

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24-30, 2024



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

### ASSISTING:

SAT Deb Oas Koepsell

SUN Pr Connie Tiede

### READERS:

5 PM Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM David Nelson

11 AM Sylvia Goldman

## today - Christ the King Sunday

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...**We rejoice with Claire Anderson and Grace Anderson as they receive their First Communion. We celebrate with Madeline Kinn & Roland Oyou who were married on Saturday. We pray for the family of George Morsch (son-in-law of Roger Foss) who mourns his death.

**ALTAR FLOWERS...**Given in celebration of Joe & Diane Hebert's 68th wedding anniversary.

**BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**  
TODAY | ALL SERVICES

**CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY**  
TODAY | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM | CORNERSTONE

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

**ADULT FORUM - Zion Addiction Awareness Ministry - ZAAM**  
TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come learn more about how addiction affects all of us from someone who has experienced it, along with an opportunity to ask questions and share.

**HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
TODAY | 10:00 AM | CHAPEL

**PRAYER TEAM 2**  
TODAY | 11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
TODAY | 10:00 AM | THEATER

**CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED**  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOV 28 & 29 FOR THE THANKSGIVING 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.

**For safety reasons we kindly ask that parents and guardians attend to their children at all times in our church building.**

**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  
*Lead Pastor*

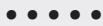
Pastor Sue Wallager  
*Pastor for Spiritual Care*

Pastor Mike Pancoast  
*Pastor for Adult Education*

Ken Johnson  
*Visitation Minister*

Michael Busbey  
*ELCA Missionary in Central America*

Steve & Kim Blewett  
*Missionaries in Papua, New Guinea*



**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, NOV 25

**"My Neighbor is Muslim"-  
Small Group Study**

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

1:00-6:00 PM | CLC

**Zion Pages Book Group**

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

TUESDAY, NOV 26

**"My Neighbor is Muslim" -  
Small Group Study**

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

**Open Pickleball**

9:00 AM | CLC

**WOZ Ministry Team Meeting**

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Grief & Loss Support Group**

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

**Zion Addiction Awareness**

**Ministry Mtg - ZAAM**

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, NOV 27

**"My Neighbor is Muslim" -  
Small Group Study**

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service**

6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, NOV 28

**Church Building Closed**

*Thanksgiving Day Holiday*

FRIDAY, NOV 29

**Church Building Closed**

SATURDAY, NOV 30

**Traditional Worship Service**

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DEC 1

**Traditional Worship Service**

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, DEC 1 - Cont'd

**Blended Worship Service**

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

**Worship at Farmstead**

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

LEFSE FUNDRAISER

Help support our youth summer ministries by purchasing our holiday lefse! \$10 per package, limit 4 packages per person. Order online through realm and **pick-up from 8am-noon Sunday December 8** at the welcome desk. All online orders will come with a complimentary "I love Lefse" button. Limited supply of lefse for purchase in-person, only guaranteed lefse is that purchased online.

MEMORIAL FUNDS DESIGNATION

Following the loss of a loved one, Zion members frequently name Zion Lutheran Church to be a recipient of Memorial gifts in memory of their loved one. We are sometimes asked about the ministry areas families may designate or " earmark " their memorial gifts. Here is the current list of established Memorial Funds:

- Children and Youth Ministry Memorial Fund
- Music and Worship Ministry Memorial Fund
- Radio Broadcast Ministry Fund
- Camp Scholarship Fund
- Hospitality Ministry Fund
- Undesignated Memorial Fund
- Technology & Building Renewal Fund
- General Mission Fund
- Mortgage Reduction Fund

If you have questions about Memorial Funds please feel free to call the church office and talk to Tracy Kinn, Director of Finance or Pastor Connie. Memorial checks may be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and the memo line of the check should indicate the Memorial Fund for which the donation(s) are intended.

# coming up

## ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUN, NOV 24 | 6 PM | ANOKA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1923 3RD AVE S, ANOKA  
The Anoka Area Ministerial Association, which Zion is a part of, is sponsoring an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. There will also be an ecumenical choir. Contact Pr Connie if you would like to participate in the choir. Pie will be served afterward!

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

TUES, NOV 26 | 6:30-7:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

All are welcome to attend a grief support group. Contact Pastor Sue with questions at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MON, NOV 25 | 1-6 PM | CLC

Zion is hosting a blood drive. To sign up, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: Zion.

## ZION PAGES BOOK GROUP

NOV 25 | 6:30 PM | LIBRARY

We will be discussing "A Walk in the Park: The True Story of a Spectacular Misadventure in the Grand Canyon" by Kevin Fedarko. All are welcome.

## THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE AND ACBC GIVING

WED, NOV 27 | 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Come you thankful people come and let us raise the song of harvest home! We will sing all our favorite thanksgiving songs and share in a message of thanksgiving. Following worship you are invited to the Fellowship Hall for pumpkin & apple pie!

## MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY

We are currently collecting donations of men's adult-size crew socks. They can be dropped in the Matthew Bag donation bin at the Welcome Desk. Thank you.

## ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND NOV 30/DEC 1

This year's Advent preaching series is "Love Begotten". The Christmas hymn "Of the Father's Love Begotten" is a rich and beautiful text that highlights the eternal nature of Christ's divinity and the mystery of his incarnation. During Advent, we will highlight a verse from this hymn in our reading, our prayers, preaching, and in the Advent wreath prayers, especially as the candles represent the light of Christ coming into the world.

## EXPERIENCE "A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM!"

SUN, DEC 8 | 10-11 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

This popular congregational event is back. Visit the village where Jesus was born, pet real nativity animals as you arrive, get counted for the census, "help out" village craftspeople, sample the foods of David's city, meet the shepherds and sing with angels, stop for a family photo, and best, find the stable and visit Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus! If you'd like to help, contact Ann Campbell at [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org).

## FREE JOYA CONCERT - DECEMBER 8

SUN, DEC 8 | 3 PM | SANCTUARY

Mark your calendars for a free Joya concert. Pianist Mary Jo Gothmann will be joined by Minnesota Orchestra musicians James Garlick, Ken Freed, and Silver Ainomäe. The program will feature quartets of Mozart and Fauré. Invite your friends... it's FREE!

## THOUGHTS ON THANKSGIVING

We have so much to be thankful for, one day a year seems so inadequate.

## LIVESTREAM

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

## 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

NOV 30/DEC 1  
Colossians 1:15-20

DECEMBER 7/8  
Luke 1:26-38

DECEMBER 14/15  
Micah 5:2-5a

### **Lesson:** Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before God's throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the rulers of the earth. To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a dominion, priests serving his God and Father, to Jesus Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### **Gospel:** John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not Jewish, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Judeans. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

## 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

Most High God, majestic and almighty, our beginning and our end: rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions, worshiping the one who comes as Savior and Sovereign, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. 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).

## POINSETTIA GARDEN

Help decorate Zion's Sanctuary by donating to the poinsettia garden in memory or in honor of someone special. Memorials are \$20 each. The order form is included in the December Herald or pick up an envelope at the front desk to submit your request and **return it no later than Sunday, Dec 15**. We will print the complete list in the Christmas Eve worship folder.

## CARING TREE

The need is still so great in our community and we hope you can help! Zion's Caring Tree supports 5 local agencies: Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center, Stepping Stone Emergency Housing, Alexandra House, Family Promise and Bridgeview Drop-in Center at Lee Carlson Center. We are collecting gift cards (Walmart, Target and Cub) to distribute to these 5 agencies. Gift cards can be dropped off at Zion during our business hours. In order to get the gift cards to the agencies in time for Christmas use by families, we ask that you **bring the gift cards in by December 11**.

## 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

