

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF AUGUST 9-15, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

PRESIDING:

9 & 11 AM

Pastor Sue Wallager

READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Doug Jones

11 AM Jim Bauer

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the family of Tom Heidemann who mourns his death. We celebrate with Erika Hjort & Samuel McKinney who were married on Saturday.

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

- Pinky Pendergrass, in memory of Shirley Dussl

PRAYER TEAM 3

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE - THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who provided supplies, gift cards and money for the school supply drive and to Glen & Bev Semanko for organizing and transporting the supplies.

CYF FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 14

Registration for our Children, Youth and Family 2026-2027 program year will open on Friday, August 14! This includes Holy Shenanigans Sunday School (children ages 0-5 with an adult), Kid City Sunday School (grades K-5), , Whirl (grades K-5), and Confirmation (6th-8th grade). Registration link coming soon.

PRAYER MINISTRY INVITATION

If you have a celebration or concern you would like the prayer team to include in their prayers, complete a prayer card located in the Sanctuary pew racks, and also at the front desk or you can email your celebration/concern to prayer@zionanoka.org. All prayer concerns or thanksgivings are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Team. If you would like to be a part of Zion's Prayer Team Ministry or would like more info contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org.

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 10

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Worship at Walker

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

Pre-K Board Meeting

1:00 PM | LIBRARY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Cancer Support Group

6:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Summer Stretch Grades 4-12

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

"Our Neighbors' Table"

NOON | OFFSITE

ACBC Volunteer Packing

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Funeral for Jon Fredlund

VISITATION | 1 PM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 2 PM | SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 4

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!

REMINDER - HELP REDUCE WASTE

"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!

coming up

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 at noon on Aug. 13 and supper at 6 pm 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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mon, Aug 17 | 6:30-8 pm | Zion's Patio

Our June Ice Cream Social was such a sweet time that we're doing it again! You are invited for ice cream, conversation, and a chance to enjoy one another's company. We'll provide ice cream bars, Popsicles, and water. Come for the treat. Stay for the conversation. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and enjoy a summer evening together at Zion.

CAMP CREATE IT - REGISTER NOW

TUE, AUG 18 | 9 AM - NOON |

CLASSROOM 5

Kids Grades K-5 completed. Class descriptions will be sent out the week before camp begins. Cost: \$10

MISS A SERMON?

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

2027 ZION FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

• Zion Foundation Grants:

The Zion Foundation offers grants in the following areas: Youth Development and Education; National and Global Missions; Local Causes and Community Service; and Lutheran Legacy. To qualify, you must be a 501(c)(3) organization and have a sponsor who is a member of Zion. Grants are available to programs in the community, as well as Zion's own ministries and programs.

• Zion ELCA College Student or ELCA Seminary Student Grants

The Zion Foundation offers grants to Zion members who are attending an ELCA college or seminary. The college grants are \$500 per year, most ELCA colleges match the grant of \$500. Grants for seminary students are a maximum of \$1,000 per year.

To request an application for a foundation grant or student grant e-mail Kristine at kjohnson@zionanoka.org. **Completed grant applications are due by September 1.**

SUMMER CHOIR - Aug 23 & Sept 6

Join us on Sunday morning. 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 Jon Campbell jcampbell@zionanoka.org.

ZION PRE-K REGISTRATION

Zion Pre-K is taking registrations for the 2026-2027 school year. All 3 through 5-year-olds welcome. Register at www.zionprekanoka.org. Share with your family and friends!

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 15/16
Matthew 15:21-28

August 22/23
Matthew 16:13-21

August 29/30
Matthew 16:22-28

prayer corner

God of awe, from whom we flee in holy terror: your silence burns like ice; your whisper cuts through fear; we long to hear your faithful word of righteousness and peace. Bless us with bold belief even in the darkness of the night and the assault of life's storms, that we may be messengers of your justice, in the name of the One whom wind and wave obey. Amen.

prayer request

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Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, here I am; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when Peter noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Children, what do we know about God?" Tommy's hand shot up. "He is an artist!" said the 5 year old. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.."

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

