

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF JULY 12-18, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN + ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

PRESIDING:

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

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the family of Louise Hughes who mourns her death.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Mary & Charles Kucera, in memory of Louise Hughes
- David & Cindy Jones
- Anna Circle & Zion Quilters, in memory of Jim Townsend

COMMUNION...Please let an usher know if you would prefer communion to be served to you in the pew.

PRAYER TEAM 6

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

BAPTISM CLASS

TODAY | NOON | LIBRARY

PLEASE WELCOME JOHN PATTON -

ZION'S NEW DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

John served as a Bible camp counselor and the Program Director for Youth and Family Ministry for three years at First Lutheran in Fremont, Nebraska, before discerning his call to seminary. He graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Bethel Seminary in 2024. John is married to wife Nicky and has two daughters Jojo and Mary; they live in Anoka. His interests are LEGO, camping, building projects, and cars. He is looking forward to the program year getting to know the students and congregation at Zion.

CHANGES TO DISTRIBUTION OF THE HERALD

Starting in August printed copies of 'The Herald' will no longer be mailed out. It will be distributed via e-mail only. This change will result in significant savings of approx. \$17,000 each year which 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 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.

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

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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, JULY 13

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Worship at Walker

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Cancer Support Group

6:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

N.E.T. Meeting

6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Preschool Music & Dance

10:30 AM | THEATER

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Summer Stretch Grades 4-12

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Caregivers Support Group

10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Ukulele Basics - Grades K-5

11:00 AM | THEATER

ACBC Volunteer Packing

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Life Recovery Bible Study

6:00-7:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

"Our Neighbors' Table"

6:00 PM | OFFSITE

FRIDAY, JULY 17

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Adult Forum

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 7

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

RIVERFEST

Thank you to all those who visited our booth and who helped staff, set up and take down our booth at Anoka Riverfest. It was a wonderful day! Also a special thank you to the quilters and knitters for providing two quilts and many wash cloths.

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.

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.** 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 colors

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.

coming up

ZION CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - NOW OFFERING EVENING CLASS

TUE, JUL 14 | 6 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

And continuing on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (Aug 11, Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10).

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.)*

"OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE"

THU, JULY 16 | 6 PM | OFFSITE

Zion's Social Justice Team invites & encourages you to join them in celebrating the gift of global diversity on the 2nd & 3rd Thursdays! The restaurant for the 3rd Thursday is El Tarasco Taqueria, located at 506 E. River Road, Anoka (*Traditional-style tacos, burritos, & bowls*). Plan on wearing your Zion name tag.

ADULT FAITH FORUM

SUN, JUL 19 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Diane Baima, daughter of Florence Shebetka, will present "My Life Through the War." Diane lives with her husband Yurii on a small farm in Ukraine and teaches school in Kyiv. Grab a cup of coffee from the Cornerstone and stop in!

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 like to give financially go to <https://lwr.org>. Your gift will rush urgently needed support to families affected by the earthquakes.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - July 20-24

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED MON,

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

WED | 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

We are still looking for volunteers (workers and meal/servers)! We will be rehabing 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

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.RedCrossBlood.org enter Sponsor Code: Zion.

ZION KIDS SUMMER CONTINUES- AGES 0-5

• Toddler Tuesday Park Playdate

JULY 28 | 10-11:30 AM | GREEN SPACE

No registration needed!

GRADES K-5

• Mini Camp Create It

AUG 18 | 9 AM -12 PM

GRADES 4-12

• Summer Stretch

THURSDAYS JULY 8 - AUG 13 | 9 AM-5 PM

To register use this QR code and complete your health form. All participants must fill out a NEW Summer 2026 Health Form. For more info contact Lee at lnetige@zionanoka.org.



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

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

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

August 1/2
Matthew 14:13-21

prayer corner

Ancient Gardener,
your holy word is
planted in our hearts
as good seed in fertile
soil. So nurture us that
we may bear fruit abundantly. 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.

LESSONS:

Matthew 2:1-18,

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east 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 magi 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 in the east, 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. Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

Matthew 14:6-11

But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother.

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

