life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 5, 2026

ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:
Pastor Connie Tiede

PRESIDING:
8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast
9 AM Pr Sue Wallager
11 AM Pr Sue Wallager

READERS:
5 PM Kathy Johnson
8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell
9 AM Caroline Baker
11 AM Carol Loyd

today - 1st Sunday of Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Harley Rose LeBrun who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice with Torbjorn Robert Johnson as he receives his First Communion.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in Memory of Art Goebel on his 100th birthday and recognition of Art & Maggie's 72nd wedding anniversary.

CELEBRATING SUZANNE GABOURY!

Today we celebrate Suzanne's retirement with cake and coffee after every worship service. Please join us in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for Suzanne's faith, dedication, and many years of service to Zion as our Director of Operations. We wish her God's blessings as she begins this new chapter!

NO ADULT FORUM TODAY
NO HOLY SHENANIGANS OR KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

CARING TREE

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. Drop off gift cards at Zion's front desk. **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.

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 30

Recovery Cafe
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
Small Group Study - Amazing Grace
1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM
Open Pickleball
2:00 PM | CLC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Open Pickleball
9:00 AM | CLC
Small Group Study - Amazing Grace
9:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
Toddler Tuesday
9:00 AM | FAMILY LOUNGE
Grief Share Group
11:00 AM | LIBRARY
Creation Care Team Mtg
5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM
Choral Concert
7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Recovery Cafe
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
Small Group Study - Amazing Grace
10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM
6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM
Knit One, Purl Two
1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM
Worship at Homestead
1:30 PM | OFFSITE
Pizza Dinner
5:00 PM | CORNERSTONE
Whirl - Games
5:30 PM | CLC
Whirl - Kids Choir
5:55 PM | THEATER
Confirmation
6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS
Ringmasters
6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM
Worship Team
6:00 PM | SANCTUARY
Whirl - Lesson
6:25 PM | CLASSROOM 5

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 - CONT'D

Adult Choir
7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

The Gathering
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
Caregivers Support Group
10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM
Sons of Norway Book Club
10:00 AM | LIBRARY
Worship at Homestead
10:30 AM | OFFSITE
ACBC Volunteer Packing
2:00 PM | OFFSITE
Open Pickleball
2:00 PM | CLC
Social Justice Team Meeting
6:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM
Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble Concert
7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Traditional Worship Service
5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Traditional Worship Service
8:00 AM | SANCTUARY
9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM
"A Night in Bethlehem"
10:00 AM | VARIOUS ROOMS
Blended Worship Service
11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM
Prayer Team 4
11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM
Youth Group
12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM
Worship at Farmstead
1:30 PM | OFFSITE

BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS & DONORS!

Thank you to all who helped with the Blood Drive and to those who donated blood last week! Our next Blood Drive is March 29, 2027.

coming up

NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering buckets will be out next weekend, December 5/6. All proceeds go to our Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting our children and youth.

CHORAL CONCERT

Tues, Dec 1 | 7:00 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.

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/.

"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.*

Enjoy Great food and good company. Plan on wearing your name tag.

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.**

QUILT RAFFLE UPDATE

Thank you to all who purchase a raffle ticket, $830 was raised to support our Zion Quilters. Winner of the large quilt is Katie & J.D. Davis and the winner of the small quilt is Donna Feil.

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

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

December 12/13
3rd Sunday of Advent
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

December 19/20
4th Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:26-38

prayer corner

Creator of the world, You are the potter, we are the clay, and you form us in your image. Shape our spirits by Christ's transforming power, that as one people we may live out your compassion and justice, whole and sound in the realm of your 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: Isaiah 65:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for you. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are as a father to us; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son-of-Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then the Son-of-Man will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like someone going on a journey, who leaving home and putting the slaves in charge of their own work, commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the lord of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else, coming suddenly, the lord may find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

MATTHEW BAG

We are blessed to receive the gift of 1,000 Bombas socks, which should serve our need of socks for most of the year. We are now in need of water (16 oz bottles) and granola bars (any kind). Monetary donations also accepted. Thank you for your continued support.

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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