

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 3, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

PRESIDING:

8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

11 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Caroline Baker

11 AM Jim Bauer

today - Rally Sunday Continues

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the people who suffer from Substance Use Disorder.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given by the children of Jerry & Eileen Millard in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary. Given in celebration of Dick Nybeck's 90th birthday.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Judy Bendiske, in memory of Sandy Everson
- Ken & Sandy Benson, in memory of Donna Legrid.
- Jane Freeburg, in memory of Donna Legrid and Dorothy Hall.

ADULT FORUM - THE BIBLE & HUMOR

TODAY | 10:00 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.

SCOUT WREATH SALE

TODAY, SEPT 27 | WELCOME DESK

Stop by the Welcome Desk and order your wreath from the Scouts for the upcoming holiday season!

HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | CHAPEL

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Stewardship Devotionals are available at the Welcome Desk. Keep a look out for your Stewardship Packet, it will be mailed out this week. If you do not receive one please pick one up at the front desk. Gratitude weekend is October 17/18.

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | THEATER

PRAYER TEAM 1

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 28

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Funeral for Stephen Johansen Jr.

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Red Cross Blood Drive

1-6 PM | CLC

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Zion Pages Book Group

6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

9:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Toddler Tuesday

9:00 AM | FAMILY LOUNGE

Vets Group

9:30 AM | CORNERSTONE

Grief Share Group

11:00 AM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Pizza Dinner

5:00 PM | CORNERSTONE

Whirl - Gym

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

Worship Team

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - cont'd

Whirl - Lesson

6:25 PM | CLASSROOM 5

Adult Choir

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Caregivers Support Group

10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Sons of Norway Book Club

10:00 AM | LIBRARY

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, OCTOBER 2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Stewardship Breakfast

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

Kid City

10:00 AM | THEATER

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 3

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Youth Group

NOON | YOUTH ROOM

Worship at Farmstead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

coming up

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MON, SEPT 28 | 1-6 PM | CLC

Zion is hosting a blood drive. To sign up, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter sponsor code: Zion

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!

VETS GROUP

TUE, SEPT 29 | 0930-1130 | CORNERSTONE

Vets of all ages are invited to join us. Bring your stories and memories to share. Family & friends are welcome.

NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering buckets will be out next weekend, October 3/4. All proceeds go to our Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting our children and youth.

STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST - FREE

SUN, OCT 4 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
Please join us, no reservations needed. Menu includes: Egg bake, fruit, muffins, orange juice and coffee.

"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:

- OCT 8 | NOON: Ginger Cafe (*Asian*)
14017 St. Francis Blvd. Ramsey
- OCT 15 | 6 PM: Hon Dee Thai Cuisine
13939 St. Francis Blvd. NW, Ramsey

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

ADULT FORUM

SUN, OCT 11 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

What does Zion's Cancer Support Group look like? This past summer, Zion began offering a monthly cancer support group. Come learn a little more about it - this equips you to be an "Evangelist" for one of Zion's newest slices of Ministry.

SEWISTS OF CONFIRMATION STOLES

Thank you to those who sewed and other volunteers who so willingly gave of their time and talents by assembling the confirmation stoles that our students created. A huge thank you to Jerene Anderson for coordinating the stoles and to all those who volunteered their time to sew them together. These stoles are such an important symbol for our confirmation youth!

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL ADDICTION AWARENESS MONTH

September is National Addiction Awareness Month. Addiction is a chronic disease, NOT a personal failure. Recovery is possible - healing happens when we replace judgement with compassion and community support. If you or someone you love is struggling, help is available. You are not alone. Need support? Call or text the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (SAMHSA) National Helpline at 1-800-662-4357. It's free, confidential and available 24/7/365. Just like training for CPR and first aid, Mental Health First Aid training can also save lives. Off-site training for MHFA is available Wednesday, October 14, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to provide care to an adult who may be experiencing new or worsening mental health symptoms. Training helps identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Contact Marty Gray for more information at 763-516-0045.

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

October 3/4
Matthew 21:33-46

October 10/11
Matthew 22:1-14

October 17/18
Matthew 22:15-22

prayer corner

God of our salvation, we falter before the demands of your word and turn away from your call to life. Pour out your mercy on us as you showed mercy to your people of old, that we may turn from our sinfulness and walk the path of self-emptying love made known in Jesus Christ. 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: Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM)

Domestic violence is the mistreatment of one family member or intimate partner by another. Abuse can be physical, sexual, verbal, emotional and psychological. Most often (but not always) the victims of abuse are women or children. Often, the first place someone goes for help is their pastor, priest or fellow church member. Please consider participating in the educational programs offered at Zion this October and throughout the year. October 24/25 is Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday, a time to prayerfully focus on what to be aware of and ways to help.

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

