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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship: Setting Three with Holy Communion - p.184

Hymns: 577, 760, 585, 923

Ushers serving in February: Rick Conway & Dennis Stuemke

Reserve: B.J. Voelker

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.

In Our Prayers This Week

Comfort for the family of Barbara Clifton

In need of healing: Heather Davis, Florence Leppin,
Myrna Suckow, Howard Voelker, Mildred Wolff

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Imprisoned: Alex Beccue



Happy Anniversary to Lloyd & Anita Alwardt on Monday (2/5)

February Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Christy Beccue (10th), Jenna Murray (11th),
Beverly Suckow (15th), Dennis Stuemke (22nd)

HOLY COMMUNION: *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.*

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zion Movie Night – A movie night (for all ages) will be held on **February 18** at **5PM** in the church basement. Pizza, popcorn, and cookies will be served. The featured movie will be the animated film: *“Joseph: King of Dreams”*.

St. Paul (Blue Point) Men’s Club Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper is TODAY from 4-7PM. The event is dine-in with carry-out meals available. All you can eat! Free will donation. Packaged rope, cooked rope and bulk ground sausage will also be available for purchase.

Sausage Supper - St. Peter’s Lutheran Men’s Club will once again be holding their Sausage Supper with all the fixings on February 18, 2024, serving begins at 5 PM in the St. Peter’s Lutheran School Gym. Carry Outs will be available.

Seminex Book- Upon the 50th Anniversary of "The Walkout" and the formation of Seminex Concordia Historical Society has produced a book with a collection of Essays called: *"Rediscovering the Issues Surrounding the 1974 Concordia Seminary Walkout."* **Please speak with Pastor Manley or sign up to order a copy. Books are \$20 or less depending on Bulk Order discount. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please hold payment until we know the exact price.**

30TH ANNUAL ALIS PTL DINNER AUCTION will be held on Sat., Feb. 24th, at the Carriage House Event Center. Money raised from this event will help support the school and the education of our children through the PTL. This year’s event will begin with a social hour, silent auction, and meal from 4:30-6:00pm. The Live Auction will begin at 6:30pm and the evening will conclude with musical entertainment by Thunder Road. The cost is \$25 per person, or you may reserve preferred seating on a first come, first served basis for \$300 (table of 8). **RSVP by Feb. 12th.** For more information or to RSVP, contact Jennifer Milleville 217-821-1898, Robin Elam 618-204-0397, or Shelby Willenborg 618-322-0011.

Lutheran Care Center Congregational Service – Zion members are invited to attend a Service of the Word and Song on Sunday, March 3 at 2:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham. Following the Service, a dessert reception will be held along with the "Pastors' Bake-Off." The Board hopes that this will be a good opportunity to gather the congregations that currently own the LCC in an event similar to the LCC Auction, which was last held in 2019. CID President Michael Mohr will be in attendance (and will bring the traveling trophy of the Pastors' Bake-Off!).

CID LLL District Convention - Saturday, March 9, 2024. 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. Doors open at 8am, the convention begins at 9am. Cost is \$25 which includes lunch. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Deadline is March 5.

Mill Road Thresherman’s Tractor Drive to benefit their scholarship fund will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024. The tractor drive (parade) will be making a stop at Zion to hear about the history of the congregation and school. *If you would like to volunteer to speak about some of the historical milestones from Zion’s history, please speak with Dave Suckow.* More information on this event will be available at a later date.

ATTENDANCE

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 1/28	\$ 1,003.00
Received YTD:	\$ 2,869.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -2,331.00
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 1/28	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 0.00



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.

Scripture Alone

The Sower sows the seed of His Word (Luke 8:4–15). This Word is living and powerful (Heb. 4:9–13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him, the weak are strong (2 Cor. 11:19–12:9). He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is. 55:10–13) but yields a harvest hundredfold.

Thought for the week...

Luke 8:5 – “And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot ...” Know any farmers like this? Who just throws their crop seed wherever? That's crazy! But God's ways are not our ways — He is generous beyond compare! He delights in giving. As we are more and more conformed to His image, may we also learn the joy of generosity and giving!

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

JAMES 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 begins a study later this week on the Book of James. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

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