

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF AUGUST 23-29, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

PRESIDING:

8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

9 AM Pr Connie Tiede

11 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Ken Johnson

11 AM Sylvia Goldman

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Ada Alexandra Wingness and Markus James Wingness who receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for the families of Donna Legrid and David Dilcher, brother of Dianne Pederson.

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

SUMMER CHOIR

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

TODAY | SING @ 9 AM SERVICE | SANCTUARY

PRAYER TEAM 5

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, 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 24

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Scouts

6:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Gathering for Vets

9:30 AM | CORNERSTONE

Altar Guild Meeting

10:30 AM | LEGACY ROOM

ZAAM Meeting

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Jigsaw Puzzle Day

9:00 AM | CORNERSTONE

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

ACBC Volunteer Packing

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 6

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.**

JOIN ZION'S MUSIC GROUPS -

Rehearsals Begin Wed 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.

coming up

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.

SUMMER CHOIR - Sept 6

Join us Sunday morning 8:15-8:45 AM in the choir room. We'll learn a fun, easy song to sing at the 9 AM worship service. NO ROBES! Questions? Contact Jon 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. This class is an opportunity to learn more about the meaning of baptism, what to expect, and how we celebrate this important sacrament at Zion. To register, contact Kristine Johnson 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 at swallager@zionanoka.org.

ZION PAGES BOOK GROUP

MON, SEPT 28 | 6:30 P.M. | LIBRARY
You are welcome to a discussion of *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome!

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.

JUST FOR FUN

Hymns for People Over 50

- Give Me the Old Timers Religion
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up
- Just a Slower Walk with Thee
- Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up
- Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
- Guide Me O Thou Great Lord God, I've For gotten Where I've Parked the Car
- Blessed Insurance
- It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt

MISS A SERMON?

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

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 29/30
Matthew 16:21-28

September 5/6
John 1:1-5

September 12/13
Matthew 18:21-35

prayer corner

O God, you blessed Abraham and Sarah, and made them a great nation. Keep us in remembrance of the rock from which we are hewn, that the waste places of our lives may blossom to your glory. 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: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many parts, and not all the parts have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are parts one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son-of-Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the dominion of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

EVERY MEAL - FILL A BACKPACK. FILL A NEED.

As a new school year begins, so does one of Zion's important partnerships with Every Meal at Lincoln Elementary. Every Meal works to fight child hunger by providing food to children and families during the times when school meal programs are not available—including weekends, summers, and school breaks. Through our partnership with Lincoln Elementary, Zion helps make sure that children have food to take home when they need it most. And this is where you come in. We need volunteers to place bags of food into the backpacks of Lincoln Elementary students who participate in the program. Volunteers typically serve on Fridays, as well as on the last school day before a holiday or extended break. It's simple, meaningful, and a wonderful way to make a difference in the life of a child. Training is provided, and you can sign up through SignUpGenius or by contacting Pastor Connie. A bag of food may seem like a small thing. But for a child and family who are struggling, it can mean the difference between an empty cupboard and a meal. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please contact Pastor Connie at ctiede@zionanoka.org.

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

