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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:

405; 693; 601

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

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

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

Mon., Jan. 19 – ALIS Board of Directors Meeting – 7PM

SAVE THE DATE: ALIS PTL Dinner Auction - Saturday, February 28, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to everyone who helped with setting up and taking down Christmas decorations. Your help was greatly appreciated!

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.

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

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

Sausage Sales: St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club, St. Peter, will once again be taking pre-orders for sausage and ribs before their annual Sausage Supper. Orders are offered and encouraged ahead of time, with the deadline to order being January 31, 2026. Sausage will be available in 1lb packages this year. A limited amount of sausage will be available on the day of the supper – order early! To order, please call St. Peter's Lutheran Church office 618-349-8321.

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.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Ferrin, IL to Hold Its Winter Workshop on Necessary Masculinity: The world says all sorts of things about masculinity, even that it's toxic. Yet, Holy Scripture says otherwise. What does true masculinity look like? What are the responsibilities that God gives to men? How do we raise our boys to be godly men? On Sunday, January 25, Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Ferrin, IL) will host Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer for its annual winter workshop, where he will present on "Necessary Masculinity." Rev. Hemmer is the pastor at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church (Fairview Heights, IL) and is the author of Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity. He has presented on this topic throughout the synod, which has been well-received. The workshop will be held at the church from 2pm to 5pm, and is open to men in 6th grade and up. Refreshments will be served as well. For those interested in attending, please RSVP to bethlehemferrinchurch@gmail.com

Thought for the week...

Matthew 3:15 – **"But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'"** God sent His Son into the world to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.

ATTENDANCE

01/04

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 01/04	\$ 1,276.00
Received YTD:	\$ 1,276.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 24.00



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.

In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners

Our Lord Jesus is baptized “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in “Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the “chosen” One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

Coles County Chorus is looking for ladies to join as guest singers for their upcoming Lenen concert on Sunday, March 29, at 4PM. Full details including rehearsal times are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to join, or need more information, please call Charlie Niehaus at 618-335-9237 or email cniehausacUSD@gmail.com.

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CID’s Gatepost (newsletter) <http://www.cidlcms.org/gatepost.html>

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

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