

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6-12, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

PRESIDING:

SUN Pr Mike Pancoast

READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Ron Gray

11 AM Carol Loyd

today - "Creation in Christ"

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Teagan Mar White-Rodriguez who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for the families of Audrey Alban and Elaine Kappedahl who mourn their deaths.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Cara Fish
- Marilyn Herbold, in memory of Dave Dilcher
- Jean M. Olson, in memory of Olaf and Tom Olson
- Pinky Pendergrass, in memory of Bev Fraser for her birthday

SUMMER CHOIR

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

TODAY | SING @ 9 AM | SANCTUARY

WORSHIP AT FARMSTEAD

TODAY | 1:30 PM | OFFSITE

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED MONDAY SEPT 7 FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

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

LET'S RALLY TOGETHER!

This year, we're making Rally a celebration that lasts all month long! Join us **Sept 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 honored, and every heart welcomed with love. So come for worship, fellowship and be ready to celebrate, connect, and discover the many ways God is calling us to grow and serve together.

CYF FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

This includes all early childhood events, Sunday School, Confirmation, youth group, and more! To see what's available this fall and/or to register go to Realm or <https://www.zionanoka.org/registration-events/>.

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, SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day Holiday

Building Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Lydia Circle

9:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Anna Circle

1:00 PM | LIBRARY

Naomi Circle

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Cancer Support Group

6:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

N.E.T. Meeting

6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Rachel Circle

6:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Esther Circle

7:00 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

Adult Choir

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Funeral for Elaine Kappedahl

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Moving Forward

10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

"Our Neighbors' Table"

12:00 PM | OFFSITE

ACBC Volunteer Packing

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Family Activities

10:00 AM | UPPER COMMONS

Children's Ministry Leader Training

10:30 AM | LIBRARY

Prayer Team 7

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Baptism Class

12:00 PM | LIBRARY

High School Youth Group

12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

GENEROSITY IN MOTION - LEAVING A LEGACY

The Zion Foundation provides a way for members and friends of Zion to leave a legacy that continues to make a difference beyond their lifetime. Established in 1987, the Foundation supports Zion's ministries as well as local, national, and global organizations. More than \$60,000 in grants is awarded each year in four mission areas: Youth Development and Education, National and Global Missions, Local Causes, and Lutheran Legacy. A gift to the Zion Foundation is a way to invest in the future—helping ensure that the ministries and causes we care about today continue to bless others for generations to come. What kind of legacy will you leave?

REMINDER - HELP REDUCE WASTE

DID YOU KNOW..."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

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.

"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! Here are the restaurants and locations for this month:

- SEP 10 | 12 PM: Jawad Grill
(Greek/Mediterranean)
641 125th Ave NE, Blaine;
- Sept 17 | 6 PM: Hello! Hyderabad
(Indian) at 2711 Coon Rapids Blvd,
Coon Rapids

Come enjoy GREAT food, and the joy of being together. Plan on wearing your Zion name tag.

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.

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 FORUMS RESUME

SUN, SEPT 20 | 10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

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.

STEWARDSHIP 2026

On September 27, our final Sunday of Rally Together, we mark the beginning of our Season of Stewardship. As we celebrate all that God is growing at Zion, we also look ahead and ask how we can help grow what's next. Stewardship packets will be mailed out the week of September 28. The Stewardship Breakfast will be October 4th at 10 am and Gratitude weekend will be October 17/18.

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!

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 12/13
Matthew 18:21-35

September 19/20
Matthew 20:1-16

September 26/27
Matthew 21:23-32

prayer corner

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Turn our feet from evil paths, our hands from shameful deeds, our minds to your wisdom, and our hearts to your grace. 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: Acts 17:22-28

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'"

Gospel: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

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.

BIBLE QUIZ

- Which man in the Bible was the most flagrant lawbreaker?
Moses. He broke all ten commandments at once.
- What is the best vitamin for a Christian? B1

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

