

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF JULY 5-11, 2026



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

### PRESIDING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

### READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM Caroline Baker

11 AM Jim Bauer

## today -

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...**We pray for the family of Jim Townsend who mourns his death. We pray for the families of the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela.

**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

- Dianne Carlson
- Roger & Margaret Denlinger

### SUMMER CHOIR

TODAY | PRACTICE @ 8:15-8:45 AM | CHOIR ROOM

TODAY | SING @ 9 AM SERVICE | SANCTUARY

Join us also on Sunday mornings Aug 2 & 23. We'll learn a fun, easy song to sing in worship for that day. For more info contact Jon Campbell at [jcampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:jcampbell@zionanoka.org).

### VOLUNTEER DISHWASHERS NEEDED!

The Cornerstone Café needs two-person teams to help with dish cleanup on Sundays after fellowship time. Individuals are welcome and will be paired with a partner. The time commitment is roughly an hour. Everyone will get trained on how to use the kitchen dishwasher. Volunteers will have rotating shifts. There is a sign-up sheet at the front desk. Please contact Suzanne Gaboury at [sgaboury@zionanoka.org](mailto:sgaboury@zionanoka.org) for more info. Thank you for helping and for your commitment to reducing trash at Zion!

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FOR VENEZUELA

Families in Venezuela have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods. Many remain without the essentials they need to begin recovering. Lutheran World Relief teams are already preparing a response. If you'd would like to give financially go to [give.lwr.org](http://give.lwr.org). Your gift will rush urgently needed support to families affected by the earthquakes.

**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*

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

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



### 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, JULY 6

### Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

### Sports Camp Grades K-5

9:00 AM | CLC

### Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

### Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM/CLC

## TUESDAY, JULY 7

### Sports Camp Grades K-5

9:00 AM | CLC

### Creation Care Team Mtg

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

### Sports Camp Grades K-5

9:00 AM | CLC

### Funeral for Jim Townsend

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS  
SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

## THURSDAY, JULY 9

### Sports Camp Grades K-5

9:00 AM | CLC

### Summer Stretch Grades 4-12

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

### The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

### "Our Neighbors' Table"

12:00 PM | OFFSITE

### ACBC Volunteer Packing

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

### Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

### Life Recovery Bible Study

6:00-7:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

## FRIDAY, JULY 10

## SATURDAY, JULY 11

### Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

### Anoka Riverfest

9:00 AM-5:00 PM | OFFSITE

## SUNDAY, JULY 12

### Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Prayer Team 6

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Baptism Class

12:00 PM | LIBRARY

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - JULY 20-24

MON, TUE, THU, FRI | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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 (min. age 16), all are welcome. 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](mailto:guywhogrows@gmail.com).

## ACBC

### FOOD PACKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every Thursday, 2-4 p.m., Zion volunteers help pack emergency food boxes at ACBC. Please go directly to ACBC; new volunteers will need to complete paperwork upon arrival. Space is limited to 8 volunteers each week, so please sign up at the front desk. If you have questions, contact Pastor Connie.

## MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY

**We are in need of ankle-length socks** for our bagging events this summer. Donations can be dropped off in the Matthew Bag donation bin at the Welcome Desk. Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Matthew Bag Ministry.

# coming up

## 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 Ave. 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](mailto:kjohnson@zionnoka.org) for more info or to sign up for this class.

## "OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE"

Zion's Social Justice Team invites & encourages you to join them in celebrating the gift of global diversity on the 2nd & 3rd Thursdays! Here are the restaurants and locations for this month:

- JULY 9 | 12 PM: Bole' Ethiopian Cuisine  
15609 Grove Circle N, Maple Grove  
*(Bold, highly-seasoned flavors, some might call spicy, but not necessarily hot).*
- JULY 16 | 6 PM: El Tarasco Taqueria  
506 E. River Road, Anoka  
*(Traditional-style tacos, burritos, & bowls)*

Come enjoy GREAT food, and the joy of being together. Plan on wearing your Zion name tag.

## ZION KIDS SUMMER 2026

Camps are set for this summer. Use this QR code to register and complete your summer 2026 health form! For more information or questions contact Lee at [lnetge@zionanoka.org](mailto:lnetge@zionanoka.org).



## MISS A SERMON?

Zion's sermons are available each week in audio form. Find us on Spotify - search Zion Lutheran Church - Anoka MN.

## ZION CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - NOW OFFERING EVENING CLASS

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (JUL 14, AUG 11, SEP 8, OCT 13, NOV 10)

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. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. *(Note: The 1 PM class will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday.)*

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Mon, July 27 | 1-6 pm | CLC

To sign up, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [www.RedCross-Blood.org](http://www.RedCross-Blood.org) enter Sponsor Code: Zion.

## ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Zion Lutheran will be partnering with United Methodist Church of Anoka for their annual United for the Community Back to School event. The event is August 13 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. At the event there will be free popcorn, hot dogs, chips, juice boxes, bottled water and ice cream. There will also be a bike and backpack giveaway along with live music. Please drop off your items at Zion by August 2. These are the items Zion is asked to collect.

- Crayola colored pencils (12 count)
- Crayola watercolor paint sets (8 count)
- Glue sticks
- #2 pencils
- 2 pocket folders in red, blue, yellow, green
- Spiral or composition notebooks (wide & college rule) in the same color

Monetary and gift card donations will also be accepted and can be dropped off at the front desk if you want us to shop for you.

## LIVESTREAM

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)*

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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

July 11/12  
Matthew 2:1-18, 14:6-11

July 18/19  
1 Samuel 17 &  
2 Samuel 11:1-27

July 25/26  
Exodus 32 &  
John 19:4-16

## prayer corner

We rejoice, O Christ, for in your tender compassion you shoulder our burdens and ease our heavy hearts. Give us the strength to carry each other as you have carried us. 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: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## CONGREGATIONAL GODPARENTS NEEDED

Every child needs AAA (authentic, available and affirming) adults in their lives – the more the better! At Zion we believe in "marinating" our children in prayer and being present from the beginning. That is why we have Congregational Godparents – AAA adults who are willing to be present at the baptism of a child and pray for them every day and send cards (which are provided) on their birthdays and the anniversary of their baptism. It's an easy job, but a vital one. We are in need of people who would like to be part of this ministry and be present at the baptism. Contact Kristine Johnson or Pastor Connie for more information.

## JEST KIDDING

During a worship skit at church, an usher who was playing God, hid in the sacristy with a microphone. When the congregation heard his booming voice "Adam, Eve, come here. I want you." A mother sitting with her 5 year old daughter murmured. "That voice sounds familiar. I'm sure I know it." Her daughter responded, " Well, you should! It's God."

## 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

