

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF AUGUST 2-8, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

PRESIDING:

9 & 11 AM

Pastor Jeff Wallager

READERS:

5 PM Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM Bob Fischer

11 AM Sylvia Goldman

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Graham Curtis McMichael who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in celebration of Dennis & Linda Johnson's 60th wedding anniversary.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Jane Freeburg, in memory of Carol Freeburg
- Jean Goldsberry, in memory of Jim Townsend

SUMMER CHOIR

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

TODAY | WOMEN CHOIR SING @ 9 AM SERVICE | SANCTUARY

Join us also on Sunday morning Aug 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.

PRAYER TEAM 1

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

WORSHIP AT FARMSTEAD

TODAY | 1:30 PM | OFFSITE

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

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

BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS & DONORS!

Thank you to all who helped with the Blood Drive and to those who donated blood last week! Our next Blood Drive is September 28.

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, AUGUST 3

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Night to Unite - Recovery Cafe

5:00 - 8:00 PM | ZION'S PATIO

Creation Care Team Mtg

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Worship at Homestead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

Worship Team

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Ringmasters Slam

7:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Summer Stretch Grades 4-12

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Caregivers Support Group

10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Worship at Homestead

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

ACBC Volunteer Packing

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - CONT'D

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 3

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

GENEROSITY IN MOTION

Your generosity is truly in motion—right here in our community and around the world. This is who we are called to be, and Zion continues to step up.

Through our General Fund, Zion gave \$96,285 last year in benevolence to the Minneapolis Area Synod, local service organizations, and our global missionaries and mission partners. Your generosity also provided \$27,250 for our radio and cable broadcast ministries, helping share God's Word beyond the walls of our building.

But your generosity doesn't stop there. In 2025, special offerings supported additional local partnerships and ministries, including the ACBC Thanksgiving Offering and the Caring Tree. Together, these gifts totaled \$24,653.

And then there are the gifts that continue to make a difference through the years. Many people have remembered Zion in their wills and memorial gifts. Through the Zion Foundation, those gifts helped provide \$58,500 in grants last year to support ministries and organizations locally and around the world. And let's not forget the many ways Zion gives beyond financial gifts. Our ministries and members make countless in-kind contributions—from donations to the Zion Food Pantry and ACBC Food Shelf, to quilts, prayer shawls, Matthew Bags, and school supplies, snacks, and clothing for local schools.

Your generosity is always in motion—feeding, comforting, equipping, connecting, and sharing God's love with our neighbors near and far.

Thank you, Zion, for putting generosity into action!

coming up

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!!

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 on Aug. 13 and supper on Aug. 20) will be at the same spot: Asia Village at Northtown Mall. There are a variety of restaurants to choose from (Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese) with food court seating for us all to gather in and eat together.

MISS A SERMON?

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

CAMP CREATE IT - REGISTER NOW

TUE, AUG 18 | 9 AM - NOON |

CLASSROOM 5

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

ZION PRE-K REGISTRATION 2026-2027

Zion Pre-K is taking registrations for the 2026-27 school year. All 3 through 5-year-olds welcome. Register at www.zionprekanoka.org. Share with your family and friends!

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 through August 13 for service projects and recreational activities in the area. Register here <https://cutt.ly/summerstretch26> or just drop in the choice is yours. Are you a high school student interested in helping? Contact jpatton@zionanoka.org for more info.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED!

We are in need of communion servers. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, there is a notebook in the Sacristy where you can sign up for the weekend and worship service time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

GREETERS NEEDED

We need you to help us be a welcoming church! Come share a smile and a warm greeting with all who come to worship. Please contact Linn Hauck at linn.hauck@gmail.com or Suzanne at sgaboury@zionanoka.org if you are interested or have questions.

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

August 8/9
Matthew 14:22-33

August 15/16
Matthew 15:21-28

August 22/23
Matthew 16:13-21

prayer corner

Glorious God, your generosity floods the world with goodness and you shower creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for food to satisfy both body and heart, that in the miracle of being fed we may be empowered to feed the hungry in Jesus' name. 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: Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for the Lord has glorified you.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SCAM AND PHISHING WARNING!

Scammers like to target churches and their congregations for email scams and phishing attacks. Please be aware that scammers send emails claiming to be pastors or staff at Zion. Please be diligent and make sure to double check the sender's email address or confirm with staff directly if you suspect an email. If an email is spam, report it and block the sender.

JEST KIDDING

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I don't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

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

