

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-24, 2026



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

PRESIDING:

8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast
9 AM Pr Sue Wallager
11 AM Pr Sue Wallager

READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson
8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell
9 AM Kathy Quade
11 AM Carol Loyd

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the family of Louise Bakke who mourns her death.

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

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Shirly Johnston

STEWARDSHIP 2026 - "Let's Grow What's Next"

Today is Gratitude Weekend. We invite you to return your stewardship intention sheet for 2027 by placing it in the offering plate or return it by mailing it in, or dropping it off at church during the week. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

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. A freewill offering will be taken.

ADULT FORUM TODAY

TODAY | 10:00 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.

NO HOLY SHENANIGANS OR KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

PRAYER TEAM 5

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

NEXT WEEK IS REFORMATION SUNDAY REMEMBER TO WEAR RED!

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 19

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 20

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Small Group Study-"The Chosen"

9:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Quilters

9:00 AM | ART ROOM

Toddler Tuesday

9:00 AM | FAMILY LOUNGE

Grief Share Group

11:00 AM | LIBRARY

Cancer Support Group

1:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

Church Council Meeting

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Worship Team

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Whirl - Lesson

6:25 PM | CLASSROOM 5

Adult Choir

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

Equity Team Meeting

6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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/Bible Class*

10:00 AM | THEATER

New Member Coffee/Orientation

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 6

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

*FAITH MILESTONES

• **Bible Class** (for 2nd Graders or older kids who are new to Zion)
SUN, OCT 25 | 10-10:50 AM | THEATER

• **Bible Presentation**

SUN, NOV 8 | 9 AM SERVICE | SANCTUARY

coming up

BLUEGRASS HYMN SING

MON, OCT 19 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM | OFFSITE

Do you love to sing? Do you like bluegrass music? Join Pastor Mike at The Dubliner Pub (2162 University Ave W, St Paul) for a hymn sing led by the "Fleshpots of Egypt". (*The band's name is biblical—but you'll have to look it up on your own...Exodus 16:1-3!*) The band is a group of Lutheran pastors (mostly) from around the Twin Cities area who simply love making music and inviting others to sing! They perform on the 3rd Monday of each month.

JIGSAW PUZZLE DAY!

THU, OCT 22 | 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

SUN, OCT 25 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Domestic Violence Awareness. Kathleen Kelly from Alexandra House will be our guest speaker.

NEW MEMBER COFFEE/ORIENTATION

SUN, OCT 25 | 10 AM | LEGACY ROOM

If you are new to Zion or would like to learn more about the Zion community, you are invited to a New Member Coffee. Contact Pastor Connie to attend or if you have questions at ctiede@zionanoka.org.

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!

VETS GROUP

TUE, OCT 27 | 0930-1130 | CORNERSTONE

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

TRICK OR TREAT -

A COMMUNITY EVENT

WED, OCT 28 | 5:30-7 PM

Participate in this indoor event by:

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

Questions or for more info contact Lee at LNeitge@zionanoka.org.

JOYA CONCERT

SUN, NOV 1 | 3:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Uptown Brass returns to Joya in a concert we're calling "Rhapsody in Brass" featuring George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue arranged for piano and brass featuring Mary Jo Gothmann on piano. The concert is FREE to attend and you are invited to donate to Family Promise of Anoka County.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND LUMINARIES FOR LOVED ONES - NOV 1

During worship that day, we will honor Zion members who have died this past year. We will also provide an opportunity for you to write the name of a saint you wish to remember on a card. That evening, we host 'Luminaries for Loved Ones' in the CLC (gym) 5- 6:30 pm. If you would like to include a luminary for a loved one pick up a white paper bag from the front desk. Decorate the bag as you wish, or simply write your loved one's name on it (darker colors are best) and **return it by noon on November 1.**

NEW SMALL GROUP BEGINS

This 6-week study starts the **week of November 8.** It is a follow-up study of Philip Yancy's "What's So Amazing About Grace?" which continues to explore the reality of grace and what it looks like in action. Supplies: Your Bible & study guide (\$10). Sign up at the Welcome 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 24/25
John 8:31-36

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

November 7/8
Matthew 25:1-13

prayer corner

Creator of all, you have called us and chosen us to be your people. By the power of your Holy Spirit may we bear witness with joy and conviction to the good news of 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: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to Cyrus, the Lord's anointed, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip rulers of their robes, to open doors before Cyrus—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Gospel: Matthew 22:5-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to Jesus, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then Jesus said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

GENEROSITY IN MOTION: MEMORIAL GIFTS

When someone we love dies, we often want to do something that honors their life and keeps their memory close. Many people choose to give a memorial gift to the church in memory of a loved one. A memorial gift to Zion is more than a donation—it is a way of carrying someone's legacy forward. Your gift helps provide opportunities for ministry that may not always fit within our regular budget: a special music offering, a children's ministry event, new technology that helps us share worship, a community outreach opportunity, or something unexpected that opens a door for ministry. What a beautiful way to remember someone: their life continues to make a difference in the lives of others. If you are considering a memorial gift, we invite you to consider Zion. Your generosity helps keep ministry moving and allows the gift of one life to bless many others. Generosity in Motion—because generosity doesn't just support the church. It helps ministry happen.

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.

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

