

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF MARCH 30-APRIL 5, 2025



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING:

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 Linda Peterson
11 AM Sylvia Goldman

today - 4th Sunday in Lent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the families of Vera Brown, Joel Dye and Sandy Gould who mourn their deaths.

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

- Rich & Sylvia Goldman in memory of Dee Berg.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

TODAY | 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.

ADULT FORUM - Tech Help Day presented by Josh Myroniuk

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Learn about Realm, a church-management software that we use at Zion. We'll cover the basics, from creating an account to signing up for a registration and provide helpful tips so you can stay connected and informed of Zion's daily activities. *No Adult Forum April 6.*

HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | THEATER

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 Wednesday April 9.**

PRAYER TEAM 4

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

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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, socioeconomic 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 31

Red Cross Blood Drive

1:00 PM | CLC

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

First Tuesdays

1:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Creation Care Team Mtg

6:30 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Lenten Service

NOON | SANCTUARY

6:30 PM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer, Reflection & Conversation

12:30 PM | CHAPEL

7:15 PM | CHAPEL

Worship at Homestead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

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, April 3

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Caregivers Support Group

10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM

Sons of Norway Book Club

10:00 AM | LIBRARY

Worship at Homestead

10:30 AM | OFFSITE

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Social Justice Team Meeting

6:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Funeral for Arnie Entzel

VISITATION | 10 AM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Traditional Worship Service

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

10:00 AM | CHAPEL

Kid City Sunday School

10:00 AM | THEATER

New Member Breakfast

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Blended Worship Service

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer Team 5

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Coffee & Crafts - Youth Event

12:00 PM | YOUTH ROOM

Worship at Farmstead

1:30 PM | OFFSITE

APPLY NOW FOR 1 OF 3 PAID SUMMER
INTERN POSITIONS FOR KIDS CAMPS

- Intern 1: High School Juniors & seniors
- Intern 2: Minimum 1 yr post HS education
- Lead Intern: Returning

Approx. 12-30 hrs/wk, Mon-Thu, Jun 3 - Jul 25 (except week of July 4). For complete job description and application, contact Ann at (763) 421-4656, or acampbell@zionanoka.org, our website at www.zionanoka.org, or at the front desk. **Applications are due April 15.**

THANK YOU FARE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all those who helped with *Fare for All* last Thursday. Our next *Fare for All* is Thursday, April 24.

The Noisy Offering buckets will be out again next weekend, April 5/6. All proceeds go to our Bible Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting our children and youth.

coming up

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MON, MAR 31 | 1-6 PM | CLC

Zion is hosting a blood drive. To sign up, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit 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.

FREE WORKSHOP

THU, APR 3 | 5:30-9 PM | OFFSITE

"How Early Experiences Shape our Lives: A Guide to Creating Compassionate Communities" at Faith Lutheran Church, 11115 Hanson Blvd, Coon Rapids. This workshop is for anyone who works with youth (or feels they would benefit). Light dinner is provided. To register (or questions) call 651-253-6933 or email Craig Malm malmcraig@gmail.com. **Register ASAP** so they can plan for food. For more info see flyer at the Welcome Desk or bulletin board in the lower commons.

COFFEE & CRAFTS - YOUTH EVENT

SUN, APR 6 | 12-1:30 PM | YOUTH ROOM

High Schoolers, join Katie for coffee & crafts. Register (required) at <https://cutt.ly/ccapril> to place your Caribou Coffee order and indicate what kind of crafts you are interested in. Friends are welcome!

PRESCHOOL MUSIC AND DANCE

WED, APR 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:15-11:55 AM | THEATER

Join us for a spring session of Preschool Music and Dance! Ages 2-5 with an adult. We'll rock out on ukuleles, have a mini dance class, and sing some silly songs! This class is FREE – register on Realm.

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 safe environment where respect and kindness are the foundation, and where people can listen with open hearts and explore what both divides us and 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

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! To **help with the event** contact Ann acampbell@zionanoka.org or Lee Lneitge@zionanoka.org.

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
(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

APRIL 5/6
John 12:1-8

APRIL 12/13
Luke 23:1-49

APRIL 19-20
Easter
Luke 24:1-12

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

Eternal lover of our wayward race, we praise you for your ever-open door. You open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, that we may live in Jesus Christ, the model and the pioneer of your new creation. 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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us through Christ to God, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to God's own self, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is appealing through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So the father divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. The slave replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then the elder brother became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

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

