

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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† THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD †

JANUARY 12, 2025

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

394; 405; 399

***Ushers serving in January:*** Rick Conway & Dennis Stuemke

Reserve: B.J. Voelker

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**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.

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## In Our Prayers This Week

***Comfort*** for the family and friends of Rev. Fred Riemer (graveside committal service will be held in Zion cemetery on Monday, January 13, at 3PM)

***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 (hospice), 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.***

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## Upcoming January Birthdays & Anniversaries\*

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

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## ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

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

**Zion's Quarterly Voters Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 26. The Council will meet at 1:30 PM, the Voters will meet at 2 PM.

**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.

**LCC Full Board and Congregational Meeting** will be held on Monday, Jan. 27, at 7 PM in the Family Gathering Center. All are welcome to attend.

**Vandalia Holy Cross Lutheran - Ladies Society** Chili/Soup Luncheon is Sunday, January 19, from 11:30 AM -1:00 PM. This is a **DRIVE THRU ONLY** event. Free-will donation. Menu: homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili; Chicken Salad or Peanut Butter sandwiches, hot dog; Chocolate sheet cake, Carrot sheet cake, or Angel food cake. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

**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...***

**Matthew 3:15** – **"But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'"** Fulfilling all righteousness is not a task we are up to. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. 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. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

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**ATTENDANCE**01/05 24

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 01/05	\$ 305.00
Received YTD:	\$ 305.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 995.00
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 01/05	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 0.00



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**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.

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**Church Service/Activities Cancellations** In the event of severe winter weather leading to cancellation of service and/or activities we will notify the community via the local radio stations and the Zion Facebook page.

**Stay Connected with the Central Illinois District**

CID’s website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

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.

**EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...** Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: The Bible & Other Religious Writings; The Small-Town Lutheran Church & Pastor; Church Discipline; Roman Catholic Indulgences and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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