

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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-LIFE SUNDAY-

JANUARY 22, 2023

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

401, 571, 781 vs. 1-2, 414

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



Happy Birthday this week to David Suckow on Tuesday (01/24)
and Jason Suckow on Thursday (01/26)

February Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Anita Alwardt (1st), Lloyd & Anita Alwardt* (5th), Christy Beccue (10th),
Jenna Murray (11th), Beverly Suckow (15th), Dennis Stuemke (22nd)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies - LWML Mite Boxes – Please turn in your mite boxes to Imogene the next 2 weeks.

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

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.

St. Paul (Blue Point) All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & Sausage Supper is on Sunday, February 5, from 4-7PM. The event is dine-in or carry-out. Cost is a free will donation. Cooked, bulk, and rope sausage will also be available for purchase.

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 is 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

Lutheran Hour Sunday is February 5. What can you do? The most important thing is to pray for “The Lutheran Hour.” “The Lutheran Hour” receives no funding except for donations from everyone who wants to make the Word heard - to help the Holy Spirit create faith that they may have eternal life. Please consider a gift to LHM, 660 Mason Center Dr., St. Louis, MO 63141-8557. A flyer with more information about what the “Lutheran Hour” offers is posted on the bulletin board or you may visit www.lhm.org.

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).

SAVE-THE-DATE - 29th Annual PTL Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, March 11. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details and RSVP and donation forms.

ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE - New Location: Springfield; **New Day:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023; **Same Mission:** Save Midwestern Lives by marching for life in the public square. **Trip:** A bus will leave Immanuel North Parking Lot at 9am, returning between 4-5pm. There is no charge for the bus. Those going should take a sack lunch. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex or you may RSVP Immanuel office at 618-483-6395 by Feb. 1.

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.

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 01/15	\$ 702.00
Received YTD:	\$ 2,384.00
Difference in actual needed:	\$ -1,216.00

Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 01/15	\$ 75.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 75.00



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 Came for Gentiles, Too

The Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile (Rom. 1:8–17). Even in the Old Testament, the Gentiles were beneficiaries of God’s saving power. Though unimpressed at first with the Word of God, a Syrian commander is persuaded to receive that Word, and in the water he is cleansed and brought to faith in the God of Israel (2 Kings 5:1–15a). Evil is overcome by good (Rom 12:16–21). So also in the New Testament, a Roman centurion demonstrates great and humble faith in the Lord (Matt. 8:1–13). All he needs is the Word of Christ, for he trusts that Jesus’ Word of healing has authority to accomplish what it says. And indeed it does. The centurion’s faith is praised by our Lord above that of any Israelite. For the last shall be first, and the first last. Apart from faith in Christ, there is no salvation—not even for a Jew—but only weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Thought for the week...

Matthew 8:8 – “**But the centurion replied, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.’**”

The Word of the Lord is powerful and effective. What God says, goes. “Let there be light” (Gen. 1:3). And there was light. His Word is still effective and creative for us: “This is my body, which is given for you” (Luke 22:19). “Your sins are forgiven” (Matt. 9:2, Luke 5:20, etc.). This is why it is no burden for us to live according to the Word of God: we know that His Word is always aimed at our blessing.

Blood Drive hosted by the National Honor Society students will be held in the Altamont High School gymnasium on Wednesday, February 22, from 8:15 AM - 2PM. Help save a life and give blood.

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

*****VIEW MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD*****