

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

660, 573, 861

***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.

**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:** Heather Davis, Florence Leppin,  
Howard Voelker, Mildred Wolf

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

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue



***Happy Belated Birthday to Christy Beccue on Saturday (2/10)***

***Happy Birthday today to Jenna Murray (2/11)***

***Happy Birthday to Beverly Suckow on Thursday (2/15)***

## **February Birthdays & Anniversaries\***

Dennis Stuemke (22<sup>nd</sup>)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Congregational Meeting** - A brief congregational meeting will be held after the service this morning (*guests are welcome to stay*).

**Ash Wednesday Vespers Service** will be held at Bethlehem on Wednesday, February 14, at 7PM. The BZ Youth Group is hosting a Lasagna Supper prior to the worship service. Serving starts at 5:30pm, free-will donation, all proceeds going to the youth group.

**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*”.

**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.

**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.

**LCC Congregational Service/Pastors’ Bake-Off** – 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!). Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board if you will be attending by February 26, 2024.

**CID LLL District Convention** - Saturday, March 9, 2024. Join the CID LLL District at their annual convention hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont. All are welcome to attend. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour® focusing on Energizing 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.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Annual Pork Dinner** will be Sunday, March 10, in the Parish Hall from 11 AM until 1 PM. The menu is as follows: grilled pork loin, baked potato, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dinner roll and dessert. Other meat options are pork burger or hot dog. Pork loin dinner: \$15 / Porkburger dinner: \$7. Children ages 4 and under are free.

**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.

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**ATTENDANCE**

2/04

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 2/04	\$ 1,207.00
Received YTD:	\$ 4,076.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -2,424.00
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 2/04	\$ 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.

***Faith Alone***

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

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

**Luke 18:34** – “**This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.**” Even our understanding of the Word of God is a gift — the disciples can’t understand Jesus because it is not given to them to understand Him. By nature, they are deaf to the Word. So, everything we have is a gift of God. To realize this is the beginning of thankfulness, generosity and kindness.

**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.

**SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT...** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” “In the Cross of Christ I Glory,” “My Song Is Love Unknown,” “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth.” Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can listen to sacred music for the season of Lent 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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