

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF OCTOBER 4-10, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

PRESIDING:

SUN Pastor Connie Tiede

READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Bob Fischer

11 AM Sylvia Goldman

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the families of Peggy Giroux and Charlotte Olson who mourn their deaths.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given in celebration of Andy & Karen Johnson's 60th wedding anniversary.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Dianne Carlson
- Jeremy Olsen
- John & Sandy Steinbring, in memory of Stephen Johansen Jr.

SCOUT WREATH SALE

TODAY, OCTOBER 4 | WELCOME DESK

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

NOISY OFFERING

TODAY | 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Kids & youth are invited to gather the Noisy Offering during the closing hymn.

NO ADULT FORUM TODAY

STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST

TODAY | 10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us, no reservations needed.
Menu includes: Egg bake, fruit, muffins, orange juice and coffee.

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Stewardship Packets were mailed out last week. If you did not receive one please pick one up at the front desk. Gratitude weekend is October 17/18.

HOLY SHENANIGANS

TODAY | 10:00 AM | CHAPEL

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | THEATER

PRAYER TEAM 3

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

YOUTH GROUP

TODAY | NOON | YOUTH ROOM

WORSHIP AT FARMSTEAD

TODAY | 1:30 PM | OFFSITE

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, OCTOBER 5

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, OCTOBER 6

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

Creation Care Team Mtg

5:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Esther Circle

7:00 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Worship at Homestead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 - cont'd

Ringmasters

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

Worship Team

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Whirl - Lesson

6:25 PM | CLASSROOM 5

Adult Choir

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Moving Forward

10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

"Our Neighbors' Table"

NOON | Ginger Cafe IN RAMSEY

ACBC Volunteer Packing

2:00 PM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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 4

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS & DONORS!

Thank you to all who helped with the Blood Drive and to those who donated blood last week! Our next Blood Drive is November 23.

coming up

"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: Hom 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.

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM).

Domestic violence is the mistreatment of one family member or intimate partner by another. The 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 10/11 is Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday** a time to prayerfully focus on what to be aware of and ways to help.

MISS A SERMON?

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

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

SUN, OCT 11 | CORNERSTONE

Join us as we celebrate and show appreciation for our Pastors! Please join us following the Sunday morning worship services for cake and coffee.

FAITH MILESTONES

- **Bible Class** (for 2nd Graders or older kids who are new to Zion)
SUN, OCT 25 | 10:00-10:50 AM | THEATER
Bible Presentation
SUN, NOV 8 | 9 AM SERVICE | SANCTUARY
- **First Communion Class**
(for interested families)
SUN, NOV 15 | 11:00-12:15 | THEATER.

CELEBRATING SUZANNE GABOURY

After many years of dedicated service to Zion, we will be saying farewell to our Director of Operations, Suzanne Gaboury, as she retires. Suzanne's last day at Zion will be December 4. We are grateful for the many ways Suzanne has served our congregation and helped keep the ministry and day-to-day operations of Zion moving forward. Please join us in thanking Suzanne for her years of service and wishing her all the best in this next chapter! More details on her celebration to come!

WE'RE HIRING -

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

As we prepare for this transition, Zion is seeking a new full-time Director of Operations. This position provides leadership for the administrative and operational needs of the congregation and helps ensure that our ministries, staff, volunteers, facilities, and day-to-day work are well supported. The full position description is available on the Zion website or at the church front desk. If you or someone you know may be interested, we encourage you to take a look and share the opportunity!

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 10/11
Matthew 22:1-14

October 17/18
Matthew 22:15-22

October 24/25
John 8:31-36

prayer corner

Holy God, you love justice and hate oppression; you call us to righteousness and not to exploitation. Give us generous and loving hearts, and eyes to see the splendor of your reign, that we may live in truth and honor, and praise you for the transformation of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. "Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to Jesus, "The owner will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the dominion of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of it. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because the people regarded him as a prophet.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES OF ZION STAFF

Today, we joyfully celebrate special milestone anniversaries and extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Zion staff. Your unwavering service, faithfulness, and love have been the foundation of our ministry's impact throughout the years. We celebrate the following milestones:

- Jonathan Campbell, Director of Music & Worship - 5 years
- Suzanne Gaboury, Director of Operations - 10 years
- Josh Myroniuk, Director of Technology & Media Arts - 10 years
- Greg Nelson, Custodian - 15 years
- Diane Shuldheisz, Wedding Coordinator - 10 years
- Pr. Sue Wallager, Pastor for Spiritual Care - 15 years

As we mark these anniversaries, we honor the time, care, and commitment these staff members have poured into our community. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ—your work truly makes a difference.

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/.

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

