

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN + ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

PRESIDING:

8 AM Pr Sue Wallager

9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

11 AM Pr Connie Tiede

READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Sandy Benson

11 AM Jill Arendt

today - Rally Sunday Begins

This year, we're making Rally a celebration that lasts all September long, starting today! This isn't just about rallying the kids. 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.

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Piper Lee Mesenbourg and Baker Allen Pinewski who receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We celebrate with Zoe Schuck & Samuel Peters who were married at Zion on Saturday. We celebrate with Paul & Jan Lindbloom who were married at Zion on September 9th, 65 years ago by Pastor Hyllengren. We pray for the family of Sandy Everson who mourns her death.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in memory of Art Bendiske by Judy Bendiske.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

TODAY | 10-10:50 AM | UPPER COMMONS

Everyone is welcome to make a craft while meeting up with old and new friends. CYF staff will have fun take-home resources for the whole family.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM LEADER TRAINING

TODAY | 10:30 AM | LIBRARY

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/>.

PRAYER TEAM 7

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

BAPTISM CLASS

TODAY | 12:00 PM | LIBRARY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

TODAY | 12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

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 14

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Ruth Circle

10:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Worship at Walker

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

Hannah Circle

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Sons of Norway

6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Quilters

9:00 AM | ART ROOM

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

9:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Grief Share Group

11:00 AM | LIBRARY

Cancer Support Group

1:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

Foundation Board

3:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Church Council Meeting

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Children's Ministry Leader Training

5:30 PM | LIBRARY

Confirmation Orientation w/Parents

6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - cont'd

Worship Team

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Adult Choir

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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 Neighbors' Table"

6:00 PM | OFFSITE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Lutheran Late Night

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Confirmation Breakfast & Rehearsal

8:30 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Funeral for Sandy Everson

VISITATION | 11 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 12 PM | SANCTUARY

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Cinnamon Roll Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | CORNERSTONE

Adult Forum

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

coming up

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - cont'd

Prayer Team 8

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

1:30 PM | SANCTUARY

SMALL GROUP STUDY

BEGINS THIS WEEK - for 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.

JOIN ZION'S MUSIC GROUPS -

Rehearsals Begin Wed evenings

• Worship Team:

SEPT 16 | 6-7 PM | SANCTUARY

• New Youth Choir (Grades 6 and up)*

SEPT 23 | 5:30-5:55 PM | THEATER

If you'd like to join a group or have questions, email Music Director Jonathan Campbell at jcampbell@zionanoka.org.

"OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE"

THU, SEPT 17 | 6 PM | OFFSITE

Zion's Social Justice Team invites & encourages you to join them in celebrating the gift of global diversity on the 2nd & 3rd Thursdays! The restaurants for the 3rd Thursday is **Hello! Hyderabad located at 2711 Coon Rapids Blvd, Coon Rapids**. Come enjoy GREAT Indian food, and the joy of being together. Plan on wearing your Zion name tag.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

SUN, SEPT 20 | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM |

CORNERSTONE

Zion high school youth will be serving cinnamon rolls during coffee hour as a fundraiser for their mission trip next year (TBD). A freewill offering will be taken.

NEW YOUTH CHOIR BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 23

WEDS | 5:30-5:55 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.

ADULT FORUM STARTS UP

SUN, SEPT 20 | 10 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 19/20
Matthew 20:1-16

September 26/27
Matthew 21:23-32

October 3/4
Philippians 3:4b-14

prayer corner

O God of Joseph and all his brothers, your forgiveness transcends whatever wrong exists between us. Grant us the courage to forgive others, and to practice reconciliation by the kindness of our speaking, the sharing of our resources, and the honoring of your desire for good. 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: Genesis 50:15-21.

Introduction: Joseph was one Jacob's favorite sons out of twelve. But that favoritism caused deep jealousy from Joseph's older brothers, so much so that one day, while they were out keeping watch over their father's flocks, they sold him into slavery and made his disappearance look to their father like a wild animal had killed him. From that point on, Joseph's life was one ordeal and trial after another. But God was with Joseph, and even as a slave in Egypt, he rose to power under the Egyptian Pharaoh, becoming the Pharaoh's right hand man. As agricultural minister, Joseph's rise saved not only Egypt from famine but the surrounding non-Egyptian tribes as well, including Joseph's family. After bringing them to live in Egypt, their father Jacob died, and Joseph's brothers feared his expected revenge.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as God is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way Joseph reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

