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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:

349; 357 vv. 1-4; 781 vv. 1-2; 347 vv. 5-7

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



Happy Birthday to Pastor Manley on Wednesday (12/27).

Happy Anniversary to Ken & Imogene Clark on Thursday (12/28).

January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Jeanine Wendling (6th), Charlotte Murray (19th),

David Suckow (24th), Jason Suckow (26th)

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.

Pastor-Out-Of-Town - Pastor is visiting family this week. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call elder Mark Suckow (618) 267-5589.

Installation of 2024 Elected Officers - Sunday, January 7.

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.

2023 LCC Care Campaign Update \$15,086 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.

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Fri., Dec. 22 – Tues., Jan. 2 – No School – Christmas/New Year's Break
Wed., Jan. 3 – Students Return to School

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 Points Everyone to the Messiah

The coming of God in all His unveiled power at Mount Sinai was terrifying to the people of Israel. The thundering voice of the Lord puts sinners in fear of death (Deut. 18:15–19). God, therefore, raised up a prophet like Moses—the Messiah, the Christ. God came to His people veiled in human flesh. The skies poured down the Righteous One from heaven; the earth opened her womb and brought forth Salvation (Introit) through the blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of the Lord (Luke 1:39–56). The fruit of her womb is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the One whose sandal strap John was not worthy to loose (John 1:19–28). In Jesus we are delivered from fear and anxiety. In Him alone we have the peace of God which surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:4–7).

Thought for the week...

Philippians 4:6 – “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Paul puts two things in opposition to each other: anxiety and prayer. So, trade your worries for prayers! You have a Father who loves you and desires to hear your prayers and bless you.

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 12/17	\$ 696.50
Received YTD:	\$ 60,848.75
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 351.25
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 12/17	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,694.00



Join author Katie Schuermann at her home church, Grace Lutheran Church, 109 N. Locust St., Strasburg, IL, on January 7, 2024 from 2-4 PM where she will be signing copies of her latest novel, *The Saints of Whistle Grove*. There will be books, cookies, fun, and fellowship. You can learn more about Katie by going to katieschuermann.com. Several of her books are available on cph.org. She has received several awards and recognitions and is a regular guest on Issues Etc. and KFUE.

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Bethlehem Lutheran	Mediacom - Ch. 81	Sunday, 5:00 PM
Immanuel Lutheran	Mediacom - Ch. 81	Sunday, 6:00 PM

Lutheran Hour Radio (lhm.org)

WCRA, Effingham, IL	96.3 FM	Sunday, 9:30 AM
WCRA, Effingham, IL	1090 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM
WPMB, Effingham, IL	104.7 FM	Sunday, 12:03 PM

KFUE - 850AM / KFUE.org – Programs are archived for 24/7 on-demand listening**Issues, Etc.** broadcasts live weekdays from 3:05 to 5:00 P.M. Central.

SACRED MUSIC & TALK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON... You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at issuesetc.org, lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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