

life together

THIS WEEK'S NEWS OF ZION LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WEEK OF APRIL 6-12, 2025



ZION
LUTHERAN | ANOKA

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

ASSISTING:

8 AM Pr Connie Tiede
9 AM Pr Sue Wallager
11 AM Pr Connie Tiede

READERS:

5 PM Kathy Johnson
8 AM Marlene Gray
9 AM David Nelson
11 AM Jim Bauer

today - 4th Sunday in Lent

CHRIST CARE PRAYERS...We pray for the family of Mary Dickenson 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

- Bev Fraser, in memory of Vera Brown
- Judy Bendiske in memory of Pat Quade
- In honor of Nancy Bever's 90th birthday

NOISY OFFERING

TODAY | 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY
Kids & Youth are invited to gather the Noisy Offering during the closing hymn.

MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY EVENT

TODAY | 9 AM-NOON | UPPER COMMONS

HOLY SHENANIGANS SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | CHAPEL

COFFEE & CRAFTS - YOUTH EVENT

TODAY | 12 PM | YOUTH 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 is included in the April Herald or pick up an envelope at the front desk. Completed order forms and envelopes must be **returned by this Wednesday April 9.**

NO ADULT FORUM TODAY

NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

TODAY | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

KID CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY | 10 AM | THEATER

PRAYER TEAM 5

TODAY | 11 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

WORSHIP AT FARMSTEAD

TODAY | 1:30 PM | OFFSITE

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, APRIL 7

Global Health Ministries

9:00 AM | OFFSITE

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

Scouts - Pack 233

6:30 PM | VARIOUS ROOMS

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Open Pickleball

9:00 AM | CLC

Lydia Circle

9:30 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Anna Circle

1:00 PM | LIBRARY

Naomi Circle

1:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM

Properties Committee

5:00 PM | CORNERSTONE

N.E.T. Meeting

6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Rachel Circle

6:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Esther Circle

7:00 PM | LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Recovery Cafe

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Pre-School Music & Dance Class

11:00 AM | THEATER

Lenten Service

NOON | SANCTUARY

6:30 PM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Prayer, Reflection & Conversation

12:30 PM | CHAPEL

7:15 PM | CHAPEL

Knit One, Purl Two

1:00 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Children's Choir (Gr K-5)

5:30 PM | THEATER

Ringmasters

5:30 PM | HANDBELL ROOM

WEDNESDAY, April 9 -cont'd

Adult Choir

7:15 PM | CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, April 10

The Gathering

9:30 AM | YOUTH ROOM

Open Pickleball

2:00 PM | CLC

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Grounds Cleanup

8:30 AM | OUTSIDE

Funeral for Mary Dickenson

VISITATION | 1 PM | UPPER COMMONS

SERVICE | 2 PM | SANCTUARY

Traditional Worship Service

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - Palm Sunday

Traditional Worship Service

8 AM | SANCTUARY

9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Walk Through Holy Week - Family Event

10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Prayer Team 6

11:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

APPLY NOW FOR PAID SUMMER INTERN POSITIONS FOR KIDS CAMPS

- Intern 1: HS Juniors & seniors
- Intern 2: Min. 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.**

MISS A SERMON?

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

coming up

MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY EVENT

TODAY | 9 AM - NOON | UPPER COMMONS

This bagging event is open to the whole congregation. Everyone is encouraged to stop by. These Matthew Bags will be delivered to organizations in our community. If you wish, "Make & Take" a bag to give a needy person you may encounter.

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.

FROZEN LEFSE FOR SALE

SUN, APR 13 | 8 AM-NOON | WELCOME DESK

Help support our youth summer trip to the Boundary Waters by purchasing Lefse - a perfect treat for your Easter celebrations! \$10 per package, three rounds per package. Cash or check only.

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! If you would like 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 Luteran". 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.

ZION SUPER SALE IS COMING JUNE 5-6

Drop-off: SUN, JUN 1 | 12-7 PM; MON, JUN 2 |

8 AM-3 PM; and TUE, JUN 3 | 8 AM-7 PM

Sale: THUR, JUN 5 | 9 AM-6 PM and

FRI, JUN 6 | 9 AM-12 NOON, DONATION DAY.

We are always looking for help setting up during the sale AND help cleaning up on Friday after the sale. Contact Pat Stearns pat.stearns@comcast.net with questions or to sign up to help.

VOLUNTEER DISHWASHERS NEEDED!

The Cornerstone Café needs two-person teams to help with dish cleanup on Sundays 11 am - noon. Individuals are welcome and will be paired with a partner. Training provided on use of Zion's kitchen dishwasher. Volunteers will have rotating shifts. Sign up at the front desk. Please contact Suzanne Gaboury for more info at sgaboury@zion-anoka.org. Thank you helping and for your commitment to reducing trash at Zion!

RECOVERY CAFE ANOKA COUNTY

A recovery support community, partnering with Zion, for those struggling with homelessness, addiction, and other mental health challenges. Committed to providing a safe healing space, striving to implement equity, trauma-informed healing, family stability and self-sufficiency. Open on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:30 am - 4 pm. For more information pick up a brochure at the Welcome Desk.

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 12/13
Luke 23:1-49

APRIL 19-20
Easter
Luke 24:1-12

APRIL 26/27
John 20:19-31

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

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness and your grace waters the desert. Help us to recognize your hand working miracles beyond our imagining. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, so that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love for all, and its presence in Jesus Christ. 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick. Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Gospel: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for Jesus. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.

SMALL GROUP STUDY - Starts April 28

Roots of Our Faith is a 6-session summary of the confessions of the Lutheran Church and an explanation of the main parts of the Augsburg Confession. (For our schedule, we'll be fitting it into a 5-session calendar—see below.) It has been written to help congregants better understand their Lutheran heritage. Each learner copy (\$8.00) includes a short chapter for readings before each session and a usage guide for leaders that includes ideas and study suggestions for each session. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Classes will be offered as follows:

- A - MONDAYS | 1 PM | LEGACY ROOM led by Pastor Sue Wallager
- B - TUESDAYS | 8:45 AM | LEGACY ROOM led by Pastor Mike Pancoast
- C - WEDNESDAYS | 10 AM | LEGACY ROOM led by Pastor Connie Tiede
- D - WEDNESDAYS | 6 PM | TBD led by Pastor Mike Pancoast

THANK YOU BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS & DONORS!

Thank you to all who helped with the Blood Drive and to those who donated blood last week! Our next Blood Drive is July 28.

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

