

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 1-7, 2024



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

ASSISTING:

8 AM Pr Sue Wallager
9 AM Pr Connie Tiede
11 AM Pr Connie Tiede

READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske
8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell
9 AM Sandy Benson
11 AM Steve Dussl

today - 1st Sunday of Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Madison Ann Rock and Brooke Elaine Suess who receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

COMMUNION...Please let an usher know if you would prefer communion to be served to you in the pew.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

• Dianne Carlson • Cara Fish

NOISY OFFERING

TODAY | 9 & 11 AM SERVICES | SANCTUARY

The Noisy Offering buckets are out this weekend. Kids & Youth will be invited to help gather the Noisy Offering during the closing hymn.

NO ADULT FORUM OR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

WORSHIP AT FARMSTEAD

TODAY | 1:30 | OFFSITE

LEFSE FUNDRAISER

This is the last week you can order your lefse. Ordering closes Saturday Dec 7. Order online through Realm for **pick-up from 8am-noon Sunday December 8** at the Welcome Desk. A limited supply of lefse will be available for purchase in-person but usually sells out fast. Cost of the lefse is \$10 per package, limit 4 packages per person. Zion high school youth will be serving fresh lefse with either brown or white sugar or lingonberry jam in the Cornerstone next Sunday to help raise money for their Mission Trip. A free will offering will be taken.

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 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

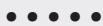
Pastor Sue Wallager
Pastor for Spiritual Care

Pastor Mike Pancoast
Pastor for Adult Education

Ken Johnson
Visitation Minister

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, DEC 2

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

"My Neighbor is Muslim"-

Small Group Study

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

TUESDAY, DEC 3

"My Neighbor is Muslim" -

Small Group Study

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

First Tuesdays

1:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Creation Care (EcoFaith) Team Mtg

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Lake Country & Northern Stars

Chorus Concert

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY, DEC 4

"My Neighbor is Muslim" -

Small Group Study

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

Children's Choir (Gr K-5)

5:30 PM | THEATER

Whirl Wednesday

5:50 PM | VARIOUS ROOM

Confirmation

6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

Worship Team Rehearsal

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY, DEC 4 - cont'd

Common Ground Youth Group

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

THURSDAY, DEC 5

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Caregivers Support Group

10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Sons of Norway Book Club

10:00 AM | LIBRARY

Communion Service - Homestead

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, DEC 6

SATURDAY, DEC 7

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DEC 8

Traditional Worship Service

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Lefse Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | CORNERSTONE CAFE

"A Night in Bethlehem" - Family Event

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL/PATIO

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 3

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

JOYA Concert

3:00 PM | SANCTUARY

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 for supporting this ministry. Matthew Bags are available, at the Welcome Desk, for you to pick up to give to a needy person that you encounter.

coming up

LAKE COUNTRY & NORTHERN STARS CHORUS CONCERT

TUES, DEC 3 | 7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

The Lake Country & Northern Star Choruses proudly present "Ringing in the Season". Tickets are available at the door for \$15 and children under 6 are free.

EXPERIENCE "A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM!"

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

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!

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!

FARE FOR ALL AT ZION

THUR, DEC 12 | 4- 6 PM | LOWER COMMONS

This month *Fare For All* is featuring their December Holiday Pack which includes: ham, shrimp, meatballs, breakfast sausage, turkey tenderloin, corn & apple pie for \$35. *Fare For All* is a program that allows people to shop at Zion once a month for deeply discounted nutritious food and is open to everyone. It accepts CASH, CREDIT, DEBIT and EBT cards.

JUST A REMINDER

New registrations for Zion Kids ministries (Sundays and Wednesdays) are welcome throughout the school year. For more information go to our Children's Ministry page at zionanoka.org/registration-events/.

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.**

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who donated blood and those who volunteered their time at the Blood Drive last Monday.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who gave monetary donations or donated food for ACBC, those who helped package up the donated food and those who served the pie after the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ANOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

There are always numerous volunteer opportunities for both in-school events and take-home activities. To participate, you need to complete the school volunteer application beforehand (use this QR code). Once that is submitted and accepted, you will begin receiving weekly updates of volunteer opportunities at Anoka Middle School. Questions? Contact Glen Semanko at glensemanko@yahoo.com.



LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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

DECEMBER 7/8
Luke 1:26-38

DECEMBER 14/15
Micah 5:2-5a

DECEMBER 21/22
Luke 19:29-40

Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

O God of all the prophets, you herald the coming of the Son of Man by wondrous signs in the heavens and on the earth. Guard our hearts from despair so that we, in the company of the faithful and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may be found ready to raise our heads at the coming near of our redemption, the day of Jesus Christ. 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.

Coming Up

Advent Worship



2nd & 3rd Sundays in Advent (DEC 7/8 & DEC 14/15)

- TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 5, 8 & 9 AM
- WORSHIP TEAM - 11 AM

4th Sunday in Advent - DEC 21/22 - CHORAL WORSHIP - 5 PM & 9 AM

- DEC 22 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 8 AM
- DEC 22 - WORSHIP TEAM JINGLE - 11 AM



Christmas Eve

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 WITH COMMUNION

12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 10:00 PM

All will be candlelight services

Nursery Care Available: 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM

Cable TV (Channel 6): 5:00 PM

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

All Services Livestreamed

Christmas Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 WITH COMMUNION

10:00 AM



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



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