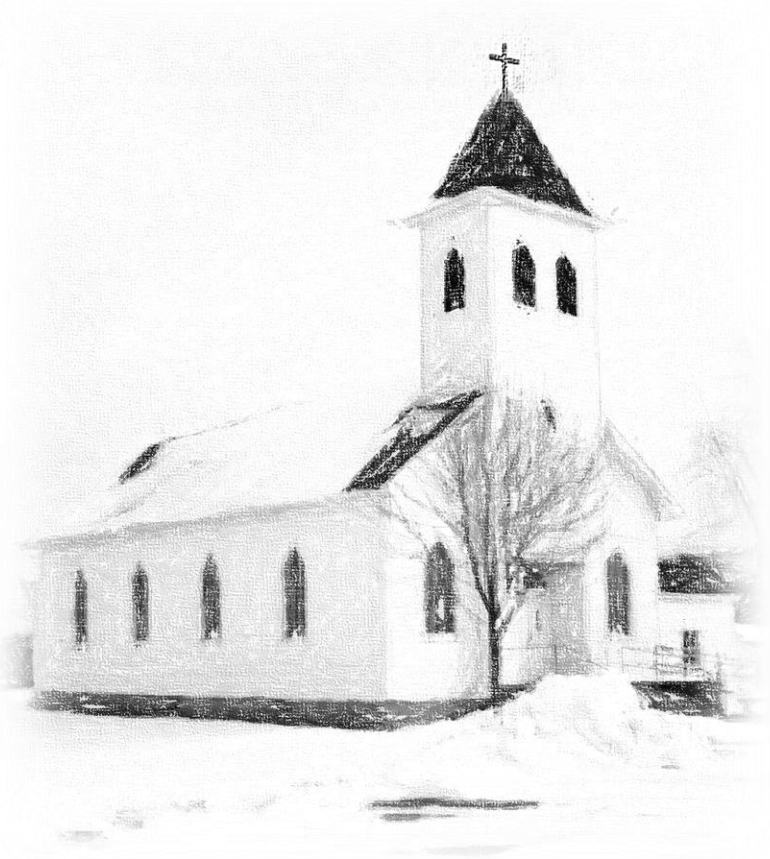


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

398, 651, 394

***Ushers serving in January:*** Dwayne Beccue & Jason Suckow  
Reserve: John Wohltman

**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:** Barbara Clifton, Heather Davis, Florence Leppin, Myrna Suckow, Howard Voelker, Mildred Wolff

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

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue



***Happy Birthday to Charlotte Murray on Friday (1/19)***

## **January Birthdays & Anniversaries\***

David Suckow (24th), Jason Suckow (26th)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Thank You!** A huge thank you to everyone who helped decorate and undecorate the church for the Advent/Christmas seasons. It was decorated beautifully!

**Zion Sunday Brunch is TODAY** immediately following our worship service. Menu includes assorted breakfast casseroles, biscuits & gravy. Free will donation for ALIS tuition for Zion students.

**Ladies - LWML Mite Boxes** – Please turn in your mite boxes to Imogene the next 3 weeks.

**LCC Full Board and Congregational Meeting** will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, at 7 PM in the Family Gathering Center.

**Zion's Quarterly Voters Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 28. The Council will meet at 1:30 PM, the Voters will meet at 2 PM.

**2023 LCC Care Campaign Update** \$40,545 has been donated thus far. The Care Campaign Projects include a Tub Room Upgrade (\$25,000) and the Luther Terrace Kitchen Remodel (\$35,000). Thank You for your generosity in donating towards the campaign so that LCC can make the upgrades needed to enhance the lives of the residents.

**Vandalia Holy Cross Lutheran - Ladies Society** will be hosting their annual Chili/Soup Luncheon on Sunday, January 21, from 11:30 AM -1:00 PM. This is a **DRIVE THRU ONLY** event. Cost is a free-will donation. The menu includes homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili; Chicken Salad or Peanut Butter sandwiches, hot dog; Chocolate sheet cake, Carrot sheet cake, or Angel food cake. See the announcement on the bulletin board for more details.

**CID LLL District Convention** - Saturday, March 9, 2024. Mark your calendars! Join the CID LLL District at their annual convention hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, Illinois. All are welcome to attend. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour® focusing on Energizing Mission. Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission.

**Illinois March for Life:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024. As last year, Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Springfield (across the street from the state capitol building) will host a Matins service in the morning, before the rally and march, and a light lunch will be provided at a nominal cost. Precise times are being determined. Parking will be available downtown at the State House Inn, a block north of the capitol and near Trinity. - There will be a free bus from Altamont to the March for Life in Springfield, IL on Wednesday, April 17, 2023. The first 48 persons to register can go. Thanks to Altamont Lutherans For Life. Contact Immanuel Lutheran Church.

### **ALIS News/Upcoming Events:**

**Mon., Jan. 15** – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Mon., Jan. 15** – School Board Meeting – 7 PM

**2024-2025 ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION – April 9, Tues. 6-6:45pm.**

Students will meet their teacher and visit the kindergarten room while parents complete paperwork and ask questions. Bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate to the orientation and his/her baptismal date.

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**ATTENDANCE**1/07 40

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 1/07	\$ 1,111.00
Received YTD:	\$ 1,111.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 189.00
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 1/07	\$ 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.

***Jesus' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory***

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that *"the mountains shall drip sweet wine"* (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The *"back"* of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation's curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to *"love one another with brotherly affection . . ."* and to *"outdo one another in showing honor"* (Rom. 12:6–16).

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

**John 2:5** – **"His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'"** What must Mary have thought when Jesus replied, "What does this have to do with me?" (John 2:4). But she knew that whatever her Son said to do would be a blessing, so she knew what advice to give to the servants: Do whatever He tells you! That's still good advice for us in every aspect of our lives, including in our generosity toward the Lord's work in the church.

**KFUO - 850AM / KFUO.org** – Programs are archived for 24/7 on-demand listening **Issues, Etc.** broadcasts live weekdays from 3:05 to 5:00 P.M. Central.

**TITUS BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on The Book of Titus. He will begin a study on the Book of Ruth on January 23. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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