

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11-17, 2026



ZION
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WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

PRESIDING:

8 AM Pr Connie Tiede

9 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

11 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Doug Jones

11 AM Jill Arendt

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the survivors, the families of the victims and all those who are impacted by domestic violence. We pray for the family of Dale Schurman who mourns his death.

COMMUNION...Please let an usher know if you would prefer communion to be served to you in the pew.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Given by the Rachel Circle to honor survivors and remember the victims of Domestic Violence. (See Insert)

TODAY IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS SUNDAY

Now is a time to have true and meaningful conversations about domestic violence. We also have information for you to be prepared for if the topic comes up in conversation.

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- The family of Darlene Holmes given in her memory.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

TODAY | AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES | CORNERSTONE

Join us for cake and coffee as we celebrate and show appreciation for our Pastors!

ADULT FORUM TODAY

TODAY | 10:00 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 us to be an "Evangelist" for one of Zion's newest slices of ministry.

HOLY SHENANIGANS

TODAY | 10:00 AM | CHAPEL

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | THEATER

PRAYER TEAM 4

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

NO WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH THIS WEEK DUE TO MEA

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, OCTOBER 12

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Funeral for Peggy Giroux

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Ruth Circle

10:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Worship at Walker

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

Hannah Circle

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Pre-K Board Meeting

1:00 PM | LIBRARY

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, OCTOBER 13

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

9:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Toddler Tuesday

9:00 AM | FAMILY LOUNGE

Lydia Circle

9:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Grief Share Group

11:00 AM | LIBRARY

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Worship Team

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

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 | HOM DEE THAI CUISINE IN RAMSEY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Lutheran Late Night

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Traditional Worship Service

8:00 AM | SANCTUARY

9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Adult Forum

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 5

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offering this last weekend. We gathered \$586.05.

coming up

LUMINARIES FOR LOVED ONES

You are invited to pick up a white bag today, at the front desk, to decorate any way you like with the name of your loved one on it for this walk through event in the CLC on Nov 1, 5-6:30 pm.

"OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE"

THU, OCT 15 | 6 PM | OFFSITE

The restaurants for the 3rd Thursday is: Hom Dee Thai Cuisine at 13939 St. Francis Blvd. NW in Ramsey. Plan on wearing your Zion name tag.

ADULT FORUM

SUN, OCT 18 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
Meet our new Director of Children's Ministry, Tim Stammeyer. Tim has been with us through the summer and was briefly introduced during worship. Pastor Mike will be "interviewing" Tim during our Adult Forum time.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

SUN, OCT 18 | 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. A freewill offering will be taken.

STEWARDSHIP 2026 -

"Let's Grow What's Next"

Reminder that October 17/18 is commitment weekend. We invite you to complete your stewardship intention sheet for 2027 and return it by mailing it in, dropping it off at church, or placing it in the offering plate next Saturday or Sunday. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

ZION PAGES BOOK GROUP

MON, OCT 26 | 6:30 P.M. | LEGACY ROOM
You are welcome to a discussion of *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. All are welcome!

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

TRICK OR TREAT - A COMMUNITY EVENT

WED, OCT 28 | 5-6:30 PM

Event held indoors, making it a safe & fun time for all ages. Participate by:

- Hosting and decorating a themed table and passing out candy to attendees. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.
- Donate candy to be passed out. Place candy donations inside the scary monster display at the Welcome Desk!

Contact Lee at LNeitge@zionanoka.org for more information.

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

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.

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 17/18
Matthew 22:15-22

October 24/25
John 8:31-36

Oct 31/Nov 1
Psalm 34:1-10,22

prayer corner

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all people and poured out life with such abundance that death cannot claim the triumph over your universe. Call us again to your banquet where we may receive your holy food, and strengthened by what is honorable, just, and pure, be transformed into a people of righteousness and peace. 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: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And the Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; the Lord will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of the chosen people God will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God, for whom we have waited, so that God might save us. This is the Lord from whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The dominion of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

