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JANUARY 4, 2026

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: 367; 386, 410; 383

Ushers serving in January: Mark Suckow & Brock Murray

Reserve: Jason Suckow

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 sign our guest register and 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: Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Ron Siebert, Brad Suckow (recovering from surgery), Kathryn Suckow (cancer), Steve Voelker, Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

Receiving skilled care: Judy Stuemke (LCC), Lucille Beccue (LCC)

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Happy Birthday this week to Jeanine Wendling on Tuesday (01/06)

Upcoming January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Charlotte Murray (01/19), Cash Suckow (01/21),

Ella Voelker (01/23), David Suckow (01/24), Jason Suckow (01/26)

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the bulletin, please fill out a member contact form (found in the narthex) and turn it in to Tonya.

ALIS News/Upcoming Events

Sat., Dec. 20 - Mon., Jan. 5 – No School – Christmas/New Year's Break

Tues., Jan. 6 – Students Return to School

Mon., Jan. 19 – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation of 2026 Elected Officers will be held during the service this morning. Those being installed are: Dwayne Beccue – Elder/ALIS Board, Rick Conway – Elder, Gary Wendling – Elder/LLL Rep; Brock Murray – Trustee (General Treasury)/ALIS Board; Andy Voelker – Trustee (Missions); Dennis Stuemke – Trustee (Building/Cemetery); Lloyd Alwardt – Chairman; Ron Siebert – Secretary; Jason Suckow – Chief Usher; Dean Biggs – LCC Executive Board; Jenna Murray – SS Superintendent

2026 Zion Ladies Aid Officers: Jeanine Wendling, President; Linda Suckow, Vice President; Beverly Suckow, Treasurer; Imogene Clark, Secretary

2026 Zion LWML Officers: Anita Alwardt, President; Imogene Clark, Collections

TODAY – Christmas Undecorating at 1:30 PM. All help is appreciated!

Ladies - LWML Mite Boxes – Please turn in your mite boxes this month.

Zion's Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25. The Council will meet at 1:30 PM, the Voters will meet at 2 PM.

LCC Full Board and Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, at 7 PM in the Family Gathering Center.

Young Adult Bible Study – The Young Adult Bible study will begin a new series of studies starting on January 9, 2026. The series will explore the differences between Christian denominations. The group will meet every other Friday at 6:30PM. Locations will vary depending on which pastor is leading. Pastor Niermann from Immanuel, Altamont, Pastor Burdick and Pastor Dille from St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham, and Pastor Cornelius from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Vandalia, will lead the studies. All young adults ages 18-35 are invited. For more information, please contact Violet Wendling at 618-704-6114.

50th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST The Effingham Area Right to Life is hosting its 50th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST on Sunday, January 18, from 7am-Noon. The event will be held at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall (210 Pearl St, Teutopolis, IL). Free-will donations will be accepted, and you'll enjoy whole hog sausage, eggs, pancakes, homemade breads, and drinks. There will be numerous basket raffles, quilt raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. EARTL is accepting donations of cinnamon rolls, breads, and muffins. These can be dropped off on Saturday, Jan. 17, from Noon-4pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. To volunteer for a shift, please text Susan Vogt at (217) 663-2084. For more information about the breakfast follow "Effingham Area Right to Life" on Facebook.

St. John's Lutheran of Effingham is hiring an Office Assistant. This 28-hour position on Tuesday through Friday is a vital ministry role. Competitive wages and PTO are the lesser reward – working with members and neighbors for the proclamation of the Gospel is the greater. Interested? Read the full job description and download an application at www.stjohnsLCMS.net. Questions? Call Pastor Burdick or Sarah Mellendorf at 217-342-4334, or email office@stjohnsLCMS.net.

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

ATTENDANCE

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| 12/28 | 33 |
| 12/31 | 36 |

OUR CURRENT GIVING

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| Weekly amount needed: | \$ 1,300.00 |
| (ALIS tuition per week = \$710) | |
| Received 12/28 | \$ 368.00 |
| Received 12/31 | \$ 329.00 |
| Received YTD: | \$ 66,156.00 |
| Difference in actual needed YTD: | \$ - 1,444.00 |
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| Missions budget goal: | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Received 12/28 | \$ 100.00 |
| Received 12/31 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Missions received YTD: | \$ 2,205.00 |



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 Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

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.