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THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22-28, 2026

ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:
Pastor Sue Wallager

PRESIDING:
8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast
9 AM Pr Connie Tiede
11 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

READERS:
5 PM Judy Bendiske
8 AM Marlene Gray
9 AM Bill Travis
11 AM Jim Bauer

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Sadie Marie Wilson who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice with Adeline Susan Pehl, Olaf Mikkel Birch, Violet Rose Wojciechowski as they receive their First Communion. We pray for the families of Lois Newell, Bob Wollenburg Jr. and Jim Tiede, father-in-law of Pr Connie and father of Pr Mark Tiede, who mourn their deaths.

ALTAR FLOWERS...In celebration of Joe & Diane Hebert's 70th Wedding Anniversary. Given in memory of Ron Olsbo's 90th birthday.

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

QUILT RAFFLE! - Tickets $5 each
TODAY | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM | WELCOME DESK
Drawing will be held this week. Thank you for supporting Zion's quilters.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS
TODAY | ALL SERVICES | SANCTUARY
All year long, Zion's talented and dedicated quilters work hard to create quilts that bring warmth, comfort, and love to our neighbors both locally and around the world.

ADULT FORUM - PARTNERSHIP WITH FAMILY PROMISE
TODAY | 10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
Liaison Pat Stearns will talk about Zion's commitment to host at their new multi-family facility (in December). Note: No Adult Forum next Sunday Nov 29.

HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL
TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL
TODAY | 10 AM | THEATER

PRAYER TEAM 3
TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

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

Steve & Kim Blewett
Missionaries in Papua, New Guinea

Rev. Soliette Lopez Ortega
Y.A.G.M. - Mexico

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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, NOVEMBER 23

Recovery Cafe
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
Red Cross Blood Drive
1:00–6:00 PM | CLC
Small Group Study - Amazing Grace
1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM
Zion Pages Book Group
6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Open Pickleball
9:00 AM | CLC
Small Group Study - Amazing Grace
9:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
Vets Appreciation Gathering
9:30 AM | CORNERSTONE
Grief Share Group
11:00 AM | LIBRARY
ZAAM Meeting
6:30 PM | LIBRARY
Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Recovery Cafe
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
Small Group Study - Amazing Grace
10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM
6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM
Ukulele Ensemble Rehearsal
5:30 AM | THEATER
Thanksgiving Eve Service
6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Building Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Building Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Traditional Worship Service
5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Traditional Worship Service
8:00 AM | SANCTUARY
9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM
Blended Worship Service
11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

GENEROSITY IN MOTION: THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

Each Thanksgiving Eve, Zion shares God's abundance through our annual ingathering of food, personal care items, monetary donations, and volunteer time to support ACBC Food Shelf. Over the past six years, Zion members have donated an average of $7,144 annually, along with 1,203 pounds of food and personal care items. In 2025, our monetary gifts reached a record $8,652! Founded in 1971 by four women who wanted to help their neighbors, ACBC has grown into a vital community resource. Since 2021, visits to the food shelf have increased by 191%, making our support more important than ever. Thank you to everyone who gives, volunteers to pack food boxes, and helps wherever needed. Together, we put generosity in motion and share God's love with our neighbors!

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED THUR & FRI, NOV 26/27 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please call Zion's main number, 763-421-4656 and the messaging service will reach the pastor on call.

BAGS USED IN THE LUMINARIES FOR LOVED ONES

If you would like to keep your decorated bag(s) for next year, please pick them up at the Welcome Desk.

MISS A SERMON?

Zion's sermons are available each week in audio form. Find us on Spotify - search Zion Lutheran Church - Anoka MN.

up coming in December

CARING TREE

You can help make Christmas brighter for families in need! Zion's Caring Tree support five local agencies: Alexandra House, Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center, Stepping Stone Emergency Housing, Family Promise, and Bridgeview Drop-in Center at Lee Carlson Center. We are collecting gift cards from Walmart, Target, Holiday, Kwik Trip, Aldi, and Cub to share with these agencies and the individuals and families they serve this Christmas. Gift cards may be dropped off at Zion during regular business hours. **Please bring your gift cards by Wed, Dec 9** so they can be delivered in time for Christmas. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ and bringing hope to our neighbors this holiday season!

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 will be 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, December 13**. We will print the complete list in the Christmas Eve & Christmas Day worship bulletin.

CHORAL CONCERT

Tues, Dec 1 | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary

The Lake Country & North Star Choruses Present "Christmas . . . A Miracle". Order tickets on Zeffy. Use discount code NSC2026 at checkout to get 25% off the regular $20 general admission tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door on day of the concert.

TWIN CITIES TRUMPET ENSEMBLE - FREE CONCERT

Thu, Dec 3 | 7 pm | Sanctuary

Come and hear this ensemble with guest organist Mary Jo Gothmann as it takes you on a "Merry Little Sleigh Ride". A free-will offering will be taken.

"A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM"

Sun, Dec 6 | 10-11 am | Various Rooms

Visit the village where Jesus was born...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 of all, find the stable and visit Mary, Joseph & baby Jesus! **If you would like to help &/or volunteer to set up there is a sign up sheet by the Welcome Desk. Questions?** Contact Lee at Lneitge@zionanoka.org or Tim at tstammeyerl@zionanoka.org.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & BREAKFAST HOSTED BY THE WOMEN OF ZION

Sat, Dec 12 | 10 am | Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

Breakfast to include egg bake, muffins, fruit, coffee & juice. Music provided by Mary Jo Gothmann. Tickets are $15 and available at the front desk. All are welcome!

"JOSEPH LOVED MARY" - "LOVING WITH COURAGE"

Potluck lunch: Sun, Dec 13 | Noon | Fellowship Hall

Show: Sun, Dec 13 | 1 pm | Sanctuary

The Social Justice Team is promoting Zion's own Nathaniel Norton's One-Man Show. Tickets are Free - Donations of children's winter hats and mittens will be accepted for our partner schools and ACBC. **Sign up for the potluck at the front desk.**

Worship Services

Advent Theme: Building God's House

What makes a house a home? A house becomes a home because of what happens there. It is a place where people gather, where stories are shared, where we find welcome, and where we know we belong. This Advent and Christmas, Zion is exploring what it means to build God's house. We long for God to show up. We prepare the way. We discover what makes a house a home. And we learn that, in the end, God is the builder. What kind of house is God building?

Nov 28/19 Advent 1 - When Are You Coming Home?

Dec 5/6 Advent 2 - What Are You Building On?

Dec 12/13 Advent 3 - Setting Up House.

Dec 20/21 Advent 4 - Make Us A House For God.

Choral Worship w/Choir, Brass & Handbells 5 pm & 9 am

Traditional Worship 8 am

"Jingle" W/Worship Team 11 am

Blue Christmas

A worship service of recovery, healing, and hope

Monday Dec. 21 | 6:30 pm | Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24 with communion

12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm

All will be candlelight services and livestreamed

Family Lounge available at all services

Cable TV (Channel 6): 5:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Radio Broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1): 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25 with communion

10:00 am

coming up

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Mon, Nov 23 | 1–6 pm | CLC

Zion is hosting a blood drive. To sign up, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter sponsor code: Zion

ZION PAGES BOOK GROUP

Mon, Nov 23 | 6:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

You are welcome to a discussion of *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller.

THANK YOU, VETERANS!

Tue, Nov 24 | 0930-1130 | Cornerstone

Vets of all ages, spouses and friends are invited to gather with Zion pastors. Coffee and treats will be served! Bring your stories and memories to share. Memorabilia is welcome. Note: there will not be a Vets gathering in December.

UKULELE ENSEMBLE

Wed, Nov 25 | rehearsal 5:30 pm | play during 6:30 pm worship

Calling all ukulele enthusiasts! Learn a thankful song and a few ukulele chords to go with it! We'll sing and play during worship on Thanksgiving Eve. **One rehearsal at 5:30 p.m. in the Theater**. Open to EVERYONE ages 4 and up! Ukuleles are provided or you can bring your own. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

One of Zion's partnership schools, Lincoln Elementary School for the Arts in Anoka, is in need of volunteers to help students with Math &/or Reading. For more info and to sign up go to https://www.zionanoka.org/lincoln-school-volunteers/.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wed, Nov 25 | 6:30 | Sanctuary

Join us for our Thanksgiving Eve service. As part of our worship, we will collect food donations for ACBC Food Shelf and welcome monetary gifts to help support their important work of feeding our neighbors. Please bring nonperishable food items and/or a financial contribution as you are able. You can find **paper bags with suggested needed items and envelopes for your monetary contribution at the Welcome Desk.** Stay after worship for a slice of pie and fellowship!

"OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE"

Zion's Social Justice Team invites & encourages you to join them in celebrating the gift of global diversity on the 2nd & 3rd Thursdays! Here are the restaurants and locations for this month:

- Dec 10 | 12 pm: King Baguette (Vietnamese)
  7912 Sunwood Dr. NW, Ramsey
- Dec 17 | 6 pm: Arepas on the Go (Venezuelan*)
  9801 Xenia Ave., Brookly Park
  An Arepa is a Venezuelan taco sandwich.

Come enjoy GREAT food and good company. Plan on wearing yor name tag.

RECOVERY CAFE ANOKA COUNTY

Recovery Cafe is a healing community for people impacted by addiction, homelessness, and mental health challenges. It is a place of hope, connection, and belonging where people are reminded they are loved and have gifts to share. The Cafe meets in the Zion Youth Room **Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30 am-4:00 pm**. It has continued to grow since coming to Zion over two years ago! You can help by providing a whole meal or part of a meal for Café participants. Sign-up sheets are available at the Cafe and now at the Zion Reception Desk. Stop by to pick up an information sheet with more details. Thank you for sharing God's love through this ministry!

LIVESTREAM

Sunday 9 & 11 am

www.zionanoka.org
(click "Worship Online")
or
www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchAnokaMn
(Available anytime)

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CABLE TV

Metro Cable Network
Channel 6
Sunday | 5 pm

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RADIO BROADCAST

106.1 BOB FM
Sundays | 9 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 READINGS

November 28/29
1st Sunday of Advent
Mark 13:24-37

December 5/6
2nd Sunday of Advent
Mark 1:1-8

December 5/6
3rd Sunday of Advent
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

prayer corner

O God, in Jesus Christ we celebrate your power at work. You raised him from the dead to rule with you forevermore. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may see the hope to which Christ calls us, a realm of eternal peace. 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be ruler among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said:] "When the Son-of-Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. "Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the dominion prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the devil's angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

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Fri: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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