

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF JUNE 14-20, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

ASSISTING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for safe travels for all those who are vacationing this summer and also healing and peace for our country and the world.

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

- Dave & Barb Loe, in memory of Dorothy Hall

PRAYER TEAM 3

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

ZION CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED FRIDAY JUNE 19

The church building will be closed in recognition of the Juneteenth Holiday. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please call Zion's main number, 763-421-4656 and the messaging service will reach the pastor on call.

ACBC

ACBC continues to need the team of volunteers who show up every Thursday afternoon from 2-4 pm! If you are able to assist, please sign up at the front desk. Thank you!

REMINDER - HELP REDUCE WASTE

DID YOU KNOW..."permanent" name tags are always available at the Welcome Desk? Maybe you haven't made one yet. Or, maybe you have and forgot it at home! Go ahead and make an extra. THANKS for partnering with the Creation Care team!

Dear Zion friends:

Thank you for your thoughtful words and warm send-off as I begin the new adventure of retirement. It has been an honor and a blessing to share in ministry with you. I treasure my memories and hold you close in my heart.

God be with you! -Ann Campbell

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

Katie Weiland
Intern Pastor

Ken Johnson
Visitation Minister

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

Rev. Soliette Lopez Ortega
Y.A.G.M. - Mexico

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**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, JUNE 15

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Funeral for Colleen Werdien

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Quilters

9:00 AM | ART ROOM

Funeral for Donna Butler

VISITATION | 12 PM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 1 PM | CHAPEL

Cancer Support Group

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

6:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

N.E.T. Meeting

6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Church Council Meeting

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Summer Kids Music & Dance -Pre K

10:30 AM | FAMILY LOUNGE

Naomi Circle Lunch

12:00 PM | OFFSITE

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Caregivers Support Group

10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

ACBC Volunteer Packing

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 - cont'd

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

"Our Neighbors' Table"

6:00 PM | TASTEFUL DELIGHTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 *Juneteenth Holiday*
Building Closed

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 4

11:00 AM | CHAPEL

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES -

VILLAINS OF THE BIBLE - Starts today

Every great story needs a great villain. Imagine Star Wars without Darth Vader, The Lion King without Scar, or Batman without the Joker. The Bible is no exception. Inside we find epic, unforgettable stories with equally unforgettable villains who do terrible evil in the sight of God and humanity. Yet, so often we gloss over the villains and lift up the heroes. But there is profound value in exploring the villains of Scripture, too. When we explore the villains, uncomfortable truths arise such as patterns of sin and brokenness. They confirm the deep tragedy of the human condition. While this all sounds heavy, this is also where the good news of the Gospel comes in and God's grace surely follows. Calling sin a sin allows it to be forgiven. Evil called evil can be redeemed. This 6-week (Jun 13/14, 20/21, 27/28, July 11/12, 18/19, 25/26) sermon series invites us into the stories of the villain and reminds us that more often than not, we have more in common with the villain of the story than we'd care to admit. But, ultimately, the God who sees all of this clearly is the same God who runs toward us, anyway.

coming up

"OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE"

JUNE 18 | 6 PM | OFFSITE

Zion's Social Justice Team invites you to join them in celebrating the gift of global diversity on the 2nd & 3rd Thursdays! The restaurant for the 3rd Thursday is Tasteful Delights (Eastern European food) at 3726 N 7th Ave, Anoka (*near the entrance of Anoka High School*). Come enjoy GREAT food and the joy of being together. Plan on wearing your Zion name tag.

ZION CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

3RD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH (JUN 16, JUL 21, AUG 18, SEP 15, OCT 20, NOV 17)

1 PM OR 6 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

This is for anyone who has cancer, post-cancer, family members, friends; or simply KNOW someone with cancer and want to be supportive of them. Pastor Mike will facilitate, drawing from his own experience with cancer and using the book "God Meets Us in Our Suffering" (\$15) for which he is a co-author. Each group (afternoon or evening) has a minimum of 3 and a cap of 12 people. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

MON, JUN 22 | 6:30-8 PM | ZION'S PATIO

Craving something sweet? We have just the scoop for you! Join us for an evening of laughter, community and of course, plenty of frozen delights (weather permitting)! Bring your friends, family and neighbors. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with your fellow church members and enjoy a tasty treat together. Hosted by NET.

GATHERING FOR VETS

TUE, JUN 30 | 0930-1130 | CORNERSTONE
Vets of all ages are invited to join us. Bring your stories and memories to share. Family & friends are welcome.

ZION KIDS SUMMER 2026

Camps are set for this summer. Register using this QR code and complete your summer 2026 health form! For more information or questions contact Lee at lneitge@zionanoka.org.



ZION AT RIVERFEST - JULY 11

SAT, JULY 11 | 9 AM-5 PM | ANOKA

Stop by and visit Zion's booth at Riverfest Our booth is located again this year at the corner of Jackson & 2nd Street in Anoka. Come spin the wheel for a fun prize or just stop by to say "hello." We would love to see you! Sponsored by the NET, Church Council and staff.

BAPTISM CLASS

SUN, JUL 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 information or to sign up for this class.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY -

JULY 20, MON; JULY 21, TUES; JULY 23, THUR & JULY 24, FRI | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
JULY 22, WED | 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

We will be doing a rehab on an existing house at 2560 Dunlap St N in Roseville. We have room for up to 10 volunteers each day. No experience necessary (minimum age 16) all are welcome. More info and sign-up sheets at the front desk. We also need help to provide and serve meals, you can sign up to provide any part of the meal, a main dish, a salad, a dessert, coffee, snack, etc. Meals can be brought directly to the job site by the server for the day or dropped off at Zion the night before. Questions? Contact Anders Lindberg at 952-463-6266 guywhogrows@gmail.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 | 5 PM

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RADIO BROADCAST

106.1 BOB FM

SUNDAYS | 9 AM

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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 READINGS

June 20/21
Exodus 5

June 27/28
Genesis 3:1-7

July 4/5
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Reading: Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

prayer corner

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of 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.



Dear Friends at Zion,

I want to share an important update regarding our congregational newsletter, *The Herald*. After thoughtful discussion and careful stewardship of our resources, we have made the decision to move to an email-only distribution of *The Herald*, rather than mailing printed copies. This will start with the August *Herald*.

This change will result in significant savings of approximately \$17,000 each year. These funds can then be redirected to support the ministries, outreach, and mission work that are at the heart of who we are as a congregation.

We understand that this is a change, and we want to make sure everyone continues to have access to the newsletter. If you do not currently receive emails from Zion or need help getting set up, please let us know—we are happy to assist you. For those who are unable to access email, we will work with you to make other arrangements so you can stay connected.

Thank you for your understanding and for your continued commitment to the life and ministry of Zion.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Connie

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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

