# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25-31, 2026

ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:
Pastor Connie Tiede

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

READERS:
5 PM Judy Bendiske
8 AM Marlene Gray
9 AM Ken Johnson
11 AM Jim Bauer

## today - Reformation

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the family of Robert Lester Smith who mourns his death.

ALTAR FLOWERS...In celebration of the 30th anniversary of Pastor Mike's ordination.

### ADULT FORUM TODAY - Domestic Violence Awareness

TODAY | 10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Learn about the root causes of domestic violence, what it looks like, how victims respond and how community members can best support victim/survivors who disclose to them. Presented by Kathleen Kelly from Alexandra House.

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

TODAY | 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.

NO YOUTH PROGRAMS ON WEDNESDAY, OCT 28
Join us for "Trick or Treat" a Community Event

### KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS FOR 2ND GRADERS OR OLDER KIDS NEW TO ZION*

TODAY | 10 AM | THEATER

*Bibles will be presented on Sunday, November 8 at the 9 AM service.

### HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL

### PRAYER TEAM 6

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### THANK YOU FOR RETURNING YOUR 2027 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS

If you have not yet returned your intention sheet, please bring it to worship or mail it in at your convenience. Extra stewardship packets are available at the front desk or you may go to Zion's website and click on the "Stewardship 2027" button and make your commitment online. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

**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 26

**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
**Zion Pages Book Group**
6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

**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
**Properties Commmittee**
5:00 PM | CORNERSTONE
**ZAAM Meeting**
6:30 PM | LIBRARY

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

**Recovery Cafe**
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
**Small Group Study-"The Chosen"**
10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM
6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM
**"Mummy Dogs" Dinner**
5:30 PM | CORNERSTONE
**Trick or Treat Community Event**
5:30 PM | LOWER COMMONS
**Ringmasters**
6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM
**Worship Team**
6:00 PM | SANCTUARY
**Adult Choir**
7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

**Family Caregiver Connection Event**
9:30 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 - cont'd

**ACBC Volunteer Packing**
2:00 PM | OFFSITE
**Open Pickleball**
2:00 PM | CLC

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

**Traditional Worship Service**
5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1*

**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 7**
11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM
**Youth Group**
12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM
**Worship at Farmstead**
1:30 PM | OFFSITE
**JOYA Concert**
3:00 PM | SANCTUARY
**Luminaries for Loved Ones**
5-6:30 PM| CLC

***Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends November 1. Set your clocks back 1 hour.***



## MATTHEW BAG

We are blessed to receive the gift of 1,000 Bombas socks. We are now in need of water (16 oz bottles) and granola bars (any kind). Monetary donations also accepted. Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Matthew Bag Ministry.

## FAITH MILESTONES -

**First Communion Class**
(for interested families)
SUN, NOV 15 | 11:00-12:15 | THEATER

# coming up

## 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.

## VETS GROUP

Tue, Oct 27 | 0930-1130 | Cornerstone

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

## TRICK OR TREAT - A COMMUNITY EVENT

Wed, Oct 28 | 5:30-7 pm | Lower Commons

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.

## NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering buckets will be out again next weekend, **Oct 31/Nov 1**. All proceeds go to our Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting our children and youth.

## ADULT FORUM

Sun, Nov 1 | 10 am | Fellowship Hall

Executive Director of Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp, McLeod, MT, Pastor Heather Wigdahl will share with us the amazing ministry Christikon offers in the breath-taking beauty of the Boulder River valley in the Beartooth-Absaroka Wilderness Area of south-central Montana, just north of Yellowstone National Park. This is the camp Pastor Mike attends every summer for continuing education and family camp. Here's a little camp trivia: there has been a Pancoast kid on staff at Christikon for 10 consecutive years!

## 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. You are invited to bring a donation to Family Promise of Anoka County. Come hear a great concert and support Family Promise!

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY & LUMINARIES FOR LOVED ONES - NOVEMBER 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 (our 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 Yancey'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 & the study guide ($10). Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

## MOM'S RETREAT!

Sat, Nov 21 | 10 am-noon | Cornerstone

Join us to gather with other moms, reflect on a Bible study, and make a Christmas craft! $10 per person, register on Realm. Questions? Email Lneitge@zionanoka.org.

### LIVESTREAM

Sunday 9 & 11 am

www.zionanoka.org
*(click "Worship Online")*
or
www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchAnokaMn
*(Available anytime)*

### CABLE TV

Metro Cable Network
Channel 6
Sunday | 5 pm

### RADIO BROADCAST

106.1 BOB FM
Sundays | 9 am

### HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

### 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.

### 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.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

*Go to:*
https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday
*or Scan this QR code*

# growing in faith together

## UPCOMING READINGS

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

November 7/8
Matthew 25:1-13

November 14/15
Matthew 25:14-30

## prayer corner

Holy One, you planted us by living water, that we might be rooted in righteousness. You call us to be holy as you are holy. Assured of your love, help us to cast aside all fear, that we may love our neighbors as ourselves. 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: Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in the sight of God" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in divine forbearance God had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and that God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**Gospel: John 8:31-36**

Jesus said to the Judeans who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

## 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

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