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NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

JUNE 2024



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-Person Worship

5 pm (Sat)
8, 9 & 11 am (Sun)

Livestream Worship

9 & 11 am (Sun)

Cable TV

10 am & 5 pm (Sun)

Radio Broadcast

106.1 (BOB-FM)
9:10 am (Sun)

Gospel Readings

June 1-2
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 8-9
Mark 3:20-35

June 15-16
Mark 4:26-34

June 22-23
Mark 4:35-41

June 29-30
Mark 5:21-43



A Summer Full of Blessings and Fun!

Don't miss the bus! It's time to sign up for VBS and other fun camps. Register now at <https://www.zionanoka.org/registration-events/>.

Family "Blessing Bus" VBS

For families with kids age 0-5 plus siblings
Sundays from 10-10:50 a.m., June 9, 16 & 23

Zion Sports Camp

For kids grades K-5
June 24-27 (M-TH) 9 a.m.-noon

KidSing Jr.

For kids age 3-7
June 12, 19 & 26 (W) 9:30-10 a.m.
July 17, 24 & 31 (W) 9:30-10 a.m.

Pre-K "Blessing Bus" VBS

For kids age 3-5
July 9-11 (T-TH) 9-11 a.m.

K-5 "Blessing Bus" VBS

For kids grades K-5
July 15-18 (M-TH) 9 a.m.-noon

Camp Create It

For kids grades K-5
July 29-Aug 1 (M-TH) 9 a.m.-noon
Family Program: 11:30 a.m.-noon TH

Don't Miss the Zion Super Sale!

- Set up days - June 2-5
- Perk Sale for volunteers - June 5 from 5-6:30 p.m.
- Sale days - June 6 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and June 7 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Clean up - June 7 from 12 p.m. to completion

Contact Bob Stearns 612-418-0618 or Pat Stearns 612-418-0617 for more information, or sign up to help at the Welcome Desk.



Ice Cream Social - June 24

Craving something sweet? We have just the scoop for you!

On Monday, June 24, join us on Zion's patio from 6:30-8 p.m. for an unforgettable ice cream social! Indulge in delicious ice cream flavors, from classic vanilla to adventurous chocolate swirls. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors for an evening of laughter, community, and, of course, plenty of frozen delights. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with your fellow church members and enjoy a tasty treat together.

Whether you're a regular attendee, new to our congregation, or neighbor, all are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

financial update

Thank you for your faithful stewardship. The charts below show our financial position for the first four months of 2024. We are grateful to you for your ongoing support of Zion's mission and ministry.

General Fund Income (through April)		Building Fund Income (through April)	
Budgeted Income	\$617,965	Budgeted Income	\$195,575
Actual Income	\$604,835	Actual Income	\$204,394
Actual Expenses	\$620,961	Actual Expenses	\$193,717
Net Difference	-\$16,126	Difference	\$10,677

Mortgage Reduction Update (through April)

Mortgage Balance on 01/01/2022	\$2,222,606
Mortgage Balance on 01/01/2023	\$1,745,246
Mortgage Balance on 04/30/2024	\$1,223,592

Perpetual Fruit

By Colleen Nelson

Enjoying a luscious fruit salad screams summer to me. The combination of berries, melons, and grapes, complemented by pineapple goodness is both appetizing and delicious. However, at a picnic the fruit is compromised by the sun and heat; juices flow to the bottom of the bowl, bananas turn brown and melons take on a tie-died look from the berries. In John 15:16 (Jesus said) "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and your fruit should abide..." (ESV) I was curious about the phrase "your fruit should abide." Reading other translations I found—fruit should remain, endure, last, and be perpetual. But the phrase I related to the most came from The Message Bible, "fruit that won't spoil." We all know how vulnerable most fruit is; there's a fine line between fresh and spent fruit. Some of us go to great lengths to preserve fruit such as freezing and canning. So, how do we perpetuate the fruit that we receive from God? Backing up a bit, what is the fruit that Jesus is referring to? It is spiritual abundance; a gift from God that overflows into our everyday lives. It is an attitude toward others that reflects our faith to the point where people think, "how do I go about living a life like hers, one that is filled with kindness, peace and love in such a chaotic world?" Paul tells us in Galatians 5:22-23 that the "fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (ESV) So, how do we abide or remain in this gift of fruitfulness from the Spirit? We live in God's word for guidance while striving to emulate Jesus' actions, knowing we are likely to flub up and will consequently ask for God's forgiveness along the way. Just for fun, I invite you to choose one of these nine attributes and live by it for the summer. Come fall, look back to see if you can recognize the positivity you have experienced.

Visit Zion's Booth at Anoka Riverfest - July 13

Zion's booth will once again be located at the corner of 2nd and Jackson Street. Hosted by the Neighborhood Engagement Team (NET), council members, Zion pastors and staff, our booth will offer information about Zion along with a number of promotional items, including children's books. If you are at Riverfest, stop by and say "hello" and if you know someone who might be interested in learning more about Zion, encourage them to do the same.

welcome

Bishop Svennungsen to Visit Zion

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 | 10-10:45 A.M. | SANCTUARY

As we progress with the search for our new Lead Pastor, ELCA Bishop Ann Svennungsen will come to Zion to have a conversational meeting with the congregation about self-perceptions and perceived needs of the church. The main purpose of the Bishop's visit is to gain additional knowledge about Zion in order to assist the Call Committee in determining the best match for our congregation. The meeting will include a walk through of the Ministerial Site Profile (MSP) and a time for questions and conversation with the Bishop. All members of Zion are welcome to attend this important meeting!

Thank You, Cathy!

Cathy Westrum retired at the end of the 2023-2024 school year after five years of faithful service as the Zion Pre-K Administrative Assistant. Cathy's strong work ethic and attention to detail will be greatly missed. We wish her and husband Tony well in their retirement.



Melanie Smith has been named the new Administrative Assistant of Zion's Pre-K program.

Melanie has a long-time relationship with the Zion Pre-K, having had four children attend over the years and, for the past two years, has been a Zion Pre-K Substitute and Assistant Teacher. Welcome, Melanie!

Habitat for Humanity Week - July 8-12

Zion's Habitat build week is scheduled for July 8-12. We will be working on a rehab on a house located at 4824 5th St. NE in Columbia Heights. The project will begin the week prior, so we will be there at the front end of the building process. Work times are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Because it's a rehab, there is a limit of 10 volunteers per day. If you are interested, sign-up sheets and information are available at the front desk. No skills required. All are welcome, 16 years of age or older. Sign up for one or all of the days. Because lunches are provided by Zion volunteers, help is also needed to both prepare and serve the food. Contact Anders Lindberg at 952-463-6266 or guywhogrows@gmail.com if you have questions. Construction volunteers need to sign up online and complete a waiver with Habitat before arriving <http://anokazionlutheran.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/>.

Zion Library Has New Books!

Looking for something new to read this summer? The Zion Library received a large donation of books from popular authors Max Lucado and Dr. David Jeremiah. Stop by and check them out!



School Supplies Needed

Zion is once again partnering with Anoka United Methodist Church in gathering school supplies for their "United for the Community: Back to School Event" on August 15. The main requests this year are Crayola colored pencils (12 count box), Crayola watercolor paint sets (8 color) and glue sticks. Also requested are two-pocket folders (red, yellow, blue and green), spiral or composition notebooks (wide and college rule) in the same colors, #2 pencils, pens (blue or black ink) and highlighters. As in the past, we will also be collecting gift cards to Cub, Walmart, Aldi and Target that will be given to Anoka Middle School for the Arts. Denominations up to \$25 are requested. Please drop off the supplies in the bins located near the Welcome Desk by August 2 so that there will be plenty of time to pack the bags for the August 15 event. Contact Pastor Connie or Glen Semanko if you have any questions.

welcome and worship

JOYA Concert - June 9

Joya welcomes back Uptown Brass for a season finale concert on Sunday, June 9 at 3 p.m. in Zion's Sanctuary. The Uptown Brass are all Minnesota Orchestra musicians who have played together for 17 years. They are best friends and got their name from rehearsing and playing neighborhood educational fundraising concerts and parties in Mike's garage in Uptown Minneapolis. The Uptown Brass presents an eclectic, entertaining, and virtuosic program featuring songs of joy from around the world inspired by dance rhythms of many cultures. This program will also include an arrangement of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* where they will be joined by pianist Mary Jo Gothmann. This concert is free of charge— donations will be gratefully accepted. Hope to see you there!



The time after Pentecost calls us to proclaim, bear witness to, and live out God's ongoing will for the world God so deeply loves. The church knows and believes in its very bones that salvation is bound in and of a love for the world, not an escape from the world. We return to gospel readings from Mark. There is no particular unifying theme to the readings from Mark's gospel. They portray Jesus' ministry in typical Markan style: with urgency, focus, a relentless drive forward to ensure that the kingdom of God comes among us.

Worship in person Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

Livestream on Sundays at 9 & 11 a.m.

Cable TV Channel 6 Broadcast Sundays at 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Radio Broadcast BOB-FM 106.1 Sundays at 9:10 a.m.

Katie Weiland to Share Youth Summer Camp and Trip Experiences

The weekend of July 13 & 14, Katie Weiland, Zion's Director of Middle and High School Ministries will be preaching and sharing about Zion youth summer camp and mission trip experiences. You've supported them through financial means and prayer. Now it's time for you to hear about the impact these opportunities have had on our youth.

Noisy Offering for Camp Ministries

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Noisy Offerings throughout the year! Thanks to your generous support, Zion was able to financially assist over 40 kids going to Camp Wapo this June. Attending camp can be a pivotal experience for our children, shaping their spiritual lives in profound ways. During their week at Wapo, our kids will experience worship, team building, Bible studies, outdoor activities and more centered around this year's theme of "Always" from Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."



For all interested adults who love to sing. Join us for two Sundays this summer, July 7 and August 11. We will practice at 8:15 a.m. and then sing at the 9 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome! It will be FUN!! Contact Jon Campbell with questions jcampbell@zionanoka.org.

Help Craft Our Fall Adult Education Experiences

Coming this fall is a variety of Adult Ed opportunities including topics such as the Bible, Luther & BEING a Follower of Jesus in the Lutheran Way, Discipleship, Prayer, My Neighbors' Faith and more! Pastor Mike is requesting your input on additional forum topics. Scan the QR code at the right or go to <https://cutt.ly/adult-forum-survey> to complete a short survey, or pick up a paper copy at the Welcome Desk.



Summer Study Lite

In their first book, *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Theological Terms*, authors Rolf Jacobson, Karl Jacobson, and Hans Wiersma defined "the Bible" in this way: "a book that Christians believe is so holy and inspired that they almost never read it for fear that it might draw them closer to God and neighbor or change their lives in some other inconvenient way. There are also other reasons why many of us don't read the Bible as much as we would like to. For starters, the Bible can be hard to understand. The customs and metaphors of the Bible are so foreign to us that we don't know what to make of them. To many of us, the Bible often does seem like a crazy book. But the truth is, the Bible is the most sane thing around. The Bible brings God's sanity to us. In the process, it exposes the insane, crazy illusions that we have built our lives around. Insane beliefs such as, "Yes, you can have it all." Crazy notions such as, "I have it all under control and I don't need any help." This book seeks to make the Bible even just a little bit more accessible. And funny.

Join Pastor Mike on June 12 & 26; July 17 & 24; August 7 & 14 at 10 a.m. in the Legacy Room and 7-8:30 p.m. at a location TBA. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we know how many books (\$20 each) to order.

Men of Zion Event - June 24

The Men of Zion will have their next event on Monday, June 24, at George Green Park, 1551 7th Avenue in Anoka at 10 a.m. We will be playing Corn Hole or Bags. Please bring your Corn Hole Game with you (if you have one) for us to use. We will do lunch together at one of the local restaurants of our choice after the activity. Bring a friend. If it is raining and we cannot play, we will still meet at the park and go out to eat together. Questions, call Mike Kelly, 651-233-3363 or Doug Boxeth, 763-222-3936.

Summer Stretch



Zion is partnering with Grace Lutheran in Andover for Summer Stretch! Students who have completed grades 4-8 are invited to join us on Thursdays during the summer for service projects (Feed my Starving Children, Global Health Ministries...etc.) and recreational activities (Urban Air, Bunker Beach...etc.) around the area. Register for all six Thursdays or just drop in - the choice is yours. High School students can also participate as a Junior Leader. Go to <https://cutt.ly/summerstretch2024> to register.

Prayers for Mission Trip

As our high school youth gear up for their mission trip to Tacoma, Washington June 23-29, we invite you to join us in keeping them in your thoughts and prayers. This journey is not just about serving others, but also about the spiritual growth of our youth and fostering connections within our community and beyond. This trip would not have been possible without the generous support of the congregation - on behalf of the mission trippers, thank you!

Youth Volunteers - Join the Z-TEAM!

If you're in Grades 6-12, you're perfect for the Z-TEAM, a specially trained crew of young people serving kids at Zion! Join us on June 13, 10-11:30 a.m. for training. You'll learn simple but effective skills for leading younger kids and keeping them safe. Then, we'll deploy you to the summer day camps of your choice! This training also applies for youth serving with Sunday School and Whirl Wednesdays. Register at <https://www.zionanoka.org/registration-events/> or scan the QR code at the right. Contact Ann Campbell at acampbell@zionanoka.org for more information.



Z-Team Training
2024

A Reminder to Parents and Guardians

As we transition from school year programming, please remember to keep an eye on your kids while here at church. While our space is open and welcoming, it's important to be aware of your children's whereabouts and activities to prevent accidents and ensure a positive experience for all. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and nurturing environment for everyone.

Thank You CYF Volunteers!

Thank you to our wonderful children's ministry volunteers: Linn, Kendra, Teagan, Emma, Ethan, Jen, Beth, Barb, Michelle, Josh, Lori, Cindy, Todd, Fherlish, Jack, Ainsley, Glen, Gavin, Nova, Pamela, Ryan and Christine! You are loved!

Thank You Recent Radio Broadcast Fund Donors

Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome. To make a gift to the Radio Broadcast Fund, note "radio broadcast" on the memo line of your check. If it is in memory of a loved one or in honor of an anniversary or birthday, enclose a note or post-it.

Gary & Linda Nelson
Dianne Carlson
Ron & Marty Gray
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Kristine Johnson
Lois Peterson

Marilyn Herbold in memory of Mel Iseminger
Barb Hauff in memory of Gene Hauff
Bev Fraser in memory of Jim Fraser
Jan & Glenn Osmonson in memory of Rod Halvorson
Carol Mann in honor of Alex Holm's graduation from Dental School

about our people

Baptisms

April 27 - Eloise Swan

Deaths

Phyllis Matson
Jean LaFave

Weddings

Taylor Kinn & Kurtis Tirevold

New Members

Blair Wicklund
Brenda Engels
Graham, Julie & Sen Plys
Jean Goetsch

News From the Zion Creation Care Team

Isaiah 42:5 Thus says God, the Lord who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spreads out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to its people upon it and spirit to those who walk on it...

Every household has laundry and how that laundry is done can have a real impact on God's beautiful creation. What can we do to make laundry more sustainable and less impactful on this planet? Below are some techniques that you may have already incorporated into your wash routine, but if not, might be worth investigating to see if they work for you.

1. Think about your laundry detergent. Is it eco-friendly and plant based? How about the packaging? Could you change to a product that does not come in a plastic jug? There are a number of affordable options available including: laundry sheets, powder soap packaged in a cardboard box that is easily recycled, DIY recipes for laundry detergent, soap nuts, etc. Try adding a ¼ cup of 20 Mule Team Borax and ¼ cup of Arm & Hammer Washing Soda to your wash along with your detergent to increase efficiency, especially if you have hard water.
2. Wash in cold water. According to the Environmental Protection Agency 90% of the energy the washing machine uses is to heat the water and cold-water washing is just as effective as hot/warm.
3. Run full loads of laundry and air dry laundry. Colorado State University Department of Design and Merchandising stated in a study that air drying helps reduce the climate impact of doing laundry by 67% and that machine drying accounts for 75% of laundry's total carbon footprint. Air drying on a clothesline, drying rack or simple hangers can also make clothes last longer and provide much needed humidity to our homes in the winter months.
4. Use wool balls instead of dryer sheets. Wool balls work beautifully in the dryer reducing static and fluffing up the wet clothes so they dry more quickly, last for years and are fully compostable. Wool balls are readily available online or check out Anoka Fiber Works <https://www.anokafiberworks.com/>.

These are just a few tips or thoughts that can have a positive effect on reducing our individual carbon footprint or waste that is generated during the routine task of doing laundry.

Tanzanian Safe Houses Through Lutheran Partners

Through a Zion Foundation grant, Zion Church sponsors two safe houses in Tanzania. One in Mwangaza and one in Eripoto. We have donated \$4,000 for this activity through the Zion Foundation. The goal is to create a safe and peaceful learning and teaching environment for the regional citizens. Since 1996, the Mwangaza location has provided learning opportunities for students and teachers in a faith-based environment. Staff also visit government offices to enlighten staff and others about mind set and child protection as well as other issues.

In Eripoto a safe environment is also provided for young women who are often attacked and physically abused when traveling. The staff here also talk about protection and the importance of education. Also provided, are seminars to parents in hopes of changing attitudes.

Zion is very pleased to be a part of this important initiative. If you would like to learn more about this partnership and understand how you can help, visit <https://lutheranpartners.org>. If you would like to learn more about the Zion Foundation, visit <https://www.zionanoka.org/zion-foundation>.

Submitted by Zion's Neighborhood Engagement Team (NET)



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news from Zion Pre-K



We "bounced" our way into summer! Our school year has come to an end and that means it's time for "goodbyes" and "see you later." It's always bittersweet to release the children that we've taught and loved on to their next education adventure. We are blessed to be a part of their early learning, a responsibility that we love.

WELCOME

You are invited, you are welcome to come and experience God's love at Zion Lutheran Church.

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