

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF JULY 26 - AUGUST 1, 2026



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

### PRESIDING:

8 AM Pr Sue Wallager  
9 AM Pr Mike Pancoast  
11 AM Pr Sue Wallager

## today -

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...**We rejoice with Lily Grace Hammill who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for the family of Les Curtis who mourns his death.

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

### PRAYER TEAM 8

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### NEW HIRE!

Randy Wile is joining our AV Team. You will see him primarily on Sunday mornings. Randy comes with years of experience, we are glad to have him be a part of the crew.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all those who helped with the rehab and those who provided lunch.

### ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE REMINDER

Please drop off your items, at Zion, for the *United for the Community* back to school event by next Sunday, August 2. Monetary and gift card donations will also be accepted and can be dropped off at the front desk.

### REMINDER

If you've recently moved, dropped your landline, changed your phone number or e-mail please let the church office know so we will be able to keep you informed.

### MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY

**We are in need of ankle length socks** for our bagging events. 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.

**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 27

### Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

### Red Cross Blood Drive

1:00-6:00 PM | CLC

## TUESDAY, JULY 28

### Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

### Vets Group

9:30 AM | CORNERSTONE

### Toddler Tuesday Park Playdate

10:00 AM | GREEN SPACE

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

### 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 30

### Summer Stretch Grades 4-12

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

### Ukulele Basics - Grades K-5

11:00 AM | THEATER

### ACBC Volunteer Packing

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

## FRIDAY, JULY 31

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

### Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

### Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Summer Choir Rehearsal

8:15 AM | CHOIR ROOM

### Prayer Team 1

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### Worship at Farmstead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

## 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.

## 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](https://give.lwr.org). Your gift will rush urgently needed support to families affected by the earthquakes.

## FREE FOOD AT UMC

Every Friday afternoon Coon Rapids United Methodist Church at Hanson and Coon Rapids Blvd redistributes uneaten food from local establishments to those in need. This food ministry is needed more than ever with 1 in 5 children in the US facing hunger today, and up to 40% of food in the US going uneaten. Interested in learning more or volunteering? Contact Tammy Gallagher, program manager at (763) 755-6990 or go to [Tammy@CoonRapidsUMC.org](mailto:Tammy@CoonRapidsUMC.org).

## MISS A SERMON?

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

# coming up

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:jcampbell@zionanoka.org).

## 2ND ANNUAL NIGHT TO UNITE COOKOUT

TUE, AUG 4 | 5-8 PM | ZION'S PATIO

Come join Recovery Cafe Anoka County in a *Night to Unite* cookout. Recovery Cafe Anoka County is a compassionate community supporting individuals impacted by substance use disorders, mental health challenges, family relationship issues, homelessness, housing instability, financial struggles and more. *Night to Unite* helps strengthen neighborhood spirit, promote crime prevention, and foster partnerships between residents and local resources. Come get to know the neighborhood and build a stronger sense of community. Enjoy free food along with a special visit from police & fire for kids. Everyone is welcome!!

## US FLAG RETIREMENT BOX

BSA Troop 233 has placed a US Flag Retirement Box located to the left of the Welcome Desk for you to drop off your old and worn flags for retirement. Thank you!

## BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

THUR, AUG 13 | 5 - 7:30 PM | OFFSITE

The annual *United for the Community* event will be at United Methodist Church of Anoka. There will be free popcorn, hot dogs, chips, juice boxes, bottled water and ice cream, also a bike and backpack giveaway along with live music.

## "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.

## CAMP CREATE IT - REGISTER NOW

TUES, AUG 18 | 9 AM - NOON |

CLASSROOM 5

Kids Grades K-5 compl. On the day of camp, you will get to choose from classes such as cooking, woodworking, embroidery and more! Cost: \$10

## SUMMER STRETCH 2026

Zion is partnering with Grace Lutheran in Andover and Lord of Life in Ramsey for Summer Stretch! Students who have completed 4-8th grade are invited to join us on Thursdays during the summer for service projects and recreational activities in the area. Register for all six Thursdays or just drop in - the choice is yours. Register here <https://cutt.ly/summerstretch26>. Are you a high school student interested in helping with summer stretch? Contact [jpatton@zionanoka.org](mailto:jpatton@zionanoka.org) for more information.

## 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

August 1/2  
Matthew 14:13-21

August 8/9  
Matthew 14:22-33

August 15/16  
Matthew 15:21-28

## prayer corner

O sovereign God, in Jesus Christ you set your holy reign upon this earth and within your people. So let its coming be like the mustard seed that grows into greatness, and like the leaven that mixes with the grain until the whole becomes greater, O the praise of the triune God, who lives forevermore. 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).

## 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.

## MEMORIAL FUNDS DESIGNATION

Following the loss of a loved one, Zion members frequently name Zion Lutheran Church to be a recipient of Memorial gifts in memory of their loved ones. We are sometimes asked about the ministry areas families may designate or “ earmark ” their memorial gifts. Here is the current list of established Memorial Funds:

- Children and Youth Ministry Memorial Fund
- Music and Worship Ministry Memorial Fund
- Radio Broadcast Ministry Fund
- Camp Scholarship Fund
- Sunday Hospitality Ministry Fund
- Zion Foundation
- Technology & Building Renewal Fund
- General Mission Fund
- Mortgage Reduction Fund

If you have questions about Memorial Funds please feel free to call the church office and talk to Tracy Kinn, Director of Finance or Pastor Connie. Memorial checks may be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and the memo line of the check should indicate the Memorial Fund for which the donation(s) are intended.

## "JEST KIDDING"

Did you know Job spoke when he was a very small baby? Where does it say that? "It says, 'Job cursed the day he was born.'"

## 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](http://BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS).



## 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

