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JANUARY 5, 2025

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- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship: Setting Three with Holy Communion - p.184

Hymns: 397; 376, 389; 387

Ushers serving in January: Rick Conway & Dennis Stuemke

Reserve: B.J. Voelker

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: Lloyd Alwardt (knee surgery recovery), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Pastor Heimgartner, Florence Leppin (cancer), Todd Luedtke, Wanda Phillips, Marion Schmidt (lung), Bert Siebert (recovery), Steve Voelker, Patti Wolff (heart), Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

Receiving skilled care: Lucille Beccue (LCC), Bernice Graumenz (LCC), Shirley Siddens (LCC), Judy Stuemke (LCC), Mildred Wolf (LCC)

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Imprisoned: Alex Beccue

For Pastor Niermann who has accepted the Pastoral call at Immanuel, Altamont.

Happy Birthday to Jeanine Wendling on Monday (01/06).

Upcoming January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Charlotte Murray (01/19), David Suckow (01/24), Jason Suckow (01/26)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Tues., Jan. 7 – Students return to School

Mon., Jan. 20 – School Board Meeting – 7 PM

Mon., Jan. 20 – No School – Martin Luther King Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation of 2025 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; John Wohltman – Trustee (Missions); Dennis Stuemke – Trustee (Building/Cemetery); Lloyd Alwardt – Chairman; Morris Suckow – Secretary; Jason Suckow – Chief Usher; Dean Biggs – LCC Executive Board; Jenna Murray – SS Superintendent

2025 Zion Ladies Aid Officers: Jeanine Wendling, President; Linda Suckow, Vice President; Beverly Suckow, Treasurer; Imogene Clark, Secretary

2025 Zion LWML Officers: Anita Alwardt, President; Imogene Clark, Collections

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

2025 Volunteer Sign-up sheets for Communion set-up and Church cleaning have been posted on the bulletin board. Volunteers are needed for each month.

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

LCC Full Board and Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 27, at 7 PM in the Family Gathering Center.

Vandalia Holy Cross Lutheran - Ladies Society will be hosting their annual Chili/Soup Luncheon on Sunday, January 19, from 11:30 AM -1:00 PM. This is a **DRIVE THRU ONLY** event. Cost is a free-will donation. The menu includes homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili; Chicken Salad or Peanut Butter sandwiches, hot dog; Chocolate sheet cake, Carrot sheet cake, or Angel food cake. See the announcement on the bulletin board for more details.

49th annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 19 from 7:00am-Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Free will donation accepted for breakfast, which includes whole hog sausage, eggs, and a variety of home baked breads, along with juice, milk, and water. This is the primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life. If you're unable to attend the breakfast, please consider sending a donation to PO Box 861, Effingham IL 62401. Learn more by visiting "EffinghamAreaRightToLife" on Facebook.

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 16, 2025, 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, 2025. To order, please call St. Peter's Lutheran Church (618-349-8321 after 12 PM).

Thought for the week...

Genesis 46:1 – "So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac." Every sacrifice in the Old Testament pointed forward to the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus upon the cross. That is the one sacrifice for sin. But the New Testament tells us to offer sacrifices as well: sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, and even to present our very bodies and selves as "living sacrifices" to the Lord.

ATTENDANCE

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| 12/29 | 26 |
| 12/31 | 37 |

OUR CURRENT GIVING

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| Weekly amount needed: | \$ 1,300.00 |
| (ALIS tuition per week = \$675) | |
| Received 12/29 | \$ 1,177.00 |
| Received 12/31 | \$ 256.00 |
| Received YTD: | \$ 69,755.75 |
| Difference in actual needed YTD: | \$ + 2,155.75 |
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| Missions budget goal: | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Received 12/29 | \$ 0.00 |
| Received 12/31 | \$ 0.00 |
| Missions received YTD: | \$ 2,364.00 |



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.

Jesus Is the Perfect Israel

Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1–7). God made a great nation of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the Lord. Therefore, the New Israel came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13–23), that the prophecy might be fulfilled, “*Out of Egypt I called my Son*” (Hos. 11:1). Jesus brings to perfection what old Israel could not. He is the faithful Israel, the embodiment of the people of God. He offers His perfect and holy life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12–19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ’s sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His glory.

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.

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.