

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF DECEMBER 8-14, 2024



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING:

8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

11 AM Pr Sue Wallager

READERS:

5 PM Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Bob Fischer

11 AM Carol Loyd

today - 2nd Sunday of Advent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Eloise Jo Sternal who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We give thanks for Richard & Gail Burkstrand and Gary & Pat Frazier as both couples celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 5. We pray for the families of Nancy Johnson, Hal Maenke and Jerre Olson who mourn their deaths.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in celebration of Richard & Gail Burkstrand's 60th wedding anniversary.

THE NOISY OFFERING BUCKETS WILL BE OUT AGAIN THIS WEEKEND.

THERE WILL BE NO ADULT FORUM OR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY.

EXPERIENCE "A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM!" - A FAMILY EVENT

TODAY | 10-11 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Visit the village where Jesus was born, pet real nativity animals, get counted for the census, help village craftspeople, sample the foods of David's city, meet the shepherds, sing with angels, get a family photo, and visit Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus!

JOYA CONCERT - FREE

TODAY | 3:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Pianist Mary Jo Gothmann will be joined by

Minnesota Orchestra musicians James Garlick, Ken Freed and Silver Ainomäe. Program will feature quartets of Mozart and Fauré.

PRAYER TEAM 3

TODAY | 11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

LEFSE SUNDAY AND PICK-UP

TODAY | 8AM-NOON | CORNERSTONE/WELCOME DESK (FOR PICK-UP & SALES)

Zion high school youth will be serving fresh lefse with brown sugar, white sugar or lingonberry jam to help raise money for their mission trip. A free will offering will be taken. Preordered lefse can be picked up at the Welcome Desk. A limited supply will also be sold at the Welcome Desk for \$10 per pkg, limit 4 pkgs.

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

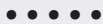
Pastor Sue Wallager
Pastor for Spiritual Care

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 9

Ruth Circle

10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Worship at Walker

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

"My Neighbor is Muslim"-

Small Group Study

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Hannah Circle

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Pre-K Board Meeting

2:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Sons of Norway

6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

TUESDAY, DEC 10

"My Neighbor is Muslim" -

Small Group Study

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Lydia Circle

9:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Anna Circle

1:00 PM | LIBRARY

Naomi Circle

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

N.E.T. Meeting

6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Rachel Circle

6:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Esther Circle

6:30 PM | OFFSITE

WEDNESDAY, DEC 11

"My Neighbor is Muslim" -

Small Group Study

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Pizza Dinner

5:00 PM | CORNERSTONE

Children's Choir (Gr K-5)

5:30 PM | THEATER

Whirl Wednesday

5:50 PM | VARIOUS ROOM

WEDNESDAY, DEC 11 - cont'd

Confirmation

6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

Worship Team Rehearsal

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Adult Choir

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

Common Ground Youth Group

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

THURSDAY, DEC 12

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Fare for All

4:00 PM | LOWER COMMONS

FRIDAY, DEC 13

Funeral for Hal Maenke

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, DEC 14

Funeral for Jerre Olson

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, DEC 15

Traditional Worship Service

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Adult Forum

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 4

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

coming up

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 7-9 lbs., Shrimp - 12 oz, Homestyle Meatballs - 1 lb., Local Pork Breakfast Sausage - 1 lb., Turkey Tenderloin - 1.5 lb., Corn - 12 oz and Apple Pie - 24 oz. All for \$35. Fare For All is a program that allows people to shop at Zion once a month for deeply discounted, nutritious food. Fare For All is open to everyone and accepts CASH, CREDIT, DEBIT and EBT cards.

NEXT WEEK'S ADULT FORUM - LUTHER SEMINARY UPDATE

SUN, DEC 15 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
Rev. Dr. Rolf Jacobson, Luther Seminary Dean of the Faculty, Professor of Old Testament and The Alvin N. Rogness Chair of Scripture, Theology, & Ministry. Come hear Rolf give us an update of what's going on at Luther Seminary. Note: NO Adult Forum Dec 22 & 29.

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. We ask that you **bring the gift cards in by December 11.**

THANK YOU DECOR TEAM

Thank you to all who helped set-up the Christmas trees and to those who helped decorate them. They are beautiful!

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SERVICES

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SUN, DEC 22 | 8 AM | SANCTUARY

CHORAL WORSHIP

SAT, DEC 21 | 5 PM | SANCTUARY

SUN, DEC 22 | 9 AM | SANCTUARY

Both the Adult Choir and Ringmasters will lead the Choral Worship featuring a variety of Advent and Christmas-themed anthems. Our focus for the season is "Love Begotten" and it will be the focal point of that Sunday.

"WORSHIP TEAM JINGLE"

SUN, DEC 22 | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

This year we are starting something new—a seasonal worship service with the band! Wear your best ugly Christmas sweater and join in the cheer of singing our favorite contemporary holiday songs.

YEAR-END GIVING

Financial contributions for 2024 should be postmarked by December 31 or delivered to the church office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31. Thank you for your generous and faithful stewardship in 2024

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.

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 GlenSemanko 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 14/15
Micah 5:2-5a

DECEMBER 21/22
Luke 19:29-40

DECEMBER 28/29
Luke 2:41-52

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

Out of the embrace of mercy and righteousness, you have brought forth joy and dignity for your people, O Holy One of Israel. Remember now your ancient promise: make straight the paths that lead to you, and smooth the rough ways, that in our day we might bring forth your compassion for all humanity. 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.

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CREATION CARE GIFT WRAPPING SUGGESTIONS

Zion's Creation Care Team invites you to stop by the Christmas tree in the upper commons right outside the Sanctuary. All of those gifts under this tree are wrapped either in recyclable paper (most gift wrapping paper, ribbons, and bows are NOT recyclable), repurposed items (notice the gift wrapped in an old road map!), or reusable materials (metal boxes; a dishtowel; fabric; even a "pillowcase," of sorts). There is even a small gift there that was wrapped without ANY tape at all—a quick search on YouTube for "tapeless gift wrapping" will provide you with several examples of how to do that!

Christmas Eve

TUESDAY, 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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 WITH COMMUNION

10:00 AM

WELCOME

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

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OFFICE HOURS

MON - THU: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
FRI: 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

