

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4 - 10, 2022



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Rueckert

### ASSISTING:

8 AM Pr Brent Campbell  
9 AM Pr Sue Wallager  
11 AM Pr Sue Wallager

### READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson  
8 AM Marcia Wilson  
9 AM Bob Fischer  
11 AM Steve Dussl

## today - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

THIS WEEK'S THEME: *Being a Living Sacrifice*

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...**We pray for the families of Alan (Corky) Gothmann, father of Mary Jo Gothmann, Rod Halvorson and Norm Nahring who mourn their deaths.

### OPEN PICKLEBALL

TODAY | 6 PM | SUNNY ACRES PARK IN ANOKA

### CAMP WAPO NOISY OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offering last weekend and to the kids who helped hold buckets! We gathered \$569.94, for a total of \$1,399.04 which exceeded our goal of collecting \$1,000 during the 3 months of summer.

### CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - LABOR DAY

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please call the Zion's main number, 763-421-4656 and the messaging service will reach the pastor on call.

### SUPPORT OUR RADIO BROADCAST ON BOB-FM

Every Sunday morning at 9:10 a.m., Zion's traditional worship service is broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1). Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome.

### EVERY MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As the school year begins, so will the ministry of Every Meal at Lincoln Elementary. We need volunteers to help put bags of food in backpacks of students on Fridays or on the last day before a break. Through our partnership with Every Meal, Anoka United Church of Christ and Lincoln Elementary, we can fight child hunger! For more information about this great ministry and how you can help, please contact Pastor Connie at [ctiede@zionanoka.org](mailto:ctiede@zionanoka.org).

### CYF REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Register for Zion's ministries for kids and youth, birth - 12th grade.

#### Sunday morning programs include:

- Holy Shenanigans (families w/children 0-Kindergarten)
- Kid City (Sunday School, K-5th grade)

Register at <https://cutt.ly/ZionSun22-23> or use this QR code →

#### Wednesday night programs include:

- Whirl Wednesday (K-3rd grade)
- PreTeen Ministry (4-5th grade)
- Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- Common Ground (9th-12th grade)

Register at <https://cutt.ly/ZionWed22-23> or use this QR code →

#### Sunday Programs



#### Wednesday Programs



## Welcome Guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about Zion please fill out the pink information card found at the end of each row in the pew in front of you.

Or use  
this  
QR  
code.



# this week

## PASTORS

Pastor Brent Campbell  
*Lead Pastor*

Pastor Mike Rueckert  
*Pastor for Children, Youth  
& Family*

Pastor Connie Tiede  
*Pastor for Worship,  
Welcome, & Missions*

Pastor Sue Wallager  
*Pastor for Spiritual Care*

Pastor Jim Barsch  
*Pastor for Adult  
Education*

Ken Johnson  
*Visitation Minister*

Michael Busbey  
*ELCA Missionary in  
Central America*

Steve & Kim Blewett  
*Missionaries in  
Papua, New Guinea*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

**Building Closed - Labor Day Holiday**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**First Tuesdays**

1:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Esther Circle**

7:00 PM | OFFSITE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**Worship at Homestead**

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

**Ringmasters**

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

**Adult Choir & Rally Sunday Team**

**Rehearsal**

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**The Gathering**

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

**Altar Guild Meeting**

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**Traditional Worship Service**

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

RALLY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**Traditional Worship Service**

8 AM | SANCTUARY

**Jazz Worship Service**

9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

**CYF Rally Sunday**

10 AM | CLC

**Open Pickleball**

6 PM | SUNNY ACRES PARK

ZION PRE-K FALL REGISTRATION

ENROLL NOW BEFORE CLASSES FILL

The school year is almost here. We still have some space available in all of our classes. Three, four and five-year-olds are all welcome! Call 763-506-8181 or e-mail now at [www.zionprekanoka.org](http://www.zionprekanoka.org).

RALLY DAY WORSHIP

NEXT WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

*It's time to come home!*

- Jazz Service @ 9 & 11 AM  
Special Music @ 5 PM & 8 AM
- Treats after each service
- Bounce house, games, door prizes @ 10 AM in CLC

Welcome home! Come and celebrate a new program year.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 1 - 6 PM | CLC

Zion will be hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive. 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

HOLY SHENANIGANS PLAYGROUP

STARTING SEPTEMBER 14

Wednesdays | 9:30-11 AM | Nursery

Children ages 0-5 accompanied by an adult are invited to join us each week for playgroup! Come late or leave early - this laid back time is for you and your little one to play, meet new friends, and experience community.

WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

In the spring of 1969, 128 Jr. High freshmen were confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church. Then as sophomores, at Anoka High School, some students walked the Zion hallways for math, English, and history classes, to compensate for the overflow at the high school. AHS Class of '72 is having their 50th class reunion September 16-18. Zion is inviting the past students to come and worship with us Sunday, September 18 @ 9:00 am to be followed by fellowship in the Fireside Room. If you know of any class of 72 AHS graduates, please invite them for worship and fellowship. Hosted by teacher Ron Malcolm and students Jon Bendix, Sandra Martin Benson, and Claudia Dussl Kell.

## encouraging words

Start each day with encouraging words from Zion! Dial 763-506-8191 to hear a daily message of encouragement and hope.

# coming up

## A PEACE OF MY MIND

- VIRTUAL PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, SEP 14 | 7 PM | ONLINE

- ADULT FORUM

SUNDAYS, SEPT 18, 25 & OCT 2 |

10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

John Noltner in *A Peace of My Mind* gathered stories of faith and justice over the summer. He spent time with Sojourners, the Poor People's Campaign and the Wild Goose Festival in conversation about how our faith calls us to work for justice in the world today. Because Zion Lutheran helped sponsor John for this new series, you are invited to his virtual program as he shares some of the stories and insights he encountered. To register for the free session call the church office at 763-421-4656 or email Pastor Connie at [ctiede@zionanoka.org](mailto:ctiede@zionanoka.org). Also during our Sunday Adult Forums, we will lead a 3-session series based on John's content to build conversations around how our faith tradition calls us to work for justice.

## FALL SMALL GROUP STUDY STARTING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19

This fall we begin a seven-week video-based study called *Animate: Faith* by Sparkhouse. In each *Animate: Faith* session, we will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on reflection and journaling, and share discussions with the group. Sign-up sheets for small groups are at the Welcome Desk. Journals are available at the front desk for \$15. The *Animate: Faith Journal* is an interactive journal where participants can delve deeper and reflect on *Animate* session content, at church and home.

## OPEN PICKLEBALL

EVERY SUNDAY\* | 6 PM | OFFSITE

Play pickleball with other Zion members at Sunny Acres Park, 3399 Colfax Ave. N. Anoka (1 block south of Wilson Elementary). All are welcome! \*Until the weather shuts us down.

## 7-WEEK BIBLE STUDY - COLOSSIANS

WEDS, STARTING SEPTEMBER 21 | 1 PM

The apostle Paul wrote the Book of Colossians about 60 AD. Like faithful Christians today, believers in Colossae struggled against false teaching and cultural pressure to abandon the gospel. Paul reminds them of God's all-sufficient grace in Jesus Christ. He emphasized three things: the person of Christ, the work of Christ, and the benefits of Christ. He reminded the Colossians that Jesus created all things, sustains all things, therefore possesses authority over the entire Cosmos. Everything revolves around Jesus! Amidst a society that ignores or even diminishes Jesus, we too can stand and be assured, same as the Colossians, that Jesus is our God, our trustworthy anchor, a reliable refuge, sustainer of the Cosmos and creator of our souls. Read how these truths unfold when you open your Bible to the Book of Colossians. All you need for this study is your Bible and a spiral bound notebook. Bring a friend! Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

## A NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

SUN, SEP 25 | 10:00-10:50 AM |

LEGACY ROOM

Are you interested in becoming a member of Zion Lutheran Church? Please join us in a New Member Orientation led by Pastor Brent. Come and learn more about Zion and enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship. To sign up for this class, call the church office at 763-421-4656 or email Pastor Brent at [bcampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:bcampbell@zionanoka.org). Walk-ins welcome!

## MATTHEW BAGS

We are collecting donations of new **adult-size crew socks**. They can be dropped in the *Matthew Bag* donation bin at the Welcome Desk.

## LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

[www.zionanoka.org](http://www.zionanoka.org)  
(click "Worship Online")

or

[www.facebook.com/  
ZionLutheranChurch  
AnokaMn](https://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchAnokaMn)

(Available anytime)

## CABLE TV

Metro Cable Network  
Channel 6

SUNDAY | 10 AM & 5 PM

## RADIO BROADCAST

106.1 BOB FM

SUNDAYS | 9:10 AM

## 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.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Go to:

<https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday>

or

Scan this  
QR code



# growing in faith together

## UPCOMING LESSONS

SEPTEMBER 10/11

1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

SEPTEMBER 17/18

Amos 8:4-7  
Luke 16:1-13

SEPTEMBER 24/25

Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Luke 16:19-31

## prayer corner

Source of life and blessing, of garden, orchard, field, root us in obedience to you and nourish us by your ever-flowing Spirit, that, perceiving only the good we might do, our lives may be fruitful, our labor productive, and our service useful, in communion with Jesus, our brother. 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](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## Lesson: Romans 12:1-13

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

## Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

## ADULT CHOIR - POSSIBLE ITALY TOUR

Zion's Adult Choir is potentially going on tour to Italy next summer. We are planning to sing in some of the most famous cathedrals in Europe including St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and St. Mark's in Venice. It would be an amazing tour but we need more singers! For more information contact Dr. Jonathan Campbell at [jcampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:jcampbell@zionanoka.org).

## 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

