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- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

953, 655, 760

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,
Mike Myers, Howard Voelker, Mildred Wolf

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Imprisoned: Alex Beccue



Happy Anniversary to Mike & June Carey on Friday (3/01)

March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Andy & Melissa Voelker* (7th), Anna Manley (19th),
Steven Suckow (26th), Graham Murray (27th),
Sam Stuemke (28th), John Manley (30th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-Week Lenten Service will be held at Bethlehem on Wed., February 28, at 7PM. Rev. Michael Feldmann, Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, will be the visiting preacher with the message "I Have Sinned" based on Psalm 41:4.

Lenten Supper Wed. Feb. 28: Bethlehem Youth are hosting another Lenten Meal at Bethlehem Parish hall prior to the Lenten service. Menu is: Hard & soft shell beef & chicken tacos with toppings, rice, beans, dessert, tea and lemonade. Free will offering goes to Bethlehem and Zion Youth Group.

LCC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Mon., Feb. 26, at 7 PM.

Zion Lutheran Church - 1st Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at Altamont Lutheran School Gym, 7 S Edwards St, Altamont, on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Serving is 9:30AM to 1:00PM. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and drinks for a free-will donation. A bake sale will be held. Proceeds from the benefits will be divided into thirds to: ALIS Playground Equipment, Lutheran Care Center and Zion Lutheran Church.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Edinburg would like to invite you to our 35th Annual Pork Chop Supper on Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at the Edinburg Community Building (105 W Masonic St.). We will be serving pork chops, baked potatoes, baked beans and green beans, applesauce, and desserts. Tickets are available in advance or at the door and they are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children (10 and under). Please join us for the fellowship and meal. We will have Carry Outs available either as a Drive Thru Lane or Pick up inside.

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 members of the 20 Lutheran congregations that currently support and own the LCC in an event similar to the LCC Auction, which was last held in 2019. ***Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board if you will be attending by tomorrow, 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.

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Mon., March 4 – No School – Casimir Pulaski Day

Tues.-Fri., March 5-8 – Lutheran Schools Week

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ATTENDANCE

2/18	34
2/21	44

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 2/18	\$ 604.00
Received 2/21	\$ 207.00
Received YTD:	\$ 5,654.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -3,446.00
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 2/18	\$ 75.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 150.00



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.

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: *“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”* This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. *“O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire”* (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

Thought for the week...

Matthew 15:27–28 – *“She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’”* Faith says “Yes” to all that the Lord gives us. The Canaanite woman trusted Jesus, and so she knew there was a blessing for her in everything the Lord says — even when His words seemed difficult or harsh. We all need a faith like that!

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