

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF AUGUST 16-22, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

PRESIDING:

9 & 11 AM

Pastor Connie Tiede

READERS:

5 PM Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Kathy Quade

11 AM Carol Loyd

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Kellen Alexander Olsen who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for the family of Sandra Falck who mourns her death.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in honor of Gary Nelson's 80th birthday by his niece Kari. Given in celebration of Bill & Marie Norquist's 60 wedding anniversary by their family.

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

- Tina Erickson

PRAYER TEAM 4

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

CYF FALL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

Registration for our Children, Youth and Family 2026-2027 program year is now open! This includes Holy Shenanigans Sunday School (Children ages 0-5 with an adult), Kid City Sunday School (grades K-5), Music and Dance Class (ages 2-5), Whirl (grades K-5) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade). To register go to www.zionanoka.org and click on Registration Events.

SMALL GROUP STUDY BEGINS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13 - 8 weeks

We will continue our Bible study through viewing and discussion of *The Chosen* Season 5 (Season 6 will be in the spring of 2027). The Chosen is a dramatic video drawing from Scripture, at times, while other times imagining what might have happened. Sign up 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, 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, AUGUST 17

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Ice Cream Social

6:30 PM | ZION'S PATIO

Scouts

6:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Mini Camp Create-It - Grades K-5

9:00 AM | CLASSROOM 5

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Quilters

9:00 AM | ART ROOM

Naomi Circle

12:00 PM | OFFSITE

Cancer Support Group

1:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

Church Council Meeting

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Caregivers Support Group

10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

ACBC Volunteer Packing

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

"Our Neighbor's Table"

6:00 | OFFSITE

MISS A SERMON?

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Funeral for Sandra Falck

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Summer Choir Rehearsal

8:15 AM | CHOIR ROOM

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 5

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

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 Sept 1.**

coming up

FREE 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. On the day of camp you will get to choose from classes such as cooking, woodworking, embroidery and more! Cost: \$10

"OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE"

THUR, AUG 20 | 6 PM | ASIA VILLAGE
AT NORTHTOWN MALL

Zion's Social Justice Team invites & encourages you to join them for supper, in celebrating the gift of global diversity. 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.

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.

GATHERING FOR VETS

TUE, AUG 25 | 0930-1130 | CORNERSTONE
Vets of all ages are invited to join us. Bring your stories and memories to share. Family & friends are welcome.

JIGSAW PUZZLE DAY!

THU, AUG 27 | 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.

JOIN ZION'S MUSIC GROUPS -

Rehearsals Begin Wednesday evenings

- Ringmasters Bell Choir:
SEPT 9 | 6 -7 PM | HANDBELL ROOM
- Adult Choir:
SEPT 9 | 7-8:30 PM | CHOIR ROOM
- Worship Team:
SEPT 16 | 6 -7 PM | SANCTUARY
- New Youth Choir (Grades 6 and up)*
SEPT 23 | 5:30-5:55 PM | THEATER
- Kids Choir (Grades K-5)
SEPT 23 | 5:55-6:20 PM | THEATER

*We are thrilled to announce the beginning of a brand new choir for grades 6 and up led by Callie Pendergrass and LeaAnn Barnett. If you'd like to join a group or have questions, email Music Director Jonathan Campbell at jcampbell@zionanoka.org.

BAPTISM CLASS

SUN, SEPT 13 | 12 PM | LIBRARY

If you are expecting a baby, have recently welcomed a child into your family, or are in the process of adopting, we invite you to join us for a baptism class. To register, contact Kristine at kjohnson@zionanoka.org.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

TUE, SEPT 15 - DEC 8 | 11 AM | LIBRARY

Join Pastor Sue and Leslee Curtis for a grief support group. Sign up at <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/300543> or stop by the front desk. If you have participated in this support group in the past, you are welcome to continue to use your old book or, if you are new to the group, you will need to purchase one for \$21. Contact Pastor Sue for more information swallager@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

August 22/23
Matthew 16:13-21

August 29/30
Matthew 16:22-28

September 5/6
John 1:1-5

prayer corner

God of the foreigner and outcast, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of Christ so to love the world that your name may be known throughout the earth. 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 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to the LORD, to love the name of the LORD, and to be the LORD's servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

RALLY SUNDAY CELEBRATION - September 13, 20, and 27

This year we are making Rally Sunday a celebration that lasts all month long! You are invited as we kick off a new program year at Zion. This isn't just about rallying our kids. We are all part of what God is growing at Zion! "Together with Christ, We Can Grow What's Next!"

- Together we can become a place where every person is known and every story honored.
- Together we can build a community where all belong and are welcome.
- Together we can strengthen connections, renew relationships and grow a future for tomorrow.

Come for worship. Come for fellowship. Come ready to celebrate, connect and discover the many ways God is calling us to grow together.

"JEST KIDDING"

At our weekly Bible study, the leader asked an elderly gentleman, Walt, to open the meeting with prayer. Walt did so in a soft voice. Another man, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" Walt replied, "I wasn't talking to you."

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

