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NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

NOVEMBER 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

#### November 2-3

John 11:32-44

#### November 9-10

Mark 12:38-44

#### November 16-17

Mark 13:1-8

#### November 23-24

John 18:33-37

## LET US GIVE THANKS



### Thanksgiving Eve Worship & ACBC Giving

On Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m., we will celebrate Thanksgiving at our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. 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 pie! In this Herald, please find a special giving envelope for our traditional ingathering for the ACBC food shelf. With the increase in demand for food from food shelves, ACBC is also asking for financial and food donations. With your \$1 donation, they are able to purchase up to \$10 of food from food banks. Every dollar counts! You can pick up a bag and a Donation Wish List at the front desk and bring your donations with you to worship on November 27 or use the envelope to give a monetary donation. Thank you for your faithful giving to our community.

### 2025 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you for returning your stewardship commitments for our 2025 Stewardship Campaign, "Building Strong Connections. Reaching Further. Together". If you have not yet returned your intention sheet, please bring it to worship or mail it in at your convenience. Extra stewardship intention sheets and envelopes are available at the front desk on the lower level, or you may go to Zion's website and click on the "2025 Pledge" button and make your commitment online.



### All Saints Weekend - November 2 & 3

All Saints Weekend is November 2 & 3. During worship we will name the Zion members who have died this past year as well as give you time to write a name on a card of the saint you would like to remember. Our Luminaries for Loved Ones event will take place on Sunday evening from 5-6:30 p.m. You are invited to pick up a white paper bag from church, decorate it any way you like, or just write the name of your loved one on the bag. Return completed bags by noon on November 3 so that they can be filled with sand and a tea light and placed along a walking path in the CLC.

### Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 2. Central Standard Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3.

## a message from your pastors



Dear Friends in Christ--I've shared in passing with a few of you the old adage, "We plan; God laughs." Like the prophet Jonah, called by God for the mission God had in mind for him, Jonah went the EXACT OPPOSITE direction! And God laughed all the way into Jonah's entry into the belly of the whale and all the way out again!

After a couple of years of trying to guide faithfully a congregation through COVID and its aftereffects along with a couple of years of cancer and recovery and their aftereffects, I had been planning to hang my shingle out for interim bridge pastor ministry: "Have Bible; will travel." And once again, God laughed at my plans all the way to Zion!

I can't say thank you enough for your warm welcome; for your vibrant participation in Adult Ed; for the collegiality of Pastor Connie, Pastor Sue, and the whole Zion staff; and for your confidence in me as one of your pastors to vote the way you did on September 29! Not only has all this been warmly flattering; most importantly, it has been renewing to my previously weary soul. Thank you! And thanks be to God!! May God continue to inspire and bless our mission and ministry together.

In Jesus' name,

*Pastor MIKE*

## Faith, Trust and Authenticity

By Colleen Nelson

When our two oldest were ages six and four, we moved 45 minutes from our previous neighborhood. Since the move, I missed my friend dearly and my kiddos missed their favorite playmates. So, when she invited us for a lunch date my son and daughter were excited to play with their friends, nearly as much as I was looking forward to the visit. About 10 minutes into the drive, the two started agitating each other. Their taunts kept increasing in volume, even after I told them to stop their bickering. Another five minutes went by and they kept at it, so I told them if they didn't stop, I was taking the nearest exit and turning around to go home.

Most of us who are parents or have an active role with children, have been in a similar predicament. I had to make a swift decision—to be true to my word or to let my statement fall into the 'empty threats' bucket. As much as I wanted to keep our commitment, I knew that building trust between my children and me depended on my authenticity and subsequent actions. This is similar to the trust relationship between us and God. Jesus spoke to this in his Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 7:21 Jesus teaches, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." In order to deepen our faith in God we need to trust in God's wisdom and guidance and be authentic in our actions. When our desire to serve people in the community sprouts organically, our special relationship with God is evident. It reveals the core of whose we are—God's children and who we are—God's servants; a revelation that isn't lost on the recipients of our efforts.

Fortunately, there are many ways to serve and if you find the activity doesn't come natural to you or it doesn't fit your schedule, consider doing something else. After all, nobody likes a crabby volunteer. Oh, and by the way, I turned around and drove home.

# welcome

## Baptism Class - November 10

If you are expecting, have had a baby or adopting and would like to know more about baptism, we will be having a baptism class on Sunday, November 10 at 12 p.m. in the Library. Contact Kristine [kjohnson@zionanoka.org](mailto:kjohnson@zionanoka.org) to register for the class.

## Veterans Appreciation Coffee - November 11

On Monday, November 11, there will be coffee and donuts for our veterans in the Cornerstone Café at 9 a.m. This is an opportunity for us to say "thank you" to our veterans who have served our nation and also a time for our veterans to become better acquainted with one another. If you are a veteran, please plan to join us!

## Cinnamon Roll Sunday - November 24

On Sunday, November 24, we will be having fresh baked cinnamon rolls during coffee hour as a fundraiser for our mission trip to the Boundary Waters this summer. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

## American Red Cross Blood Drive - November 25

Zion is hosting a blood drive on Monday, November 25 from 1 p.m.–6 p.m. in the CLC. 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.

## Grief Support Group

NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 6:30-7:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

All are welcome to attend a grief support group Tuesdays in November from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Legacy Room. Contact Pastor Sue with questions [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

# worship

## Noisy Offering for Camp Ministries - November 2 & 3

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offering in October! We gathered \$476.82 which will go toward our camp ministries. The next weekend our Noisy Offering buckets will be out is November 2 & 3. We will also have a bucket at the Welcome Desk if you would like to drop off your Noisy Offering during office hours.

## Join Us for Pastor Connie's Installation

NOVEMBER 17 | ALL SERVICES | SANCTUARY

We will be celebrating Pastor Connie's installation as Lead Pastor on Sunday, November 17. Bishop Jen Nagel will be installing Pastor Connie at all Sunday services and we will be serving cake and coffee in the Cornerstone.

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The Anoka Area Ministerial Association, which Zion is a part of, is sponsoring an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at First Congregational Church, Church of Christ in Anoka on Sunday, November 24 at 6 p.m. There will also be an ecumenical choir. Contact Pastor Connie if you would like to participate in the choir. There will also be pie afterward!

# worship

## 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Camp Wapo



With the generous support from Noisy Offerings, we were able to take our 6-7th grade confirmation weekend retreat offsite this year to Camp Wapo. We learned about prayer through various spiritual practices and had a lot of fun enjoying camp in the fall weather. Thank you, Zion Congregation, for your continued support of our youth.

## Blessing of the Quilts

During the year, our quilters get together once a week and create beautiful quilts that they give away to other ministries. Come and help us bless these quilts on the weekend of November 23 and 24 and recognize the hard work our quilters do!



**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.

- November 3: Katie Luther: Woman of the Reformation - Join our Middle and High School Youth Ministries Director Katie Weiland as she leads us on a journey into the life of Katarina von Bora, affectionately known as Katie Luther. We will discuss the remarkable story of the former nun who became the wife of Martin Luther and her profound impact on the Reformation movement.
- November 10: Foundation Sunday - Join us on Foundation Sunday, as we lift up the many ministries the Zion Foundation has helped in the past year as well as learn how we can impact our church and community.
- November 17: Tech Help Day-Avoiding Online Scams - This month's Tech Help Day features a refresher on scams and how to stay away from them during the holidays. We will also provide simple tech help for things related to your mobile phones, tablets, and laptops so bring your devices and questions with you. (Sorry, help with device repair and/or virus/malware removal will NOT be available).
- November 24: Zion Addiction Awareness Ministry - ZAAM offers faith-based, confidential, non-judgmental, care and hope to those seeking information and direction about drugs, alcohol, and mental health issues affecting self, family members, and our surrounding community. Come learn more about how addiction affects all of us from someone who has the experienced it, along with an opportunity to ask questions and share.

## Small Group Ministry

"My Neighbor is Muslim" is a six-week study and discussion guide designed to provide an introduction to Islam, promote cultural understanding and encourage interfaith dialogue. Sign up for a group at the Welcome Desk. Schedule for November:

- Week of Nov. 3: Intro ("An Everyday Resource" & "A Vocabulary Resource") & the 5 Pillars of Islam
- Week of Nov. 10: Islam & Jesus: What Does the Qur'an Say about Jesus?
- Week of Nov. 17: Islam & Jews/Christians: What Does the Qur'an Say about Jews & Christians?
- Week of Nov. 24: Islam & Charity: What is the Islamic Understanding of Charity?

## WOZ Apple Pumpkin Day - November 9

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 9-11 AM | LEGACY ROOM

The Women of Zion are hosting their annual Apple Pumpkin Day fellowship and service event. We will tie fleece blankets for LSS Camp Noah. Come for the fellowship! Optional: Bring a dish to share for coffee time.

## Zion Pages Book Group

NOVEMBER 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 to attend.

## Lefse Fundraiser

Help support our youth summer ministries by purchasing our holiday lefse! \$10 per package, limit 4 packages per person. Scan the QR code at the right to order on Realm and pick up from 8 a.m.-noon on Sunday, December 8 at the Welcome Desk. All online orders will come with a complimentary "I love Lefse" button. Please note that there will be a limited supply of lefse for purchase in-person. Only lefse that is purchased online is guaranteed.



## Tie Blankets for Hope 4 Youth

On Tuesday, November 5 from 6:30-8 p.m. confirmation students and families are invited to join Katie for a community service event, making tie blankets for Hope 4 Youth. Blanket making will be done in the Fellowship Hall. Register in the confirmation Google folder or email [kweiland@zionanoka.org](mailto:kweiland@zionanoka.org). Bring fabric scissors if able.

## Lutheran Late Night - November 8

Join us at Zion from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, November 8. This event is for middle and high school students and functions like a lock-in, but you go home at the end of the night. Snacks provided and night games will be played. Friends welcome, please register at <https://cutt.ly/llnnoy>.

## First Communion Instruction

NOVEMBER 10 | 11 A.M. | THEATER

This class is for kids Grades K-5 & their parents. Families will be able to schedule their child's First Communion individually. Contact Ann [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org).

NOVEMBER 17 | 10 A.M. | CHAPEL

This class is for kids ages 3-6 with an adult. Contact Lee with questions [lneitge@zionanoka.org](mailto:lneitge@zionanoka.org).

To register for either of these classes, click on the link below or scan the QR codes to the right.

<https://www.zionanoka.org/registration-events/>



1st Comm K-5



1st Comm PreK

## A Night in Bethlehem is Back!

This popular congregational event is back, and we're looking for volunteers! "A Night in Bethlehem" will take place from 10-11 a.m. on Sunday, December 8. 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 find the stable and visit Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus! If you'd like to help, contact Ann [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org).

## Thank You Recent Radio Broadcast Fund Donors

Dianne Carlson  
Greg Nelson  
Cara Fish

Pinky Pendergrass in memory of her sister, Clarice  
Kristine Johnson  
Craig Bakken  
Lois Peterson

## about our people

### Baptisms

Oct 6 - Kinsley Daniels,  
Jaxtyn Daniels, Finley  
Bulger, Aurora Bulger,  
Hadley Bulger  
Oct 13 - Micah Kirkeeide  
Oct 27 - Charlotte Johnson

### Deaths

Dolores Bies  
Darlene Holmes  
Sonja Chamberlain  
Dean Janckila  
Kathleen Ward

### Deaths

Ed Wood  
Bob Kimball  
Gary Anderson  
Pamela Billehus  
Harlene Knutson

### Weddings

Kathryn Martin & Jeremy  
Owens  
Hailey Ebert & Chad  
Ziegler

# caring for each other and our world

## Zion Foundation Grant: The Center of Addiction and Faith



Addiction is the number one health crisis facing our society today, and it is continually growing worse. The Zion Foundation is proud to sponsor The Center of Addiction and Faith. They are an interfaith fellowship of thousands nationwide with the mission to address the addiction crisis with the healing power of faith, science, justice and compassion. Starting in 2018, they have held 4 conferences that bring people together with top teachers in addiction science, highly respected speakers on addiction, and the important role the church plays in recovery. They believe, as many do in the addiction treatment field, that faith plays an essential role in the healing process. While it is not completely understood why, it is generally accepted that medicine and therapy alone will not help those struggling with addiction, unless there is a faith component. Many people of faith believe that no one is better equipped than the church, to share and teach about God's unconditional love, acceptance, inclusion, and healing. If you are interested in learning more about this organization, please visit their website: <https://www.addictionandfaith.com/>. This article was written by the Neighborhood Engagement Team for the Zion Foundation. If you would like to learn more about the charitable grants provided by the Foundation, please visit our website at: <https://www.zionanoka.org/zion-foundation/>.

## From the Creation Care Team

Thanksgiving! What are you thankful or grateful for in God's Creation? Family, food, shelter, education are some of many notions that come to mind, but what if we simplify? What about water? Good, clean, refreshing water is essential for all life, including animals (human), plants, fungi and it holds a sacred place in our relationship with God. As we are stewards of His creation, protecting Earth's water is imperative. So, what are some ideas to take care and show appreciation for the water that surrounds us?

1. Care for the water body (i.e. river, lake, ocean) or better yet, the watershed near you. Learn about the Upper Mississippi Watershed and the industrial and agricultural stresses that effect negatively on the quality of, and consequently, the life that depends on that water. Pick up trash around waterways.
  2. Don't dump down storm drains and keep storm drains near your homes and businesses clear of leaves, debris and litter. You can officially adopt a storm drain at <https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org/>.
  3. Use less single-use plastic. The biggest source of pollution in the ocean is plastic and by using less plastic you are helping to keep God's oceans clean. Easy ways to reduce your plastic footprint are carrying reusable bags to stores, use reusable water bottles instead of one-time plastic bottles, packing your kid's lunches in reusable containers and lunchboxes, etc.
  4. Use less water both in your home and outside. How can you reduce water usage in your everyday activities such as: brushing your teeth, taking a shower, doing laundry, watering lawn and garden, washing the car?
- Show your thanks and appreciation for the gift of water by keeping it clean and accessible to all God's Creation.

## From the Addiction Awareness Ministry (ZAAM)

Our ministry team continues to explore, learn and share information on faith and addictions. On October 22, our guest speaker provided community information on opioid addiction (fentanyl) and the use of the antidote, naloxone (narcan) to prevent overdose deaths. Information from this event will be available in the Faith and Addiction section of our library. We have been reaching out to local facilities that specialize in addiction care. We will be scheduling future tours in order for us to be informed of available local resources. Our ministry team meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday each month. All are welcome. Please contact Pastor Connie Tiede or Mike Wittkamper with any questions.



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## Fire Safety at Zion Pre-K



The Anoka-Champlin Fire Dept visited our preschoolers and they all got to see the truck up close and sit in it. We focused on safety and that fire fighters in their gear are helpers even though they may look a little scary.

We appreciate them stopping by to visit us!

### WELCOME

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

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