

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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† THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD †  
(OBSERVED)

JANUARY 8, 2023

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

395, 397, 370 vs. 3, 394

***Ushers serving in January:*** Dennis Stuemke & John Wohltman  
Reserve: Robert Roedel

**We welcome our visitors** in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We pray that your time of worship with us today will be a blessing to you. Please introduce yourself to our members and our pastor. If you are interested in learning more about Zion, membership, or our teachings, please don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Manley or an Elder.

**Prayer Before Worship:** O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

**Prayer After Worship:** Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## In Our Prayers This Week

**In need of healing:** Pam Buening, Darren Feldkamp, Zoe Hoehler, Ruth Holland, Elverna Tappendorf

**Serving in the military:** Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue



## January Birthdays & Anniversaries\*

Charlotte Murray (19th), David Suckow (24th), Jason Suckow (26th)

## ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

**Monday, Jan. 16** – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Monday, Jan. 16** – School Board Meeting 7PM

**Tuesday, Jan. 17** – PTL Meeting 7PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Installation of Officers** will be held during the service today. Those being installed are: Mark Suckow – Elder, Dwayne Beccue – Elder & ALIS Board, Rick Conway – Elder; Steve Suckow – Trustee (General Treasury); John Wohltman – Trustee (Missions); Dennis Stuemke – Trustee (Building/Cemetery); Lloyd Alwardt – Chairman; Morris Suckow – Secretary; Jenna Murray – SS Superintendent; Jason Suckow – Chief Usher; Dean Biggs – LCC Executive Board; Herb Stuemke – LCC Full Board; Brock Murray – ALIS Board; Gary Wendling – LLL Representative

**2023 Zion Ladies Aid Officers:** Jeanine Wendling, President; Linda Suckow, Vice President; Beverly Suckow, Treasurer; Imogene Clark, Secretary

**2023 Zion LWML Officers:** Anita Alwardt, President; Imogene Clark, Collections

*The full list of officers will remain posted in the Narthex for your information as well as a reference point throughout the year to direct any questions, comments, or concerns to the appropriate person.*

**Christmas Undecorating – TODAY** at 1:30 PM. Please come help undecorate the church. All help is appreciated.

**LCC Full Board and Congregational Meeting** will be held on Monday, January 23, at 7 PM in the Family Gathering Center. **ALL** Zion members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Zion's Quarterly Voters Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 29. The Council will meet at 1:30 PM, the Voters will meet at 2 PM.

**Benefit for Pastor Robert Heimgartner** will be held on Sunday, February 5, from 11:30 AM – 2 PM at Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, IL. Menu is chili, potato soup, hot dogs, desserts, and all the fixings for a freewill donation. Pastor Heimgartner had both of his legs removed making him a double amputee. Besides medical bills for Pastor Heimgartner and their special needs child; they are also trying to update their vehicle to handicap accessible so that Pastor can drive. Donations may be made to Heimgartner Fundraiser and mailed to: Salem Lutheran Church, Attn: Pam Bergmann, 1401 Hawthorne Rd, Salem, IL 62881

**PURE GERMANY TOUR** - Mr. Jim Yagow is planning a trip to Pomerania and other sites in Germany Sept. 11-22, 2024. More information can be found on the Trip Handout in the narthex. Or you can contact Mr. Yagow directly: jimyagow@aol.com.

**Sausage Supper: St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club** will once again be holding their Sausage Supper with sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, and all the fixings on Sunday, Feb. 19, with serving beginning at 5PM in the St. Peter's Lutheran School Gym. Carry Outs will be available. Pre-orders for sausage and ribs will once again be offered and encouraged ahead of time, with deadline to order being Friday, Jan. 27 – a limited amount of sausage will be available on day of the supper – order early! To order, please call one of the following: John Lotz (618) 553-5585; Tim Brauer (618) 267-6229; David Schaal (618) 292-3732; St. Peter's Lutheran Church (618) 349-8321 (after 12 PM).

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**ATTENDANCE 12/31/22: 41**

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING - 2022**

Received 12/31	\$ 627.00	Missions received YTD:	\$ 2,720.00
Received YTD:	\$ 64,609.36	Missions Received 12/31	\$ 0.00
Difference in actual needed:	\$ +2,209.36	Difference in actual goal:	\$ +720.00

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**ATTENDANCE 2023**

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING 2023**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 01/01	\$ 750.00
Received YTD:	\$ 750.00
Difference in actual needed:	\$ -450.00

Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 01/01	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 0.00



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**The following Lectionary Summary**, provided by the LCMS, serves as a guide to help understand the theme of the readings for each Sunday as well as how they fit into the particular season of the Church Year.

***The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son***

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas; and yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the Incarnation of our Lord—that is, on God becoming flesh—the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth—not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word, to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

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***Thought for the week...***

**Matthew 2:11** – “And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.” For the wise men and for us, worshipping and offering gifts go together. How could this not be since our God is the great Giver of gifts? We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to His image, we imitate His generosity.

**Bulletin Announcements** Please contact Tonya Suckow to submit bulletin announcements. You may E-mail [zion.altamont@gmail.com](mailto:zion.altamont@gmail.com) or call/text 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 12 P.M. on Friday.