

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20-26, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

PRESIDING:

8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

9 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

11 AM Pr Sue Wallager

READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Bill Travis

11 AM Sylvia Goldman

today - Rally Sunday Continues

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 Eleanor Elizabeth Evenson and Julia Christine Hamling who receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We celebrate with Ashley Dowling & Miles Dittberner who were married at Zion on Friday. We pray for the families of Stephen Johansen Jr., son of Stephen & Carolyn Johansen, and Mary Weid who mourn their deaths. We celebrate with the youth as they affirm their faith through the Affirmation of Baptism (full list on last page).

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in celebration of Zion confirmands as they affirm their faith.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Judy Bendiske, in memory of Elaine Kappedahl.
- Cara Fish, in memory of Todd Campbell, brother of Pastor Brent Campbell.
- Dave & Barb Loe, in memory of Donna Legrid.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

TODAY | 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.

ADULT FORUM

TODAY | 10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Meet our new Middle & High School Youth Director, John Patton, and learn a little more about him and his family.

HOLY SHENANIGANS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | CHAPEL

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | THEATER

PRAYER TEAM 8

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE 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, 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, SEPTEMBER 21

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH 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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

9:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Toddler Tuesday

9:00 AM | FAMILY LOUNGE

Grief Share Group

11:00 AM | LIBRARY

ZAAM Meeting

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

PreSchool Music & Dance

10:30 AM | THEATER

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Pizza Dinner

5:00 PM | CORNERSTONE

Whirl - Games

5:30 PM | CLC

Youth - Choir

5:30 PM | THEATER

Kids Choir

5:55 PM | THEATER

Confirmation

6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - cont'd

Worship Team

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Whirl - Lesson

6:25 PM | CLASSROOM 5

Adult Choir

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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, SEPTEMBER 25

Funeral for Dorothy Hall

VISITATION | 1 PM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 2 PM | SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

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

Prayer Team 1

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

JUST A REMINDER

New registrations for Zion Kids ministries (Sun & Wed) are welcome throughout the school year. For more information go to our Children's Ministry page at zionanoka.org/registration-events/.

coming up

YOUTH CHOIR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 23

WEDNESDAYS | 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.

JIGSAW PUZZLE DAY!

THU, SEPT 24 | 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.

ADULT FORUM - THE BIBLE & HUMOR

SUN, SEPT 27 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We probably don't think of the Bible as funny. Not only is there humor in the Bible, but there are parallels between the way comedians look at the world and the way preachers invite us to look at the world. Come join Pastor Mike to laugh a little.

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Next Sunday we mark the beginning of our Season of Stewardship. As we celebrate all that God is growing at Zion, we look ahead and ask how we can help grow what's next.

- Stewardship devotionals are ready for pick up at the welcome desk.
- Stewardship packets will be mailed out the week of September 28.
- The Stewardship Breakfast will be
SUN, OCT 4 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
- Gratitude weekend is October 17/18.

SNACKS FOR KIDS

Zion will be helping Lincoln Elementary, Anoka Middle, and Sandburg Regional High Schools with their need for simple nutritious snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, Goldfish Crackers, Rice Krispies Treats, etc.) that are occasionally given to hungry students during the school day. Drop off packages at the front desk anytime. In addition to snacks, Sandburg also has a need for deodorant and mechanical pencils throughout the school year.

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!

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?

HOPE 4 YOUTH NEEDS OUR HELP

After a busy summer, Hope 4 Youth needs our support to help fill their pantry shelves as they enter the busiest time of year! These are the top needs for September:

- **Food:** Tuna &/or chicken (cans or packets), Mac & Cheese (microwave cups), Canned pasta, Fruit (cans or cups), Granola/protein/breakfast bars, Potato sides, Rice, Pasta
- **Toiletries:** Deodorant, Body wash, Lotion, Tampons, & pads, Diapers & Pullups sizes 4/5/6, Baby wipes

Donate in person or online! Hope 4 Youth Donation Center is located at 2665 4th Ave N #40, Anoka, MN 55303. Walk-in (Wednesdays & the 2nd Saturday of the month, 9 am-12 pm) or by appointment. (Contact Mari Dahlke Mdahlke@hope4youthmn.org or 763.323.2066 ext. 118.)

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 26/27
Matthew 21:23-32

October 3/4
Matthew 21:33-46

October 10/11
Matthew 22:1-14

prayer corner

God of miracles and of mercy, all creation sings your praise. Like the vineyard owner, your grace is extravagant and unexpected. Lead us to repentance and the acceptance of your grace, that we may witness to your love, which embraces both those we call friend and those we call stranger. 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.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said:] "The dominion of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. "When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew holders for you to write a prayer request. Place them in the wooden prayer collection boxes located in the Sanctuary, Chapel or at the front desk. All prayer concerns or thanksgivings are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Team.

2026 Confirmands

Samantha Borchert
Liam Boyum
Parker Danielson
Josh Groebner
Vinnie Keimig
Jack Larson
Elin Lindberg
Eva Nissen



Brita Norquist
Ava Pieri
Harper Pierro
Ethan Quarberg
Nathan Robinson
Weslee Sanders
Remy Santers

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

