

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 1, 2025



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

### ASSISTING:

5 PM Deb Oas Koepsell  
8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast  
9 AM Pr Mike Pancoast  
11AM Pr Connie Tiede

## today - 7th Sunday after Epiphany

**CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...** We pray for the family of Donna Sheforgen 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

- Ruth Beck
- Tom & Nancy Blaska
- Dianne Carlson
- Judy Bendiske in memory of Mark Braaten
- Bev Fraser in memory of Mark Braaten
- Bob Fischer, in memory of Sharon Fischer

### CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

TODAY | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM | CORNERSTONE

Zion high school youth will be serving cinnamon rolls in the Cornerstone to help raise money for their mission trip. A free will offering will be taken.

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY | 10 AM | SANCTUARY & LIFESTREAM

### HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL

### KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | THEATER

### CONCORDIA CHOIR CONCERT

TODAY | 2 PM | OFFSITE

The world-renowned Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton will perform at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Maple Grove. Music of J. S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements. Visit [ConcordiaTickets.com](http://ConcordiaTickets.com) for tickets.

### NO ADULT FORUM TODAY

### PRAYER TEAM 6

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**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*

Michael Busbey  
*ELCA Missionary in Central America*

Steve & Kim Blewett  
*Missionaries in Papua, New Guinea*



**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, FEB 24

**"The Chosen" Season 2 - Small Group**

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

**Open Pickleball**

2:00 PM | CLC

**Scouts**

6:30 PM | CLC

**Zion Pages Book Group**

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

TUESDAY, FEB 25

**"The Chosen" Season 2 - Small Group**

8:45 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

**Open Pickleball**

9:00 AM | CLC

**Grief & Loss Support Group**

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**Women of Zion Ministry Team**

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

**ZAAM Meeting**

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, FEB 26

**"The Chosen" Season 2 - Small Group**

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

**Children's Choir (Gr K-5)**

5:30 PM | THEATER

**Whirl Wednesday**

5:50 PM | VARIOUS ROOM

**Confirmation**

6:00 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

**Ringmasters**

6:00 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

**Worship Team Rehearsal**

6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

**Adult Choir**

7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

**Common Ground Youth Group**

7:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

THURSDAY, FEB 27

**The Gathering**

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

**Altar Guild Meeting**

11:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

**Open Pickleball**

2:00 PM | CLC

**Fare for All**

4:00 PM | LOWER COMMONS

FRIDAY, FEB 28

**Funeral for Sylvia Frolik**

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

VISITATION & LUNCH | 12 PM |

FELLOWSHIP HALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

**Funeral for Lela Syverson**

VISITATION | 10:30 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | CHAPEL

**Traditional Worship Service**

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

**Traditional Worship Service**

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 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

**Worship at Farmstead**

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering buckets will be out again next weekend, March 1/2. Thank you for supporting our children and youth.

# coming up

## ZION PAGES BOOK GROUP

MON, FEB 24 | 6:30 PM | LIBRARY

We will be discussing *The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson: A Novel* by Ellen Baker. All are welcome to attend.

## FARE FOR ALL AT ZION

THUR, FEB 27 | 4 - 6 PM |

LOWER COMMONS

*Fare for All* is a program that allows people in the community to come and shop for deeply discounted nutritious food. It is open to everyone and accepts CASH, CREDIT, DEBIT and EBT cards.

## UPCOMING ADULT FORUMS

SUN, MAR 2 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Camp Wapogasset Executive Director, Heather Eggert, will be with us to share not only about Camp Wapo but their other sites, Ox Lake & Wilderness Canoe Base, as well.

## CYF SUMMER CAMPS

Families and volunteers! It's time to register for Zion Kids Camps! **Registration opens March 3!** Register online at <https://www.zionanoka.org/registration-events/>.

- Family Snorkel!  
Kids ages 0-5 and their families  
SUN, JUN 8, 15, 22 | 10-10:50 AM | SPARK PARK
- Preschool Music & Dance Class  
Kids 2-5 years old  
WED, JUN 11, 18, 25 JULY 2, 9 | 11:15 - 11:55 AM | THEATER
- Snorkel! Vacation Bible School  
Grades K-5, completed  
MON-THU, JUNE 23-26 | 9 AM-NOON
- Sports Camp - Grades K-5, completed  
MON-THU, JUL 7-10 | 9 AM-NOON
- Snorkel! Vacation Bible School -  
Kids 3-5 years old  
TUE-THU, JUL 15-17 | 9-11:30 AM

Interested in volunteering? Contact Ann Campbell at [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org).

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

TUES, MAR 11, 18 & 25 | 6:30-8 PM |

LEGACY ROOM

This weekly support group offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Meetings are open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one or knows someone who has. Facilitated by Pastor Sue Wallager. For more info contact Pastor Sue at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## ASH WEDNESDAY

WED. MAR 5 | NOON & 6:30 PM |

SANCTUARY

Imposition of ashes & Holy Communion will be at both services. Our noon service will be a Lenten Prayer Service, with hymns, prayer, and sermon. Our Traditional Evening Prayer Service will have special music, our evening liturgy, time for kids and a sermon following our Lenten theme.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

First Communion instruction - Gr K-5,  
WED, MAR 19 | 5:30 PM or

SUN, MAR 30 | 11 AM

Optional bread baking class

WED, MAR 26 | 5:30 PM

We practice open communion here at Zion, so parents, if you feel your children are ready, please sign up. Please register all children, and at least one accompanying adult. Children will receive their first communion at the service of your choice. Register at [zionanoka.org](https://www.zionanoka.org) under Registration Events. Paper forms are located in the lower lobby. Contact Ann Campbell ([acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org)) for more information.

## MISS A SERMON?

Zion's sermons are available each week in audio form. Find us on Spotify - search Zion Lutheran Church - Anoka MN.

## LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

[www.zionanoka.org](http://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 | 10 AM & 5 PM

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## RADIO BROADCAST

106.1 BOB FM

SUNDAYS | 9:10 AM

## 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 GOSPEL READINGS

MARCH 1/2  
Luke 9:27-36

MARCH 8/9  
Luke 4:1-13

MARCH 15/16  
Luke 13:13-31

## encouraging words

Start each day with encouraging words from Zion! Dial 763-506-8191 to hear a daily message of encouragement and hope.

## prayer corner

O perfect Love, whose compassionate power transforms sin into health and temporal dust into eternal glory: grant us a gracious faith, so that like Joseph, when he was sold into slavery, we may face our trials with confidence, and become a blessing to friend and enemy alike in Jesus' name. 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](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## Reading: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire. Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do. The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil. For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land. In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there. But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord; you are their stronghold in time of trouble. You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

## Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

## CAMP WAPO REGISTRATION

We will be at camp for Seeds Weekend (completed grades 1-3) June 20-22, and week-long camp June 15-20 (completed grades 4-8). 8th graders are expected to attend camp for the completion of their 8th grade retreat in preparation for their confirmation day this fall. Register at <http://lwlbc.com/zion-anoka>. Only pay the deposit at time of registration, all members of Zion will receive some scholarship dollars for camp thanks to the generous support of the congregation. For more info or if you have financial concerns email Katie [kweiland@zionanoka.org](mailto:kweiland@zionanoka.org).

## WELCOME

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

## CONTACT

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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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