

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF JANUARY 5 - 11, 2024



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today - Epiphany

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Arthur Patrick Mingo who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for the families of Dee Berg and Phil Levenhagen who mourn their deaths.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Bud vase given in celebration of the baptism of Arthur Mingo.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS:

- Judy Bendiske in memory of Deloris Berg and Duke Grosslein
- Jane Freeburg in memory of her mom, Carol Freeburg
- Mike & Arlene Kelly in memory of Deloris Berg
- John & Sandy Steinbring in memory of Jerre Olson

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

ASSISTING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

READERS:

5 PM Greg Bergeron
 8 AM Marcia Wilson
 9 AM Caroline Baker
 11 AM Carol Loyd

NOISY OFFERING

TODAY | 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Kids & Youth will be invited to gather the Noisy Offering during the closing hymn.

PRAYER TEAM 6

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

ADULT FORUM - Epipha-What?

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come join our own Dr. Jonathan Campbell as he talks about the season of Epiphany and how it fits into the liturgical and new church year. He will also play examples of sacred choral music and hymns inspired by the season, a season of light and new beginnings.

NO HOLY SHENANIGANS OR KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL - Resumes Jan 12

GREEN PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew holders for you to write a prayer request. Place them in the wooden prayer collection boxes located in the Sanctuary or at the Welcome Desk. All prayer concerns or thanksgivings are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Team.

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

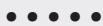
Pastor Sue Wallager
Pastor for Spiritual Care

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, JAN 6

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

"The Chosen" Season 2 - Small Group

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

TUESDAY, JAN 7

"The Chosen" Season 2 - Small Group

8:45 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Grief & Loss Support Group

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Creation Care (EcoFaith) Team Mtg

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Esther Circle

7:00 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, JAN 8

"The Chosen" Season 2 - Small Group

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

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, JAN 9

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

THURSDAY, JAN 9 - Cont'd

Funeral for Duke Grosslein

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, JAN 10

Funeral for Phil Levenhagen

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, JAN 11

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, JAN 12

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 7

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Baptism Class

12:00 PM | LIBRARY

HELP ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH SAVE ON PRINTING & POSTAGE:

In our ongoing efforts to be good stewards of both our resources and the environment, we are asking you to consider two simple, yet impactful changes that can help our church save valuable funds: subscribing to our Herald Newsletter electronically and giving your offerings electronically. How to Switch?

1. Sign up for the Electronic Herald by calling or emailing Kristine Johnson at kjohnson@zionanoka.org.
2. Set up Electronic Giving by calling or emailing Tracy Kinn at tkinn@zionanoka.org.

coming up

"THE CHOSEN" - SEASON 2 STARTS THIS WEEK

MONDAYS | 1 PM; TUESDAYS | 8:45 AM
WEDNESDAYS | 10 AM & 6 PM

Our small group study "The Chosen" begins Monday, January 6 following our usual schedule. We will not be using a pre-published book for the new session. Instead, we'll simply be focusing on the video presentation itself along with the study guide sheets. Even if you were not a part of the Season 1 study, you are still invited, encouraged, and welcome to come. You likely know "the Jesus story" well enough simply to pick up in Season 2 and/or if you would like to catch up, you can watch Season 1 for free without commercials at <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>. Season 1 study guides are available at www.zionanoka.org/ziondocumentcenter/ select *Adult Ministry*.

GRIEF SUPPORT

TUE, JAN 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 11 AM |
FIRESIDE ROOM

All are welcome to attend this grief support group. For more information or if you have questions contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org.

PASTOR MIKE'S INSTALLATION

SUN, JAN 12 | 8, 9 & 11 AM SERVICES

Pastor John Hulden will be installing Pastor Mike as Associate Pastor. Please join us as we celebrate with cake and coffee in the Cornerstone following each service.

BAPTISM CLASS

SUN, JAN 12 | NOON | LIBRARY

If you are expecting, have had a baby or adopting and would like to know more about baptism this class is for you. Contact Kristine at kjohnson@zionnoka.org for more info or to sign up for this class.

UPCOMING ADULT FORUM

Islam 101 Part 1 - SUN, JAN 12 | 10 AM

Islam 101 part 2 - SUN, JAN 19 | 10 AM

As a follow-up to last fall's study, "My Neighbor is Muslim", we are pleased to welcome Dr. Tamim Saidi, resident scholar for the Islamic Resource Group based in St. Paul.

MEN'S GROUP

THUR, JAN 16 | 10 AM - 12 PM | CLC

The Men's Group will be hosting Corn Hole (Bean Bag Toss) in the CLC. Following the games, we will all be going out to lunch. If you have a Corn Hole Game, please bring it along (in case we need it). No need to sign up!

LUTHERAN LATE NIGHT

FRI, JAN 17 | 7-10 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Join us for Lutheran Late Night! 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 will be provided and night games will be played. Friends welcome, register at <https://cutt.ly/llnjan>.

BOUNDARY WATERS MISSION TRIP

Registration deadline for this summer's mission trip to the Boundary Waters is January 8 - please register online to guarantee a spot on the trip! Register on Realm.



JEST KIDDING

The Sunday School teacher asked her class to draw a picture of their favorite Bible story. One little boy drew a picture of four people on an airplane. "That's very nice," she said to him, "but what is it about?" "That's the flight to Egypt." said the little boy. "Oh, I see. That's Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. But who is the fourth person?" "That's Pontius the pilot."

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

JANUARY 11/12
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

JANUARY 18/19
John 2:1-11

JANUARY 25/26
Luke 4:14-21

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

Gracious God, you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation, whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem. Bless us with every spiritual blessing, that we may live as your adopted children and witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. 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: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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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

