

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF APRIL 28 - MAY 4, 2024



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

### ASSISTING:

8 AM Pr Connie Tiede  
9 AM Pr Mike Pancoast  
11 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

### READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson  
8 AM Marlene Gray  
9 AM Kathy Quade  
11 AM Carol Loyd

## today - 5th Sunday of Easter

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...**We rejoice with Eloise Nicole Swan as she receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice with Victoria Bistodeau and Quentin Bistodeau as they receive their First Communion.

**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

- Cara Fish in memory of Mel Iseminger
- Greg Nelson
- Glenn & Colleen Virgin
- Randy & Janis Korus in memory of Mel Iseminger

### CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

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

Zion high school youth will be serving cinnamon rolls in the Cornerstone to help raise money for their Mission Trip to Tacoma, Washington. A free will offering will be taken.

### HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | CHAPEL

### PRAYER TEAM 7

TODAY | 11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | THEATER

### COMMON GROUND

TODAY | 12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

### LEAD PASTOR SURVEY

The call committee is asking for your input in the search for our next Lead Pastor. Please take a few minutes to provide your responses by using this QR code or by filling out a paper copy of the survey. Paper copies can be found at the front desk, at the tables by the entrance doors and the Narthex. Please return your paper survey to the front desk by April 30. Thank you!



### SAVE THE DATE

Zion's Annual Super Sale will be held on Thursday & Friday, June 6 & 7. Item drop off will start on June 2. This year's Super Sale will be coordinated by Bob and Pat Stearns.

**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  
*Interim Lead Pastor*

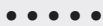
Pastor Sue Wallager  
*Pastor for Spiritual Care*

Pastor Mike Pancoast  
*Interim Associate Pastor*

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, APRIL 29

**"Acts " Small Group Bible Study**

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

**Open Pickleball**

2:30 PM | CLC

**TOPS**

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Divorce Care Group**

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

**Scouts/Pack 233**

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

**Self-Defense Class**

8:15 PM | CLC

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

**"Acts " Small Group Bible Study**

8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM

**Open Pickleball**

9 AM | CLC

**Preschool Ballet**

9:15 AM | THEATER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

**"Acts " Small Group Bible Study**

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

**Worship at Homestead**

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

**Children's Choir Rehearsal**

4:30 PM | CHOIR ROOM

**KidSing Jr (Ages 3-7)**

4:30 PM | CLASSROOM 11

**Camp Wapo Make-up**

5:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

**Ringmasters**

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

**Worship Team Rehearsal**

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

**Adult Choir**

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

**Common Ground**

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

THURSDAY, MAY 2

**The Gathering**

9:30 | YOUTH ROOM

THURSDAY, MAY 2 - CONT'D

**Caregivers Support Group**

10:00 | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Worship at Homestead**

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

**Open Pickleball**

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, MAY 3

SATURDAY, MAY 4

**Zion's Annual Plant Sale**

8 AM-NOON | OUTDOOR PATIO

**Traditional Worship Service**

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, MAY 5

**Traditional Worship Service**

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

**Holy Shenanigans Sunday School**

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

**Kid City Sunday School**

10:00 AM | THEATER

**New Member Brunch**

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

**Blended Worship Service**

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

**Prayer Team 8**

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Baptism Class**

12:00 PM | LIBRARY

**Worship at Farmstead**

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

**Italy Trip Choir Rehearsal**

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THANK YOU FARE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS  
Thank you to all those who helped with *Fare for All* last Thursday. Our next *Fare for All* is Thursday, May 23.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those volunteers who helped spruce up our church grounds on our "Spring Clean Up" Saturday.

# coming up

## ANNUAL PLANT SALE - MAY 4

SAT, MAY 4 | 8 AM-NOON | OUTDOOR PATIO  
Plants are \$35 each and sold on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to pre-order your sun, shade, or red geranium planter please register at <https://cutt.ly/plantsale2024>. Thanks for supporting our youth and their mission trip!

## BAPTISM CLASS

SUN, MAY 5 | 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](mailto:kjohnson@zionnoka.org) for more info or to sign up for this class.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

TUES, MAY 7, 14, 21, 28 | 6:30 PM |

LEGACY ROOM

All are welcome to the grief support group Tuesday evenings in May. The format is video presentations and small group discussion led by Pastor Sue Wallager.

## LUTHERAN LATE NIGHT

FRI, MAY 10 | 7-10 PM | CLC

For middle and high school students. It's like a lock-in, but you go home at the end of the night. Snacks will be provided, and night games will be played. This month our friends from Grace Lutheran in Andover will be joining us!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - LINCOLN SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD DAY

FRI, MAY 10 | 9 AM-3:30 PM | LINCOLN ELEM  
Shifts available or work all day. Sign up at <https://www.ahschools.us/domain/1773>

Click on "Involvement," then "Volunteer," & finally "Volunteer Opportunities." You must complete the simple volunteer application & criminal history forms (allow 2 days for processing) prior to signing up for the event on the "volunteer opportunities" page.

## SENIOR BLESSING

SUN, MAY 12 | 9 AM | SANCTUARY

We will be having a graduation blessing for all our High School seniors in anticipation and celebration of their graduation. We invite all seniors and their families to worship with us at the 9AM service for this blessing.

## YOUTH VOLUNTEERS - JOIN THE Z-TEAM!

WED, MAY 15, FROM 6-7:30 PM **OR**

THU, JUNE 13 FROM 10-11:30 AM

If you're in Grades 6-12, you're perfect for the Z-TEAM, a specially trained crew of young people serving kids at Zion! Choose from two training options. You'll learn simple but effective skills for leading younger kids and keeping them safe. Then, we'll deploy you to the summer day camps of your choice! This training also applies to youth serving with Sunday School and Whirl Wednesdays. Enlist now at Z-Team Training. For more information contact Ann Campbell at [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org).

## NEW MEMBER

### COFFEE/ORIENTATION

SUN, MAY 19 | 10-10:50 AM |

LEGACY ROOM

Please join us in a New Member Orientation led by Pastor Connie. To sign up for the class, email Pastor Connie at [ctiede@zionanoka.org](mailto:ctiede@zionanoka.org) or call the church office, 763-421-4656.

## GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES (GHM) WAREHOUSE TOUR

MON, MAY 20 | 10:30 AM | OFFSITE

You are invited to tour, hear stories and see photos of GHM impact in God's world. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Car-pooling is encouraged. Questions? Contact Ron or Marty Gray at 763-427-1902.

## 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

## HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

## 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.

## 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 GOSPEL READINGS

MAY 4-5  
John 15:9-17

MAY 11-12  
John 17:6-19

MAY 18/19  
Acts 2:-21

### **Lesson:** Acts 8:26-35

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So Philip got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The eunuch replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

### **Gospel:** John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. My Father removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit my Father prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

### SUMMER STRETCH

Zion is partnering with Grace Lutheran in Andover for Summer Stretch! Students who have completed grades 4-8 are invited to join us on Thursdays during the summer for service projects (Feed my Starving Children, Global Health Ministries...etc.) and recreational activities (Urban Air, Bunker Beach...etc.) around the area. Register for all six Thursdays or just drop in - the choice is yours. High School students can also participate as a Junior Leader for a discounted price! Email [kweiland@zionanoka.org](mailto:kweiland@zionanoka.org) for more information.

## 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

God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. 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).

### 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

