Kelly 651-233-3363.

**MOZ RETREAT (SAVE THE DATES)**

The 18th Annual Men's Retreat to Pasha Lake Cabins, Ontario Canada is scheduled for July 27th – August 3rd, 2024. Cost has yet to be determined. Please contact Brad Jacobson, at [Mozretreat@gmail.com](mailto:Mozretreat@gmail.com) or call 763-443-3902 and leave a message. Pasha has reserved one cabin (8 guys) for us until we can confirm we will need a second cabin. Please contact Brad soon so he can make arrangements with Pasha.

**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](http://www.zionanoka.org)  
(click "Worship Online")

or

[www.facebook.com/  
ZionLutheranChurch  
AnokaMn](https://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchAnokaMn)

(Available anytime)

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**CABLE TV**

Metro Cable Network  
Channel 6

SUNDAY | 10 AM & 5 PM

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**RADIO BROADCAST**

106.1 BOB FM

SUNDAYS | 9:10 AM

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**HEARING  
ASSISTANCE**

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

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**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.

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**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.

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**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Go to:

<https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday>  
or Scan this QR code



# growing in faith together

## UPCOMING GOSPEL READINGS

MARCH 16/17  
John 12:20-33

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

MARCH 30/31  
Easter  
John 20:1-18

## 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

Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy even when we rebel against your holy call and prefer to walk in disobedience rather than in the way of your divine truth. Soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, that we may know your Son alive within us, redeeming us and raising us up into your eternal presence. 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: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

## Gospel: John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son-of-Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world in this way, that God gave the Son, the only begotten one, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

## 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](mailto:dlewandowski@zionanoka.org). All interested parties please inquire by March 20, 2024.

## 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

