

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 5, 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

READERS:

5 PM Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Linda Peterson

11 AM Jim Bauer

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We celebrate with Samantha Zgutowicz & Hunter Trautman who were married at Zion on Friday, Aug 28. We pray for the family of Todd Campbell, brother of Pastor Brent Campbell, who mourns his death.

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

• Mike & Julie Kunz

PRAYER TEAM 6

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

JOIN US SEPTEMBER 5/6 AS WE CELEBRATE "CREATION IN CHRIST"!

Since the seventh century, September 1 has been celebrated in the Byzantine tradition as a day marking the creation of the world and the beginning of the church year. On Creation in Christ Sunday, we celebrate God's ongoing work of creation through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all things together. We hear of the triune God who created the sun and moon, the shining stars, the creatures of the sea, the birds of the air—and, yes, even human beings. God continues to care for all of creation and invites us to join in that work as caretakers of this beautiful world God has made.

ZION FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

To request an application for a Zion Foundation Grant and/or an ELCA College Student/Seminary Student Grant e-mail Kristine Johnson at kjohnson@zionanoka.org.

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.

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 31

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Funeral for Donna Legrid

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Scouts

6:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Creation Care Team Mtg

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Worship at Homestead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

Social Justice Team Meeting

6:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - cont'd

Summer Choir

8:15 AM | CHOIR ROOM

Worship at Farmstead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

FAMILY PROMISE - Building relationships with the families we served.

We're excited to share that this September, we'll have the opportunity to connect with families in a more meaningful way! During **our hosting week, September 13-19**, volunteers are needed to:

- Prepare and share dinner with the families on Sunday and Tuesday evenings.
- Prepare and serve Saturday morning breakfast.
- Help entertain the children on Tuesday evening while their parents attend a meeting at the Family Promise Guest House.
- Potentially help with a family activity on Sunday evening.

Family Promise has updated its volunteer policies so everyone serving during the week will need to complete the new volunteer training developed by the national Family Promise organization. In-person training session available on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1** AT 3-4:30 PM. For more information or to volunteer and attend the training, contact Pat Stearns at pat.stearns@comcast.net.

MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY - SOCK ALERT!

Exciting news! We are blessed to receive the gift of 1,000 Bombas socks in early 2027. This supply should serve our needs for a good portion of the year. We will continue to need water (16 oz bottles) and granola bars (any kind). Donations can be placed in the Matthew Bag Box at the Welcome Desk. Thank you to your continued support, to all those who have donated socks (one of the most important item in Zion's Matthew Bags), other items and with cash donations through out this past year.

coming up

SUMMER CHOIR - Sept 6

Join us Sunday morning from 8:15 to 8:45 AM in the choir room. We'll learn a fun, easy song to sing at the 9 AM worship service.

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED MONDAY SEPT 7 - LABOR DAY

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please call Zion's main number, 763-421-4656 the messaging service will reach the pastor on call.

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.

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 Johnson at kjohnson@zionanoka.org.

MISS A SERMON?

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

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. 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.

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.grief-share.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.

ADULT FORUM STARTS UP SUNDAY SEPT 20

Meet our new Middle & High School Youth Director, John Patton. John has been with us through the summer and was briefly introduced during worship. Pastor Mike will be "interviewing" John during our Adult Forum time. Come meet John and learn a little more about him and his family.

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!

"JEST KIDDING"

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment to bring something representing their religion. The first child got in front of the class and said, "My name is Ben, I am Jewish and this is the Star of David." The second child got in front of her class and said, "My name is Mary, I am Catholic and this is the Crucifix." The third child got up in front of his class and said, "My name is Tommy, I am Lutheran and this is a hotdish."

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

September 5/6
John 1:1-5

September 12/13
Matthew 18:21-35

September 19/20
Matthew 20:1-16

Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son-of-Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son-of-Man coming in his dominion."

LET'S RALLY- TOGETHER!

This year, we're making Rally a celebration that lasts all month long! Join us on **September 13, 20, and 27** as we kick off a new program year at Zion. This isn't just about rallying the kids. We are all part of what God is growing at Zion. Together with Christ, we are becoming a home—a place where every person is known, every story is honored, and every heart is welcomed with love. Each of us brings gifts God has placed within us, and when those gifts are joined together through Christ's unending love, something beautiful happens. We grow what comes next—a community where all belong and all are welcome. So come for worship. Come for the fellowship. Come ready to celebrate, connect, and discover the many ways God is calling us to grow and serve together.

prayer corner

Faithful God, you are the hope of all the oppressed, and the source of freedom for those held captive. Make us strong to witness to your liberating power, in generosity of life and in humility of spirit, that all the world may delight in your goodness. 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.

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

