

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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† LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR †

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

525; 516; 781 vv. 1-2; 805

***Ushers serving in November:*** Mark Suckow & B.J. Voelker

Reserve: Robert 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.

**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:** Barbara Clifton, Heather Davis, Darren Feldkamp, Florence Leppin, Myrna Suckow, Howard Voelker, Mildred Wolf

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

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue



## December Birthdays & Anniversaries\*

Ben Roedl (6<sup>th</sup>), Andy Voelker (8<sup>th</sup>), Pastor Manley (27<sup>th</sup>),  
Ken & Imogene Clark\* (28<sup>th</sup>)

## Stay Connected with the Central Illinois District

CID's website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

CID's Gatepost (newsletter) <http://www.cidlcms.org/gatepost.html>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Zion Christmas Party** will be held on **Friday, December 1, at 6:30 PM**. We'll sing some Christmas carols, play games, and enjoy snacks, sweet treats, hot cocoa, and punch. There is no gift exchange. Just bring finger foods, snacks, or your favorite Christmas treat.

**Voter's Meeting** - A brief Voter's meeting will be held after the service dismissal this morning.

**Advent by Candlelight – A Star is Born** - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, is hosting an evening of food, music, and fellowship to help us focus on Christ during the busy holiday season. The event will be held on Sunday, December 3, beginning at 6PM in the Immanuel Church Parish Hall. You may sign-up ahead of time or come at the time of the event. Please bring your favorite appetizer and/or dessert to share. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. Donations of non-perishable foods, toiletries, diapers, etc. will also be taken for El Shaddai maternity home in Effingham. More details are on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may call Kendra Walker at (217) 821-7249 or email kmwalker79@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

**Sausage Supper:** St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club, St. Peter, will once again be holding their Sausage Supper with sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, and all the fixings on February 18, 2024, with serving beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Peter's Lutheran School Gym. Carry Outs will be available. Pre-orders for sausage and ribs will once again be offered and encouraged ahead of time, with deadline to order being January 31, 2024. To order, please call one of the following: John Lotz (618-553-5585), Tim Brauer (618-267-6229), David Schaal (618-292-3732), Reggie Grandt (618-553-6213), or St. Peter's Lutheran Church (618-349-8321 after 12 PM).

**Save the date – CID LLL District Convention** - Saturday, March 9, 2024. Mark your calendars! Join the CID LLL District at their annual convention hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, Illinois. All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour® focusing on Energizing Mission. Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission. Be on the look-out for more convention details in the new year.

**Notice:** The Zion Treasurer position is open. If any Zion voter is interested in learning more about the responsibilities and skills necessary for this position, please speak to Steve Suckow or a member of the Council.

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

**Matthew 25:4 – “But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.”** Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

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**ATTENDANCE**

11/19	41
11/22 – Thanksgiving Eve	36

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 11/19	\$ 1,413.00
Received 11/22	\$ 20.00
Received YTD:	\$ 52,040.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -4,359.75

Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 11/19	\$ 0.00
Received 11/22	\$ 494.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,694.00

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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.

***By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return***

*"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night"* (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. *"For you know neither the day nor the hour"* when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).

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**Annual Christmas Benefit Concert** - For more than 30 years, the Coles County Barbershop Chorus with quartets and ensembles have presented their annual one-hour concert. This year it will be held at the United Methodist Church on South 4th Street in Charleston at 3PM on December 3. There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering is collected...each year more than \$8,000 is provided for area homeless shelters and food pantry programs funded by these community outreach events. The first half of the program features secular songs, such as Christmas Island, White Christmas, Jingle Bell Rock etc. while the last portion is of a more spiritual nature: Angels We Have Heard On High, Silent Night, Mary, and Did You Know. A feature this year will be the World Drum Corp Club from the Jefferson Elementary School in Charleston.

**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.

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