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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

335; 738; 781 vv. 1-2; 348

Ushers serving in December: Jason Suckow & John Wohltman

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

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Imprisoned: Alex Beccue



Upcoming December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Pastor Manley (27th), Ken & Imogene Clark* (28th)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Christmas Eve Children's Program – Sun., Dec. 24, 5:30 P.M.

Christmas Day – *with Holy Communion* – Mon., Dec. 25, 8:00 A.M.

New Year's Eve (Zion) – *with Holy Communion* – Sun., Dec. 31, 5:30 P.M.

New Year's Day (Beth.) – *with Holy Communion* – Mon., Jan. 1, 9:30 A.M.

Advent Devotionals are available in the narthex.

Mid-week Advent service will be held at Zion on Wed., Dec. 13, at 7PM.

LCC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Mon., Dec. 18, at 7 PM.

2023 LCC Care Campaign Update/Thank You \$11,811 has been donated thus far. The Care Campaign Projects include a Tub Room Upgrade (\$25,000) and the Luther Terrace Kitchen Remodel (\$35,000). Thank You for your generosity in donating towards the campaign so that LCC can make the upgrades needed to enhance the lives of the residents.

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.

A new issue of The GatePost is available on the bulletin board. You may also view it online or sign-up with your email address to receive *The GatePost* and other news from the CID in your inbox. Go to <https://www.cidlcms.org/news-gatepost-newsletter.html> or scan the QR code. ->



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ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP) LAST ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS will be placed on **Mon., Dec. 11**. The order will be back on Mon., Dec. 18. Order online at raiseright.com/shop. Enrollment code for ALIS-A86DB45918678. Checks should be made out to: ALIS PTL Scrip. Please contact Carie Pals with questions at #217-246-6768.

"BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER" The 8th grade art class and Mrs. Wolff invite everyone to their Christmas play on Sun., Dec. 17 at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 5pm.

Mon., Dec. 18 – School Board Meeting, 7PM

Wed., Dec. 20 – Early Dismissal, 2:15PM, with Bussing and after school care

Thurs., Dec. 21 – Early Dismissal, 2:15PM, with Bussing and after school care

Fri., Dec. 22 – Tues., Jan. 2 – No School – Christmas/New Year's Break

Wed., Jan. 3 – Students Return to School

ATTENDANCE12/03 40

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 12/03	\$ 6,262.00
Received YTD:	\$ 59,145.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ + 345.25

Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 12/03	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,694.00



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 Lord Comes on the Last Day

The day on which our Lord returns will be a *“great and awesome day”* (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will *“set them ablaze”* (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: *“... straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near”* (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us *“through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures”* (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

Thought for the week...

Romans 15:4 – “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction.” God’s Word was given to us to bless us. The Bible warns us of our sin and points us to Christ for our salvation. The Bible also instructs us how to live out our Christian lives (this is the “third use of the Law”). As Christians, we should welcome this instruction in humble faith. We know that Christ has saved us; now, we want to know how to live lives of faith that are pleasing to Him.

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