life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15-21, 2026

ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:
Pastor Connie Tiede

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

READERS:
5 PM Judy Bendiske
8 AM Marcia Wilson
9 AM Sandy Benson
11 AM Sylvia Goldman

today -

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

THANK YOU RECENT RADIO BROADCAST FUND SUPPORTERS

- Ken & Sandy Benson, in memory of Tom Frank
- Abigail Larson

ADULT FORUM - ZAAM: Reducing Stigma about Mental Health
TODAY | 10:00 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.

HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL
TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS
TODAY | 11 AM | THEATER

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL
TODAY | 10 AM | THEATER

PRAYER TEAM 1
TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHORALE CONCERT
TODAY | 3 PM | SANCTUARY
Go to northernlightschorale.com for more information.

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 16

Global Health Ministries
9:00 AM | OFFSITE
Recovery Cafe
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
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 17

Open Pickleball
9:00 AM | CLC
Small Group Study - Amazing Grace
9:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
Toddler Tuesday
9:00 AM | FAMILY LOUNGE
Quilters
9:00 AM | ART ROOM
Grief Share Group
11:00 AM | LIBRARY
Cancer Support Group
1:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM
Church Council Meeting
6:30 PM | LIBRARY
Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 PM | LEGACY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Recovery Cafe
9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM
Small Group Study - Amazing Grace
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 - Games
5:30 PM | CLC
Youth Choir
5:30 PM | THEATER
Kids Choir
5:55 PM | THEATER
Confirmation
6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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, NOVEMBER 19

Jigsaw Puzzle Day
9:00 AM | CORNERSTONE
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 | Baba Saj in Blaine

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Lutheran Late Night
7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Mom's Retreat!
10:00 AM | CORNERSTONE
Traditional Worship Service
5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Traditional Worship Service
8:00 AM | SANCTUARY
9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM
Cinnamon Roll Sunday
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | CORNERSTONE
Adult Forum
10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
Holy Shenanigans Sunday School
10:00 AM | CHAPEL
Kid City Sunday School
10:00 AM | THEATER
Prayer Team 3
11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

coming up

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY

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.

NEW THIS YEAR: A QUILT RAFFLE!

We will be raffling off two beautiful quilts. Tickets can be purchased for **$5 each 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.

OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE

Thu, Nov 19 | 6 pm | Offsite

The restaurant for the 3rd Thursday is **Baba Saj (Middle Eastern - Yemen),** located at **8695 Central Ave. NE, Blaine.** Come enjoy GREAT Middle Eastern (Yemen) food, and the joy of being together. Plan on wearing your Zion name tag.

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.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

Sun, Nov 22 | 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 - FAMILY PROMISE

Sun, Nov 22 | 10 am | Fellowship Hall

Liaison Pat Stearns will talk about our partnership with Family Promise and Zion's commitment to host at their new multi-family facility. Come hear how it went in September—and be encouraged and invited to help out in December (our next turn to host).

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Mon, Nov 23 | 1–6 pm | CLC

Zion is hosting a blood drive. To sign up, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter sponsor code: Zion

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.

THANK YOU, VETERANS!

Tue, Nov 24 | 0930-1130 | Cornerstone

Vets of all ages, spouses and friends are invited to gather with Zion pastors. Coffee and treats will be served! Bring your stories and memories to share. Memorabilia is welcome. Please note that there will not be a Vets gathering in December.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wed, Nov 25 | 6:30 | Sanctuary

Join us for our Thanksgiving Eve service. As part of our worship, we will collect food donations for ACBC Food Shelf and welcome monetary gifts to help support their important work of feeding our neighbors. Please bring nonperishable food items and/or a financial contribution as you are able. You can find paper bags with suggested needed items and envelopes for your monetary contribution at the Welcome Desk. Stay after worship for a slice of pie and fellowship!

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 21/22
Matthew 25:31-46

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

December 5/6
2nd Sunday of Advent
Mark 1:1-8

prayer corner

You, O God, are our dwelling-place from generation to generation, our shield from anguish and distress. You arm us as children of light with the hope of salvation, and you protect us by your love. Give us grace to build up and encourage one another, as we seek wisdom and abundant life in the strength of your Word and the assurance of your Spirit. 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 25:14-30

[Jesus said:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

GENEROSITY IN MOTION: THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

Each Thanksgiving Eve, Zion shares God's abundance through our annual ingathering of food, personal care items, monetary donations, and volunteer time to support ACBC Food Shelf. Over the past six years, Zion members have donated an average of $7,144 annually, along with 1,203 pounds of food and personal care items. In 2025, our monetary gifts reached a record $8,652! Founded in 1971 by four women who wanted to help their neighbors, ACBC has grown into a vital community resource. Since 2021, visits to the food shelf have increased by 191%, making our support more important than ever. Thank you to everyone who gives, volunteers to pack food boxes, and helps wherever needed. Together, we put generosity in motion and share God's love with our neighbors!

JUST A REMINDER

New registrations for Zion Kids ministries (Sundays and Wednesdays) 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

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