

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Altamont, Illinois*



† SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER †

MAY 21, 2023

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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EASTER 7

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Responsive Prayer 2 - p. 285

Hymns:

728; 596; 461 vs. 4-5; 783

***Ushers serving in May:*** Dennis Stuemke & Mark Suckow  
Reserve: Rick Conway

**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,  
Howard Voelker

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

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue



## June Birthdays & Anniversaries\*

David & Beverly Suckow\* (1<sup>st</sup>), June Carey (4<sup>th</sup>), Mary Stuemke (4<sup>th</sup>),  
Herb Stuemke (7<sup>th</sup>), Arlon Beccue (16<sup>th</sup>), Brock & Jenna Murray\* (16<sup>th</sup>),  
Adrianna Suckow (19<sup>th</sup>), Ron & Bert Siebert\* (28<sup>th</sup>)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Congratulations to our High School Graduates:** Brandon Beccue and Dalton Roedl. We pray for God's blessings and guidance upon them.

**LCC Executive Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, May 22, at 4:30 PM.

**Ladies Birthday/Secret Pal Supper** All ladies are invited to a salad buffet spring birthday banquet at Jeanine Wendling's house on Monday, June 5, at 6 pm. Just bring your favorite salad and enjoy the evening with friends. Those who have been secret pals will bring their gifts and reveal their identities. A drawing for new secret pals will be done. If you are not able to attend and wish to be a secret pal next year, please give your information to Jeanine before June 5 so your name can be placed in the drawing.

**Baby Bottles for Family Life Center** are available in the narthex and should be turned back in by Fathers' Day with your donation. Please make checks payable to Family Life Center.

**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.

**Lutherans for Life** Join Lutherans For Life from May 14 to June 24 for Step Up 4 Life, a campaign designed to celebrate God's gift of LIFE! Participate as a congregation, team, or individual and support LFL's mission to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices for life! To learn more about the Step Up 4 Life campaign please visit [stepup4life.org/2023](http://stepup4life.org/2023), download the LFL app, or email [stepup4life@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:stepup4life@lutheransforlife.org).

**Bells in Motion - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont** – *Bells In Motion*, an advanced, auditioned community handbell ensemble, based in Springfield, IL, will be on tour in June. They will be making their final stop at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont on Sunday, June 11th. They have an exciting line up planned. If you like jazz, there will be something for you. If you like classics from the 50's, 60s, 70s, and 80s, there will be something for you. If you like Broadway, there will be something for you too. This family friendly concert has music for everyone. Mark your calendar and tell all your friends. You won't want to miss this! Sunday, June 11, at 4:00 pm, 203 E. Division Street, Altamont, in the upper Parish Hall. Immanuel mixed choir director, Chris, rings with this ensemble. A free-will offering will be taken for Bells in Motion.

### **ALIS News/Upcoming Events:**

**July 19, Wednesday** – ALIS K-8 Registration 11am-6pm

**Aug. 16, Wednesday** – First Day of School

**COKE REWARDS PROGRAM ENDING** on June 30. Send your caps and codes in before school is out.

\*\*\*View additional announcements on the bulletin board\*\*\*

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**ATTENDANCE**

05/14

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 05/14	\$ 1,159.00
Received YTD:	\$ 20,920.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -3,079.75

Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 05/14	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 850.00



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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.

***The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus***

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. *“The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God”* (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus’ suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7–14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22–28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, *“that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen”* (1 Pet. 4:11).

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

**1 Peter 4:10** – **“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”** God’s grace is His undeserved mercy toward us. What do we have that is not a gift flowing from God’s grace? He means for us to use all these gifts in service of our neighbor. The chief way we serve one another is by supporting the church’s work: bringing more of God’s grace to more of God’s people. That’s what it means to be a steward!

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**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.

**ACTS 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 Acts. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://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](mailto:zion.altamont@gmail.com) or call/text 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 12 P.M. on Friday.