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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: 863; 781 vs. 1-2; 617, 560; 725

Ushers serving in March: Dwayne Beccue & Brock Murray

Reserve: Dalton Roedl

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: Pam Buening, Darren Feldkamp, Ruth Holland, Kendra Meyer, Howard Voelker

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Imprisoned: Alex Beccue



Happy Birthday today to Anna Manley (03/19).

March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

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

LCC DOOR COLLECTION – Due to the cancellation of Zion’s Annual Hog Roast we will be taking a door collection for the Lutheran Care Center **today** and on Sunday, March 26.

Mid-Week Lenten Service will be held at Bethlehem on Wednesday, March 22, at 7PM.

LCC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, at 7 PM.

UPDATE: ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP - 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 **8AM** and return approx. 4-5PM. Bring a sack lunch. – **THE BUS IS FULL!** – You can still drive yourself and meet us at a 10:30AM service at Trinity, Springfield. Parking and shuttle available at Lutheran High School, 3300 W Washington St. **Another Bus is available:** *Effingham County Right to Life has 25 seats available on a bus. This bus leaves the Effingham Event Center at 7:30 AM, March 21, for the Right to Life March in Springfield, IL. The Event Center is formerly the KC Hall on Fayette Ave. Please text Diann Ruholl to reserve a seat 217-663-2056.*

Immanuel Lutheran Church (Augsburg) Soup & Chili Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 26. Serving begins after worship at 11:30 am. The menu includes: chicken noodle soup, chili, chicken salad, hot dogs, peanut butter with honey, desserts, coffee, iced tea, and lemonade. FREEWILL OFFERING ACCEPTED. Dine in or carry out. Sponsored by Immanuel Ladies’s Aid. The church is located at 1297 E 900 Ave., Shobonier, IL 62885.

THRIVENT CHOICE Consider directing your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Altamont Lutheran Interparish School the deadline to designate those funds is March 31, 2023. Call 800-847-4836 (1-800- Thrivent) or direct them online www.thrivent.com. ALIS received \$592 in March from Thrivent Choice. We truly appreciate your support!

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont will be hosting a meal on Sunday, April 16, to raise funds for current sanctuary renovations. It will be held at The Carriage House Event Center in Altamont. You are invited to the free-will donation event which is from 10:30 AM -- 1 PM. Carry-outs will be available. The menu includes fried chicken, bone-in ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, beef & noodles, vegetable, slaw, roll, dessert and drink. Sponsors include Deb's Catering, The Giving Plate, the Schultz Family and the Ramsey Family.

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

March 20, Monday ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION from 6-6:45pm. Students will meet their teacher and visit the kindergarten room while parents complete paperwork and ask questions. Bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate to the orientation. Students will need a full physical, dental exam, eye exam, current immunizations and a lead screening before school starts in August. Please call the school office at 618-483-6428, or email alisooffice2@gmail.com to RSVP.

April 6-16 – No School - Easter Break

April 17, Monday – School Board Meeting – 7PM

ATTENDANCE

03/12	38
03/15	46

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 03/12	\$ 1,104.00
Received 03/15	\$ 390.00
Received YTD:	\$ 10,482.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -2,718.00
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 03/12	\$ 75.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 675.00



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.

St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

It was King David's idea to build a permanent house for the ark of the covenant and the Lord's name (2 Sam. 7:5–7). The temple he planned was built by King Solomon, but it was never really David or Solomon who housed and protected God. *"The LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house"* (2 Sam. 7:11). St. Joseph was not Jesus' true father, since the child *"conceived in [Mary] is from the Holy Spirit"* (Matt. 1:20). The Church commemorates him instead as the "guardian of Jesus." Heeding the word of God's angels, protecting the unborn Christ, sparing the infant Jesus from Herod's wrath, seeing Him *"out of Egypt"* again (Matt. 2:13–23) and bringing Him up *"in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"* (Eph. 6:4), Joseph is an example for all Christian fathers and guardians. But as with David "housing" the Lord who made a house for him, Joseph was never really the guardian. Christ was. His Name is *"Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins"* (Matt. 1:21). The *"offspring"* promised to Abraham and renewed in the promises to David is the One *"who gives life to the dead"* (Rom. 4:16–18). He is David's King, Abraham's Lord, Joseph's Guardian and our Savior.

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.

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.

SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC... In observation of The Annunciation of Our Lord, You can listen to sacred Christmas music on Saturday, March 25. Listen at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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.