

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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† THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER †

APRIL 23, 2023

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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EASTER 3

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

710; 709; 461 vs. 4-5; 740

Ushers serving in April: Jason Suckow & B.J. Voelker

Reserve: Brandon Beccue

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: Darren Feldkamp, Florence Leppin, Kendra Meyer, Howard Voelker

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Imprisoned: Alex Beccue



Happy Anniversary today to Dwayne & Christy Beccue.

Happy Birthday this week to LaShay Suckow on Thursday (4/27).

May Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Hona Roedl (3rd), Gary Wendling (7th),
Stephanie Voelker (16th), Tonya Suckow (20th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zion's Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held **TODAY**, April 23. The Council will meet at 1:30 PM, the Voters will meet at 2 PM.

Ladies - LWML Mite Boxes – Please turn in your mite boxes to Imogene by next week.

Lutheran Care Center Full Board Meeting will be held Monday, April 24, at 7:00 P.M.

Prayer Cards - CID office and Life Coordinator Mr. David Ward have produced Prayer Cards for Wednesday's Child. These cards are intended for you to take and pray each Wednesday for God's gift of life and protection of the helpless against danger. You may also take more to give to friends and neighbors. Prayer cards are in the narthex.

"Protect Pregnancy Resource Centers" Rally on April 26 - *Illinois Right to Life* has announced a rally to oppose Illinois Senate Bill 1909. This bill has passed in the Senate and is now before the state's House of Representatives.

SB 1909 would make it difficult if not impossible for pregnancy resource centers to operate. Without defining "deceptive acts or practices," it would subject such centers to civil liability for engaging in such practices. It provides for similar civil liability for sidewalk counselors who stand outside abortion clinics. This bill would also allow the Attorney General to investigate pregnancy resource centers even in the absence of a particular complaint.

The rally will begin at noon on Wednesday, April 26 in front of Lincoln Statue at the Illinois State Capitol, 301 S. 2nd St., Springfield, IL 62701. Mary Kate Zander, Executive Director of Illinois Right to Life, will be among the speakers.

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.

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

THE ALIS SPRING BOOK & ART FAIR will be held on Thursday, April 27, in the ALIS gym. The book fair will be open from 9am - 7pm. The company we are using is the Blue Ribbon Reading Company. They have agreed to have a BOGO book fair for us. Please come out and support this new company and your ALIS library. **Parents, grandparents, or special guests may shop with their special students at the following times:** Kindergarten 11:10-11:40, First 10:45-11:05, Second 12:30-1:00, Third 10:15-10:30, Fourth 9:00-9:30, Fifth 2:30-3:00, Sixth 9:30-10:00, Seventh 11:40-12:10. Eighth 2:00-2:30.

ALIS positions available – ALIS will soon be interviewing for an assistant cook position for the 2023-2024 school year, and a part-time summer janitor for the summer of 2023. Copies of the job descriptions and an application for employment can be found on the bulletin board. Please submit completed applications to Robi Flach at robiflach@alisrockets.com.

ATTENDANCE

04/16

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 04/16	\$ 821.00
Received YTD:	\$ 16,327.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -2,872.75
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 04/16	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 850.00



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.

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”* (1 Peter 2:25).

Thought for the week...

John 10:16 – **“And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.”** The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice and delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. But following the Shepherd means life, and following anyone else means death. So, no matter how difficult the path, let us follow Him!

LUKE 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 is leading a study this week in Luke 22 on The Institution of the Lord’s Supper, Who Is the Greatest?, Jesus Foretells Peter’s Denial, Scripture Must Be Fulfilled in Jesus, Jesus Prays in the Mount of Olives and The Betrayal & Arrest of Jesus. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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.