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NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

OCTOBER 2024



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-Person Worship

5 pm (Sat)
8, 9 & 11 am (Sun)

Livestream Worship

9 & 11 am (Sun)

Cable TV

10 am & 5 pm (Sun)

Radio Broadcast

106.1 (BOB-FM)
9:10 am (Sun)

Gospel Readings

October 5-6
Mark 10:2-16

October 12-13
Mark 10:17-31

October 19-20
Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11-14

October 26-27
John 8:31-36

Stewardship Breakfast

PLEASE JOIN US

Zion's Stewardship
Breakfast
Sunday, October 6
10 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



MENU

Egg bakes, fruit, muffins
coffee and orange juice
Breakfast is free
No reservations
are needed

All Saints Weekend and Luminaries for Loved Ones

All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 3 and it is the day we acknowledge that in the past year, someone we loved and cherished was commended into the arms of our Savior's mercy for the blessed rest of everlasting peace. As in the past, we will name the Zion members who have died this past year as well as give you time in worship to write a name on a card of the saint you would like to remember. In the evening, we will have our Luminaries for Loved Ones event in the Christian Life Center (our gym) from 5-6:30 p.m. You will have the opportunity to walk a path through the luminaries and will be given prayer helpers if you would like them. You are invited to pick up a white paper bag from church starting October 13, decorate it any way you would like, or just write the name of your loved one on the bag. It's always good to write the name using darker colors so it can be read in the dimly lit room. We will collect the completed bags through noon on November 3, when we will have a group fill each bag with a tea light and make the path in our CLC.

Congratulations to Zion's Confirmands



Top Row: (left to right) Axel Santers, Jacob Fancher, Jack Rykkeli, Luke Ketchum, Hayden Darr, Christopher Severance, Anthony Robinson
Middle Row: Maeve Stack, Devin Krafty, William Miller, William Schmidt, David Downs, Simon Anderson, Emma Quarberg
Bottom Row: Rachel Moore, Brynn Danielson, Teagan Gerlach, Ainsley Pendergrass, Athena Yzaguirre, Addison Snyder-Nohre, Faith Beckius

a message from your pastors



What a privilege for me to be called Zion's new Lead Pastor. Thank you for your love and support. We have had our ups and downs, but I do love this community. This fall begins my 22nd year with Zion and the excitement of new programming never fades away. Fall is also the time of year we think about stewardship and this year we are bringing you a new capital campaign. Our theme is "Building Strong Connections. Reaching Further. Together." Reminding us that the connections we build are ones right in our neighborhood and throughout our global community. This campaign is raising money for technology and building improvements that are needed to continue to build the connections within Zion as well as those who are unable to come to us. We want to be able to reach farther into our neighborhood and people's homes with the Gospel and we certainly can do that together. The people of Zion have always been generous and gracious. Fall also brings two of our Church's great festivals, Reformation and All Saint's Day. I don't think it's a coincidence that our Stewardship Gratitude Weekend, where we do our pledge card ingathering, falls on the same weekend as Reformation. Reformation is rooted in the past and growing into the future, and the church must always be reformed to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. That is our goal, to be the church that is radical love, revolutionary faith, and always reforming to meet the needs of the community. And we do meet those needs in many ways, but one is being present for those who have lost loved ones. On All Saint's Sunday, we remember those people in our lives that we miss dearly and who have touched us deeply. We name them and we pray and give thanks to God for these saints. Thank you for all the ways you reach out together to help build connections.

Pastor Connie

Let This Be Our Prayer

By Colleen Nelson

I am a fan of Andrea Bocelli's music for more than one reason. It brings a smile to my face when I remember my young nephew mouthing the words like a ham when my sister played the CD. Also, I find it relaxing to listen to Bocelli's operatic voice while driving in traffic, so much so, that if I am cut off by a driver, I just let it go. *The Prayer*, a song that he recorded with Celine Dion in the late 90s is a favorite of mine. This particular recording served as a conduit from God to my heart on a difficult night in my life. My family member was seriously ill and I was at my wit's end, convinced that God was not listening to my fervent prayers. At the close of visiting hours, I was driving home from the hospital and this song played at an opportune time, interrupting my swirling thoughts of despair. As I listened to the lyrics, I believe God was reassuring me that I had been heard and that my family member was in safe hands.

Verse 1:

*I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go
And help us to be wise in times when we don't know
Let this be our prayer, when we lose our way
Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe. -AZlyrics.com*

I am reminded that being 'wise in times when we don't know' does not mean that God will provide all the answers at our bidding. The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, encourages us to think of Spiritual wisdom as placing trust in our Lord who provides hope in all situations. Ephesians 1:17-18a reads "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you." I am thankful for the hope that God provides in all situations, simply for the asking.

stewardship

Stewardship Devotional

A daily devotional for the duration of our stewardship campaign is available at the front desk in the lower commons. The devotions were written by Zion members and staff. The daily devotions highlight many of the ministries and programs at Zion that provide a place for us to build strong connections and reach further in our Church, community, and world. The daily devotionals will also be emailed out each day. If you would like a paper copy of the devotional, please pick one up at the front desk.

Stewardship Mailing - "Building Strong Connections. Reaching Further. Together."

Every Zion household should receive a stewardship mailing during the first week of October. We invite you to complete your stewardship intention sheet for 2025 and return it by mailing it in, dropping it off at church, or placing it in the offering plate on the weekend of October 26 and 27. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.



welcome

Welcome, Callie!

Zion welcomes Callie Pendergrass as the new Kids Choir director. Callie, a recent graduate with a degree in Elementary Education, grew up in Zion's music programs from the children's choir to the Worship Team and is now excited to bring her love for teaching to this new role. Her goal is to guide and nurture young hearts through their faith journey using the joy of music, just as it has been a guiding light in her own life. Welcome, Callie!



New Kids Choir Begins in October

We are thrilled to offer a Kids Choir for grades K-5 under the direction of Callie Pendergrass. The choir will meet Wednesdays beginning October 2 from 5:30-6 p.m. in the Theater. All kids in grades K-5 are welcome to come and sing with joy!

Lake Wobegon Brass Band Concert - October 5

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 7:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Zion Lutheran Church welcomes the Lake Wobegon Brass Band for a delightful concert on Saturday, October 5. Celebrating its 33rd season, the LWBB is a British-style brass band founded and based in Anoka. Tickets are available at the front desk. Adults - \$10, students - Free. Make checks payable to Lake Wobegon Brass Band.

welcome and worship

Men of Zion Event - October 14

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 10 A.M. | GEORGE GREEN PARK

All Men of Zion are welcome to attend our next event of Bocce Ball. We will play at George Green Park in Anoka on Monday, October 14 at 10 a.m. In case of rain, we will meet at Zion. Following the event, we will have lunch at Greenhaven Golf Course in Anoka.

Cinnamon Roll Sunday - October 27

On Sunday, October 27, we will be having fresh baked cinnamon rolls during coffee hour as a fundraiser for our Mission Trip to the Boundary Waters this summer.

New Member Class - October 27

A New Member Orientation will be led by Pastor Connie on Sunday, October 27 from 10-10:50 a.m. in the Legacy Room (located on the lower level next to the Fellowship Hall.) To sign up for the class, please email Pastor Connie at ctiede@zionanoka.org or call the church office, at 763-421-4656.

Zion Pages Book Group

OCTOBER 28 | 6:30 PM | LIBRARY

We will be discussing *The Frozen River: A Novel* by Ariel Lawhon. Zion Pages meets the 4th Monday of the month during the program year. All are welcome.

"Trunk Or Treat" - October 30 (indoors)

Trunk or Treat is Wednesday, October 30, 5:30-7 p.m. at Zion! This event is one of the many ways Zion connects with the greater Anoka community. You can participate by attending the event with your friends and family, hosting a decorated table and passing out candy to attendees (sign up at the Welcome Center) or by placing your candy donations during the month of October inside the scary monster display in the lower commons. Contact Lee LNeitge@zionanoka.org with questions.

Noisy Offering for Camp Ministries

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offering in September! We gathered \$288 which will go toward our camp ministries. The next weekend our Noisy Offering buckets will be out is October 5 & 6. We will also have a bucket at the Welcome desk if you would like to drop off your Noisy Offering during our normal office hours.



Worship in person Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

Livestream on Sundays at 9 & 11 a.m.

Cable TV Channel 6 Broadcast Sundays at 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Radio Broadcast BOB-FM 106.1 Sundays at 9:10 a.m.

Sunday Adult Faith Forums

Grab a cup of coffee and join us Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

- October 6: **Stewardship Breakfast** - No forum.
- October 13: **Discovering Your Calling for a Purposeful Retirement**: Thinking of retiring? Already retired? This session will include a tool to identify your gifts/callings that can continue to do good in the world around you. God has given us each our own unique set of gifts in order that we participate in the world in a way that is rich and fulfilling, not just for us, but for the common good. Fredrick Buechner says, "God calls us to the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." The session will also include health benefits of purposeful living, and additional resources to pursue after the session. Maximum of 30 participants—please sign up at the Welcome Desk.
- October 20: **To Move or Not to Move and Other Crucial Questions**: Should we stay in our current home or should we move? This question is one people often wonder about when nearing retirement age. Many assume they have to move out of the family home because that's just what people do. In this Forum, our presenter, Lisa Graham, (MA, LSW, from Pathfinder Care Management in Minneapolis), will talk about four key areas to explore before making a move: Financial/Legal, Values, Preferences, and Healthcare. She will guide us through questions to consider which will reveal when moving is a wise decision, types of professionals who can assist people with the decision, and kinds of residential options that exist in our area. This Forum will be helpful for anyone age 50 and older currently contemplating whether to move or adult children whose parents are doing so, or anyone doing long-term planning.
- October 27: **A Marty Party!**: Join us for a Marty Party! Come meet Martin Luther and find out why he is so important to Christians! Activities include: GAMES (A Diet of Worms, and Pin the Theses on the Door); CRAFTS (Luther Roses, tattoos, coloring, Martin Luther punch outs); A TODDLER "Here I Stand" OBSTACLE COURSE. Fun for all ages!

Small Group Ministry "The Chosen" Continues

Schedule for October:

- The week of October 6: Episode 5 - "The Wedding Gift"
- The week of October 13: Episode 6 - "Indescribable Compassion"
- The week of October 20: Episode 7 - "Invitations"
- The week of October 27: Episode 8 - "I Am He"

A Bible Study on Disability - A Social Concern for All of Us

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Thursdays in October, we will study disability and otherness in the Bible and how we might be able to advocate with persons with disabilities as valued and full participants in our society and, more importantly, in the Body of Christ. Led by Linda J. Peterson, M.A.T., former contract staff for the Committee on Disability of the NCCC, USA. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Schedule:

- October 3 | 10 a.m. - Jacob-Does God see me as less than? Moses & Aaron -Ableism
- October 10 | 10 a.m. - David & Mephibosheth-Inclusion
- October 17 | 10 a.m. - The Man Born Blind-(mis)Perception
- October 24 | 10 a.m. - The Boy Possessed by Spirits-why are we afraid of mental illness?

news from children, youth and family ministry

Feed My Starving Children

On Tuesday, October 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. confirmation students and families are invited to join Katie for this community service event at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids. Register in the confirmation google folder or email kweiland@zionanoka.org.

Prayers for 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation Retreat

This year we are thrilled to be taking our 6-7th grade confirmation students to Camp Wapo for a weekend retreat October 11-13! Please keep the students and adult volunteers in your prayers as we build our faith together.

Common Ground Youth Group

Our High School ministry is back! Join us Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. in the Youth Room. Each week we check in using "Junk, Joy, Jesus" and then play games and share a snack. Hope you can make it – friends welcome.

Bible Presentation for 2nd Graders (Plus)

Second graders and new 3rd-5th graders will receive Bibles on Sunday, October 13 during the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services. For a brief introduction and instructions, children and parents should attend "class" on October 6 at 10:15 a.m. in the Theater. A class will also be offered on Wednesday, October 9 at 5 p.m. in Room 4, with a presentation immediately following. Children will be receiving a Contemporary English Version (CEV) Bible, children's edition. This is a full Bible with the entire Old and New Testaments, maps, illustrations and general information. Bible presentations are part of our new "Walking Wet" ministry, connecting kids to the promises they received in their baptism, including receiving a Bible of their own. Questions? Contact Ann at 763-506-8119 or acampbell@zionanoka.org.

It's a Marty Party!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 10-10:50 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

You know all those strange words you hear in church, like: Lutheran? Reformation? Diet of Worms? Come and find out what they mean at this year's MARTY PARTY! We'll have games, crafts, snacks, prizes and surprises! And you can meet Martin Luther! This is offered in lieu of Sunday School so that families and kids can attend, but all ages are welcome.



First Communion Class Registration

Instituted by Jesus, Holy Communion is one of two Sacraments in the Lutheran Church. Through Holy Communion, we receive God's gift of forgiveness. Preparation classes are provided in advance and vary by age. For children in grades K-5, First Communion instruction will be offered on Sunday, November 10 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Theater. We practice open communion here at Zion, so parents, if you feel your children are ready, please sign up. Please register all children and at least one accompanying adult. Children will receive their First Communion at the service of your choice. You can register at www.zionanoka.org under Registration Events. If you're unable to attend, our next grade K-5 classes will be in March, including a Sunday or Wednesday option for grades K-5 and a Sunday class for preschoolers and their parents. Contact Ann acampbell@zionanoka.org for more information.

care for our world and each other

From the Creation Care Team

In the fall, gardeners typically prepare their outdoor landscapes for rest, readying it for another glorious growing season the following year. Here are some Creation-friendly tips that support insects/pollinators, wildlife, trees and turf lawns during the winter months. Many gardeners tidy up their perennial garden beds by cutting them back. This year, keep stems standing for insects that lay their eggs inside. It's important to leave them standing in the spring until temperatures are consistently warmer to allow the hatched insects to emerge.

With food scarce in the winter, native wildlife and seed-eating birds such as finches, chickadees and juncos benefit when you keep any native seed-bearing heads upright (coneflowers, sedum, etc.). Leaving dried stalks and leaves as-is also provides some interesting winter visual interest. Ornamental grasses, especially, add color, movement and texture. Of course, remove and discard any diseased parts of the plants. Learn more about prepping your perennials for winter at:

<https://northerngardener.org/leaving-perennials-standing-pros-and-cons/> and
<https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2018/10/putting-garden-bed>

If you have a traditional turf lawn with trees, mulch fallen leaves with your mower (as long as they're not too thick). The chipped-up leaves return nitrogen to the soil, helping to fertilize your lawn, and you get to cut back on harmful synthetic fertilizers. They also will benefit your other garden beds, and are especially advantageous to trees, as the decomposing organic matter protects tree roots in winter. Plus, as noted in the Leaf Limb website listed below, "Leaves are free, readily available, and provide an excellent source of rotting stuff that feeds the living biology within the soil." How great is that! The following websites offer very useful information for your turf lawns and trees: <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2022/10/17/fall-leave-leaves>
<https://www.leaflimb.com/why-leave-the-leaves/#:~:text=Leaf%20mulch%20is%20part%20of,the%20foundation%20of%20healthy%20soil>

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is a time to recognize victims and raise awareness about the impact of domestic violence on families and the community as a whole.

"Domestic violence is prevalent in every community and affects all people regardless of age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance or control."
The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

The Rachel Circle Ministry of Zion has domestic violence awareness as its mission. We strive continually to educate ourselves and the congregation as well as connect with sources of support in the wider community. We want Zion to become one of the safe places for those affected by domestic violence—to learn how to best support someone in need and where to refer them for specialist services.

Mark your calendar for October 20 when there will be a special focus on this topic in worship. You are invited to wear something **purple** that day and pick up informational materials at the Welcome Desk in the lower commons. Watch for announcements throughout the month about special events happening during the month.

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From Zion Addiction Awareness Ministry - ZAAM

The Zion Addiction Awareness Ministry continues toward its goals of promoting awareness, education, prevention and providing resources.

The Zion Library now has several books and brochures for your education as well as several resource brochures. A poster in the restrooms provides education with tear off resource numbers for those concerned with a loved one's drinking or drug use. Our ZAAM brochure is complete and ready to print. Look for it in several locations throughout Zion.

SAVING A LIFE. A guest speaker through the Steve Rummier HOPE organization will present an opioid drug use educational program at 6:30 p.m. October 22 in the Fellowship Hall. How these drugs act within the body as well as the noted behavior and symptoms of use will be discussed. Naloxone, (narcan) an antidote to prevent overdose death, will be demonstrated. All participants who are registered by October 10 will receive a free Naloxone kit. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk. There is no charge for this program, however donations to the organization are gratefully accepted.

Thank You Recent Radio Broadcast Fund Donors

Every Sunday morning at 9:10 a.m., Zion's worship service is broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1). Our radio broadcast covers a good portion of Minnesota and reaches several hundred listeners each Sunday, including many who do not have internet capability. Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome. Gifts may be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, such as a wedding anniversary. To make a gift to the Radio Broadcast Fund, note "radio broadcast" on the memo line of your check. If it is in memory of a loved one or in honor of an anniversary or birthday, enclose a note or post-it.

Thank you to our recent Radio Broadcast Fund donors:

Marilyn Herbold
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Carol Mann
Kristine Johnson
Craig Bakken
Lois Peterson

Bev Fraser in memory of Marge Anderson
In honor of Al Steinbring's 87th birthday from his family

about our people

Baptisms

Aug 25 - Mason Koski
Sept 15 - Simon Giese
Sept 22 - Walker Johnson

Deaths

Myron Haugen
George Rabehl
Valerie Mabera
Wayne Pieske
Al Steinbring

New Members

Shawn Bulger &
KaSaundra Johnson and
Aurora, Finley & Hadley
Bulger

Every Meal Volunteers Needed

This fall, Zion is once again partnering with Every Meal and Lincoln Elementary.

Every Meal is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to fight child hunger through community and school partnerships. They strive to make a difference in children's lives by specifically focusing on food gaps — the times when children aren't at school to access meal programs. Every Meal supports families with programming over the weekends, summers, and extended school breaks. Providing children with wholesome food is their focus, and their growth and achievement is at the heart of everything we do.

This is where you come in. We need volunteers to place a bag of food into the backpacks of Lincoln Elementary students who sign up, typically on Fridays, but also the last day before a break. Volunteers will be trained and can easily sign up via SignUpGenius. If you would like to have a sign-up link sent to you or would like more information about this great ministry, contact Pastor Connie at ctiede@zionanoka.org.

Hotdish with Heart

Registration is open for Family Promise in Anoka County's event "Hotdish with Heart" which will be held October 3 at Lord of Life Church in Ramsey. Tickets are available individually for \$50 or purchase a table of six for \$250.

This annual fall fundraiser event will feature a delicious Minnesota Hotdish dinner, a side of light-hearted entertainment with Daren Streblow, and heartwarming stories of empowering families experiencing housing insecurity to build a foundation of lasting independence.

Register at www.familypromiseanoka.org/events or contact 763-568-7349 or events@familypromiseanoka.org with questions.

Zion Foundation: Servant Leadership Program

The Zion Foundation grant helped many students at the University of Minnesota find a place of belonging at the Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities through the Servant Leadership Program. The group offers a variety of opportunities to students, allowing them to plug into the community, explore their faith along with their studies, and find a place of belonging on such a large campus.

The Servant Leadership Program used outreach events, faith and leadership gatherings, worship, bible studies, small groups, service projects, and social events to help carry out these goals for students. The grant also goes toward multiple off-campus retreats in the program. Retreats provide students with a special bond and allow the Spirit to deepen their faith and sense of community.

For more information about how other Zion Foundation Grants are at work in the community:

<https://www.zionanoka.org/zion-foundation/zion-foundation-grants-in-action/>

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School Bells Ring for Zion Pre-K



Pre-K is back for another school year! We are so happy to have our teachers and children in the building learning and playing. Their chatter and laughter radiate joy! We can take a last minute registration. Contact us now pre.k@zionanoka.org.

WELCOME

You are invited, you are welcome to come and experience God's love at Zion Lutheran Church.

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