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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: 560, 760, 579

Ushers serving in March: Mark Suckow & Brock Murray

Reserve: Jason Suckow

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

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 Andy & Melissa Voelker on Thursday (3/07)

March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Anna Manley (19th), Steven Suckow (26th), Graham Murray (27th),
Sam Stuemke (28th), John Manley (30th)

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

Mid-Week Lenten Service will be held at Zion on Wednesday, March 6, at 7PM. Rev. Ryan Meyer, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, St. Peter, will be the visiting preacher with the message "Soon and Never" based on Psalm 41:5.

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.

****EVENT HELP NEEDED**** Set up will be at 2PM on SATURDAY, March 16 at ALIS. On SUNDAY, March 17 at ALIS preparations will start at 7:30 AM.

Need all hands on-deck for Saturday and Sunday.

LCC Congregational Service/Pastors' Bake-Off – Today 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."

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. Registration fee is \$25 which includes lunch. 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.

The Altamont First United Methodist Church at 308 N 2nd St, Altamont, IL is holding a fundraiser chili/soup supper on Sunday, **March 3** from 4-7pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome and we will be taking a free will donation. Please come by and have some great soup or chili and enjoy the fellowship!

LCC Easter Bake Sale The Lutheran Care Center is hosting an Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, March 30, from 9am-11am in the Luther Terrace Lobby. Bring your kids out for photos with the Easter Bunny! All proceeds will go towards entertainment for our skilled care residents.

THRIVENT CHOICE Consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Altamont Lutheran Interparish School. If you still have funds available from 2023, the deadline to designate is March 31, 2024. Call 800-847-4836 (1-800-Thrivent) or direct them online at www.thrivent.com.

Coles County Barbershop Concert - You are invited to the Coles County Barbershop Chorus annual Lenten Concert on Sunday, March 17th at 4PM in the United Christian Church, 200 E Lafayette, Mattoon Illinois. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board.

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

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

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

ATTENDANCE

2/25

45

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 2/25	\$ 5,802.00
Received YTD:	\$ 11,456.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ +1,056.00
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 2/25	\$ 75.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 225.00



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

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

Thought for the week...

Ephesians 5:1–2 – “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.” Our sanctification flows from the justification which we have received in Christ. His love for us transforms us into His image. This is why the Bible talks so much about giving — we are to imitate God in His generosity. If you want to walk in the footsteps of your Heavenly Father, seek mercy, kindness and open-handed generosity.

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.

HABAKKUK 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 this week on the Book of Habakkuk. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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