

# life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF MARCH 23-29, 2025



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

### ASSISTING:

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

### READERS:

5 PM Judy Bendiske  
8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell  
9 AM Kathy Quade  
11AM Jill Arendt

## today - 3rd Sunday in Lent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the family of Arnie Entzel who mourns his death.

### ADULT FORUM - Confirmation Review

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

In this three-part series (continuing on MAY 4 & 11) we study some of the key writings of Lutheran theology and identity called "Roots of Our Faith". It is intended to help participants better understand their Lutheran heritage—what does it mean that we identify as followers of Jesus in this particularly LUTHERAN way?

### HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | CHAPEL

### KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10:00 AM | THEATER

### PRAYER TEAM 3

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### EASTER GARDEN

Help decorate Zion's Sanctuary by donating to the Easter Garden in memory or in honor of someone special. Memorials are \$20 each. The order form will be included in the April Herald or pick up an envelope at the front desk. Completed order forms and envelopes must be **returned by April 9.**

### FAMILIES: WE HAVE LOTS GOING ON IN LENT!

Be sure to pick up a Lenten Prayer Box Kit today, available in the upper and lower commons. It's a fun way to pray together as a family! On Sundays during Lent, we have special worship bulletins just outside the Sanctuary for elementary kids. On Wednesdays, we invite the kids to join in activities before, during and after worship, while filling up a lanyard full of buttons - Disneyland style! (Without the rides!)

### ENCOURAGING WORDS

The phone number for "encouraging words" has changed. The new number is (763) 506-8109.

**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*

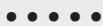
Pastor Sue Wallager  
*Pastor for Spiritual Care*

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, MARCH 24

### Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

### Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

### Zion Pages Book Group

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

### Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

### Women of Zion Ministry Team

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

### ZAAM Meeting

6:30 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

### Lenten Service

NOON | SANCTUARY

6:30 PM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Prayer, Reflection & Conversation

12:30 PM | CHAPEL

7:15 PM | CHAPEL

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

5:30 PM | THEATER

### Ringmasters

5:30 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

### Worship Team Rehearsal

5:30 PM | SANCTUARY

### Adult Choir

7:15 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, March 27

### The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

### Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

### Fare for All

4:00 PM | LOWER COMMONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

### Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

### Traditional Worship Service

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

### Cinnamon Roll Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | CORNERSTONE

CAFE

### 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 4

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

## NORSK HØSTFEST

There is a potential fall bus trip to the Norsk Høstfest in Minot, North Dakota Wed-Sat, September 24-27. The festival features world-class entertainment, Scandinavian culture on display, authentic Scandinavian cuisine, and handcrafted Norsk merchandise. If you would be interested in attending Høstfest sign up at the Welcome Center. There is no commitment in signing up. We're looking for a minimum of 30 individuals to make this happen. Check out Norsk Høstfest at [www.hostfest.com](http://www.hostfest.com).

## SCAM AND PHISHING WARNING!

Scammers like to target churches and their congregations for email scams and phishing attacks. Please be aware that scammers send emails claiming to be pastors or staff at Zion. Please be diligent and make sure to double check the sender's email address or confirm with staff directly if you suspect an email. If an email is spam, report it and block the sender.

# coming up

## FARE FOR ALL AT ZION

THU, MAR 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.

## CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

SUN, MAR 30 | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM | CORNERSTONE  
Zion high school youth will be serving cinnamon rolls to help raise money for their mission trip. A free will offering will be taken.

## UPCOMING ADULT FORUM -

SUN, MAR 30 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL  
Josh Myroniuk, Director of Technology & Media Arts – Join us for another Tech Help Day as we learn about Realm, a church-management software that is utilized at Zion. We will cover the basics, from creating an account to signing up for a registration and everything in between. We will also cover some other basic functions of Realm and provide helpful tips so that you can stay connected and informed of Zion's daily activities.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MON, MAR 31 | 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) enter sponsor code: Zion

## MOZ GOLF MEETING

**Meeting:** WED, APR 2 | 6 PM | DAVANNI'S PIZZA, COON RAPIDS  
**1st Tee-Off:** WED, MAY 14 | 6 PM | REFUGE GOLF COURSE, OAK GROVE  
Golfers of all abilities are welcome to play in this fun league. Interested or need more info? Come to the meeting or email Paul at [pstinson459@gmail.com](mailto:pstinson459@gmail.com).

## INVITATION TO “A RESPECTFUL CONVERSATION”

MON, APR 7 | 6:30-9 PM | OFFSITE  
Faith Lutheran of Coon Rapids (11115 Hanson Blvd NW) invites you to share your thoughts and listen to others in a space where respect and kindness are the foundation, and draw us closer in a safe environment where people can listen with open hearts and explore what divides us and what unites us. A light supper will be served at 6:30 pm. **RSVP** at <https://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/respectful-conversations/register>

## WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK!

SUN, APR 13 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL  
Join us for Walk Through Holy Week! You'll explore Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday by visiting stations filled with art, activities and FUN! A family event for all ages! Contact Ann [acampbell@zionanoka.org](mailto:acampbell@zionanoka.org) or Lee [Lneitge@zionanoka.org](mailto:Lneitge@zionanoka.org) to help with the event.

## GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE

FRI, APR 18 | 10:30 AM | CHAPEL  
Age appropriate storytelling and interactive learning geared towards kids ages 0-5 (older siblings welcome!)

## WOZ PROGRAM - SAT, APRIL 26

LUNCHEON (*TICKET REQUIRED*) - NOON PROGRAM (*FREE*) - 1 PM  
The Women of Zion are pleased to welcome storyteller Pati Kachel as she presents “*Ya Sure, I'm a Norvegin Lutheran*”. There will be a luncheon at 12 noon followed by the program at 1 pm. All are welcome to attend! Tickets for the luncheon are on sale at the front desk thru April 17 for \$15. Program is free.

## LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM  
[www.zionanoka.org](http://www.zionanoka.org)  
(click “Worship Online”)  
or  
[www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchAnokaMn](http://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 29/30  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

APRIL 5/6  
John 12:1-8

APRIL 12/13  
Luke 23:1-49

## encouraging words

Start each day with encouraging words from Zion! Dial (763) 506-8109 to hear a daily message of encouragement and hope.

## prayer corner

God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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).

## Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for the Lord has glorified you. Seek the Lord while the Lord may be found, call upon God while God is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, who will have mercy on them, and to our God, who will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' The gardener replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

## ALEXANDRA HOUSE - LINUS' PET HAVEN

Did you know you can help by donating pet supplies? Use this QR code or go to the Alexandra House website, click on the magnifying glass and enter Linus' Pet Haven in the search bar. In the drop down select Linus' Pet Haven and scroll to the bottom. There you can select "Make A Donation" or "View Amazon Wishlist". Orders from Amazon can be delivered directly to Alexandra House (10065 Third Street NE, Blaine, MN 55434). Donations are tax deductible. Thank you for considering this kind gesture of compassion. Zion's Rachel Circle

SCAN TO DONATE



## 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

