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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: 344; 781 vs. 1-2; 347; 346

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.

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



Upcoming December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

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

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

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.

Mid-week Advent service will be held at Bethlehem on Wed., Dec. 20, 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.

Weihnachtsgottesdienst - German Christmas Service at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, 645 Poplar Street, Terre Haute, IN invites you to celebrate with them a "German Christmas Vespers Service" today, Dec. 17, at 4:00 PM. Pastor Emeritus Philip G. Meyer will be both Liturgist and Preacher. There will be singing of German Christmas hymns and carols, hearing the Christmas Gospel and Sermon in German, and afterwards enjoying Gemütlichkeit, pastries, cookies, and some authentic German Kaffee. *English translation of the liturgy and hymns, along with a synopsis of the sermon will be provided.* One need not know German to enjoy this service! Please see the flyer and letter posted in the narthex for full details.

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

"BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER" The 8th grade art class and Mrs. Wolff invite everyone to their Christmas play today, 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

Thought for the week...

1 Corinthians 4:2 – **"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."** A steward manages the property of the owner for the owner's purposes. We are stewards of all that God has given us. So, we are called to use all that we are and all that we have for God's purposes. How do we know what His purposes are? Consider your vocations, your callings from God, in the home, in the church and in society: What are the roles God has called you to play? And how should you be using the gifts He has given you to fulfill those roles?

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.

ATTENDANCE

12/10	28
12/13	44

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 12/10	\$ 570.00
Received 12/13	\$ 437.00
Received YTD:	\$ 60,152.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ + 152.25

Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 12/10	\$ 0.00
Received 12/13	\$ 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.

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way for the Lord

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: *“Prepare the way of the Lord . . .”* (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah’s coming through repentance, for *“all flesh is grass”* (Isa. 40:6). Now He asks from prison, *“Are you the one who is to come . . .?”* (Matt. 11:2). Jesus’ works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord’s hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The *“stewards of the mysteries of God”* (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ’s overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God’s people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.

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