

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF JULY 19-25, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

PRESIDING:

8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

11 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Elena Marie Skogen who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Jerene Anderson, in memory of Judy Skinner and Carol Sather
- Shirlie Johnston
- Greg Nelson

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

SUMMER ADULT FAITH FORUM

TODAY | 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!

PRAYER TEAM 7

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

THANK YOU, CARL AND SOREN!

Zion AV Techs Carl and Soren Wallager will be leaving at the end of July. We are grateful for their many years working the AV booth at our weekend services!

MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY

Matthew Bags are serving the needs of many in our community. Due to warmer weather we may see more homeless and/or people in need during our day. We encourage you to pick up a Matthew Bag to give to a person in need that you may encounter. Each bag contains a pair of socks, a bottle of water, food bars and personal hygiene items. Bags are available at the Welcome Desk.

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, socioeconomic 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 20

Habitat for Humanity

8:30 AM - 3:30 | OFFSITE

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Habitat for Humanity

8:30 AM - 3:30 | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Quilters

9:00 AM | ART ROOM

Cancer Support Group

1:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Habitat for Humanity

8:30 AM - 2:30 | OFFSITE

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Preschool Music & Dance

10:30 AM | THEATER

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Habitat for Humanity

8:30 AM - 3:30 | OFFSITE

Jigsaw Puzzle Day

9:00 AM | CORNERSTONE

Summer Stretch Grades 4-12

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH 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

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Habitat for Humanity

8:30 AM - 3:30 | OFFSITE

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 8

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

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, 5 to 7:30 p.m. At the event there will be free popcorn, hot dogs, chips, juice boxes, bottled water and ice cream. **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 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.

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 give.lwr.org. Your gift will rush urgently needed support to families affected by the earthquakes.

coming up

JIGSAW PUZZLE DAY!

THU, JUL 23 | 9-11:30 AM | CORNERSTONE
Come together with friends and fellow jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts for some creative fun! Puzzles and coffee will be provided. All ages welcome.

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.Red-CrossBlood.org enter Sponsor Code: Zion.

GATHERING FOR VETS

TUE, JUL 28 | 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 CONTINUES- AGES 0-5

• Toddler Tuesday Park Playdate

JULY 28 | 10-11:30 AM | GREEN SPACE
No registration required!

GRADES K-5

• Mini Camp Create It

AUG 18 | 9 AM -12 PM

GRADES 4-12

• Summer Stretch

THURS 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 lnetge@zionanoka.org.



SUMMER CHOIR - Aug 2 & 23

Join us on Sunday mornings this summer! We'll learn a fun, easy song to sing in worship that day. Practice from 8:15-8:45 AM in the choir room. Sing in worship at the 9 AM service. NO ROBES! Questions? Contact Jonathan Campbell at jcampbell@zionanoka.org.

"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! Both of our August locations (lunch—Aug. 13 and supper—Aug. 20) will be at the same spot: Asia Village at Northtown Mall. There are at least 8 different restaurants—from Vietnamese pho to Korean fried chicken to Japanese ramen. Stay tuned for more details.

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. Sign up at the front desk.

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. Sign-up at the front desk. Contact Suzanne Gaboury at sgaboury@zionanoka.org for more info. Thank you for helping and for your commitment to reducing trash at Zion!

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!

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

August 1/2
Matthew 14:13-21

August 8/9
Matthew 14:13-21

prayer corner

Steadfast God, teach us your way and your truth. Root us in you alone, help us to grow in grace and love, that we may fulfill our role and our work in the reign of Jesus 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.

LESSON: Matthew 4:1-17

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Help Zion's Pre-K with *Box Tops for Education*. It's easy to do, no clipping or searching, The app will do it for you (See QR code). After you buy participating products you can either: 1. Use the Box Tops app, to scan your store receipts (within 14 days of purchase) to submit them.

2. Just drop your store receipts off at the front desk and we will scan and submit them for you.

A list of participating products is available at BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS.



JEST KIDDING - Today's Hymn

Reverend Clive Morgan was completing his homily in St. John's Church about the dangers of alcohol and the need for moderation and temperance. He announced at the end of the sermon in a loud, clear voice, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he added, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' Finally, he intoned in an extremely serious manner, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' The Reverend Morgan then sat down. Jerry, St. John's leading chorister stood up and announced with a smile, 'For our closing hymn this Sunday, let us sing together hymn number 423: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

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

