life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8-14, 2026

ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:
Pastor Mike Pancoast

PRESIDING:
8 AM Pr Connie Tiede
9 AM Pr Sue Wallager
11 AM Pr Connie Tiede

READERS:
5 PM Kathy Johnson
8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell
9 AM Ron Gray
11 AM Jill Arendt

today -

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We rejoice with Isla Maria Gavin who receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray for the family of Tom Frank who mourns his death.

ALTAR FLOWERS...Ken & Sandy Benson, in thanksgiving for both of our parents.

ADULT FORUM - FOUNDATION SUNDAY

TODAY | 10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Zion Foundation provides a lasting way for members and friends of Zion to leave a legacy that continues to make a difference for generations to come. Established in 1987, the Foundation supports Zion's ministries and local, national, and global organizations. Each year, the Foundation awards up to $60,000 in grants across four mission areas: Youth Development and Education, National and Global Missions, Local Causes, and Lutheran Legacy. Join us for Foundation Sunday to learn more about these ministries and see the difference your generosity makes!

HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | THEATER

PRAYER TEAM 8

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

BAPTISM CLASS

TODAY | NOON | LIBRARY

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.

BAGS USED IN THE LUMINARIES FOR LOVED ONES

If you would like to keep your decorated bag(s) for next year, please pick them up at the Welcome Desk.

THANKSGIVING EVE INGATHERING OF FOOD

Grocery Bags with shopping lists and envelopes for monetary donations for ACBC are available at the Welcome Desk. Thank you!

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, NOVEMBER 9

Recovery Cafe
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
Funeral for Tom Frank
VISITATION | 9:30 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 - Amazing Grace
1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM
Open Pickleball
2:00 PM | CLC
Scouts - Pack 233
6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Open Pickleball
9:00 AM | CLC
Small Group Study - Amazing Grace
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
Esther Circle
7:00 PM | LIBRARY
Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Recovery Cafe
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
Small Group Study - Amazing Grace
10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM
6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM
Pizza Dinner
5:00 PM | CORNERSTONE
Whirl - Games
5:30 PM | CLC
Youth Choir
5:30 PM | THEATER
Whirl Children's Choir
5:55 PM | THEATER
Confirmation
6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS
Worship Team
6:00 PM | SANCTUARY
Whirl - Lesson
6:25 PM | CLASSROOM 5

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

The Gathering
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
Moving Forward
10:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM
"Our Neighbors' Table"
NOON | El Tarasco Taqueria in Anoka
ACBC Volunteer Packing
2:00 PM | OFFSITE
Open Pickleball
2:00 PM | CLC
Nominating Committee Meeting
6:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Traditional Worship Service
5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Traditional Worship Service
8:00 AM | SANCTUARY
9:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM
Adult Forum
10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

coming up

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - cont'd

Holy Shenanigans Sunday School
10:00 AM | CHAPEL
Kid City Sunday School
10:00 AM | THEATER
1st Communion Classs - Grades K-5
11:00 AM | THEATER
Blended Worship Service
11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM
Prayer Team 1
11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM
Northern Lights Chorale Concert
3:00 PM | SANCTUARY

NEW SMALL GROUP BEGINS THIS WEEK

A 6-week study of Philip Yancey's "What's So Amazing About Grace?" We will 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.

"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:

- Nov 12 | NOON: El Tarasco Taqueria *(Mexican)* 506 E. River Rd, Anoka
  Next to Mike's Discount Groceries
- Nov 19| 6 PM: Baba Saj *(Middle Eastern - Yemen)* 8695 Central Ave. NE, Blaine
  Features a unique flat bread sandwich

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

ADULT FORUM - ZAAM
Reducing Stigma about Mental Health

NOV 15 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Lori Blaukat, Senior Program Planner, Anoka County, will explain what stigma is, why it matters and how to help reduce stigma for oneself, someone else, or in the community. She will talk about the national and local community campaign that has helped reduce stigma by increasing understanding and creating caring conversations around mental health and substance use disorders. Come, see, learn.

FAITH MILESTONES - Grades K-5

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

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHORALE CONCERT

SUN, NOV 15 | 3 PM | SANCTUARY
Go to northernlightschorale.com for more information.

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.

A BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

NOV 21/22 | ALL SERVICES | SANCTUARY

All year long, Zion's talented and dedicated quilters work hard to create beautiful quilts that bring warmth, comfort, and love to our neighbors both locally and around the world. Each quilt is a gift of care, lovingly made and shared with someone who needs it.

NEW THIS YEAR: A QUILT RAFFLE!

So many people have asked, "Can I buy one of these beautiful quilts?" This year, we have a special opportunity for you! We will be raffling off two beautiful quilts. Raffle tickets are $5 each and can be purchased at the Welcome Desk the weekends of November 14/15 and 21/22. Drawing will be the week of November 22. Come support the amazing work of Zion's quilters. Every ticket helps celebrate their ministry and the love stitched into every quilt.

ZION PAGES BOOK GROUP

MON, NOV 23 | 6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

You are welcome to a discussion of *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller.

LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM
www.zionanoka.org
(click "Worship Online")
or
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

November 14/15
Matthew 25:14-30

November 21/22
Matthew 25:31-46

November 28/29
1st Sunday of Advent
Mark 13:24-37

prayer corner

Ever-living God, you inscribe our names in your book of life so that we may share in the firstfruits of salvation. Grant that we may acknowledge Christ as our redeemer and, trusting in him, be confident that none of your own will be lost or forgotten. We ask this in the name of Jesus the 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.

Lesson: Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the dominion of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Sir, sir, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

ZION'S 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your numerous donations of healthy snacks for our neighboring partnership schools. We have an ample supply for now, so we will suspend collecting for a couple months. Be on the lookout for a new request shortly after the Holidays. Your generosity is always appreciated.

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offering this last weekend. We gathered $479.15

WELCOME
God is here for you, in the word and sacraments, in the love of this community.

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