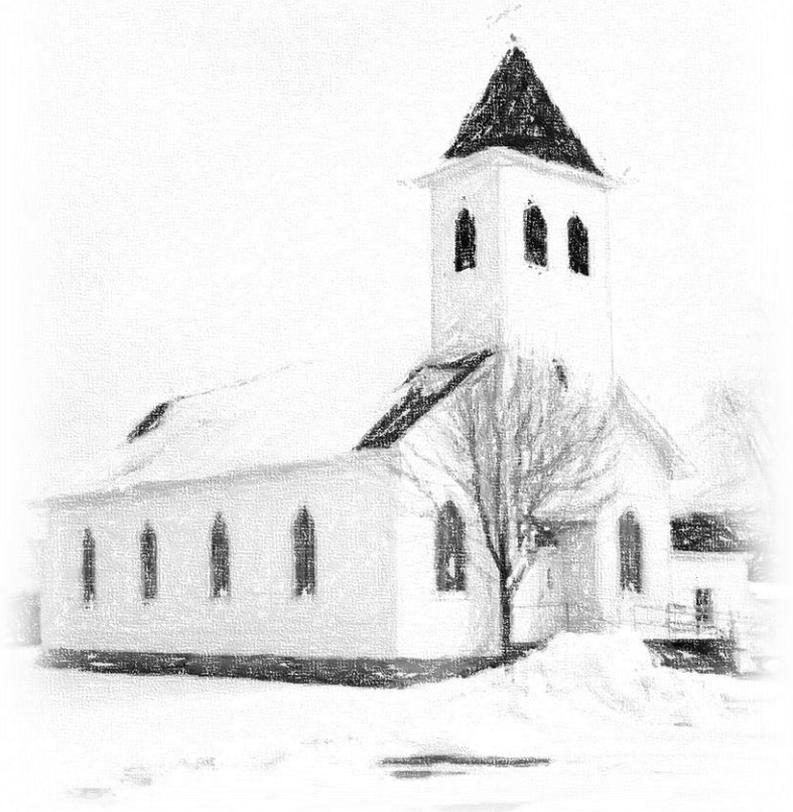


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Setting Three - p.184

Hymns:

555 vs. 1-5, 585, 761, 555 vs. 6-10

***Ushers serving in February:*** John Wohltman & BJ Voelker

Reserve: Dennis Stuemke

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*Greetings in Christ. It's Gesima-time! Gesima (days) is a time when we focus on God's grace and gift of salvation to us. With a family member or friend, you could circle all the Gospels, graceful, gift words in the readings. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of God's grace in the giving of Jesus' body and blood for our forgiveness. All those in altar fellowship and good standing in the LC-MS are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament with us. Please speak with Pastor Manley if you'd like to learn more about our confession and practice of the Lord's Supper and altar fellowship in our church.*

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## In Our Prayers This Week

***In need of healing:*** Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Brad Suckow (recovering), 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

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***Happy Birthday today to Anita Alwardt (02/01)***

***Happy Anniversary this week to Lloyd & Anita Alwardt on Thursday (02/05)***

## Upcoming February Birthdays

Christy Beccue (02/10), Jenna Murray (02/11),  
Beverly Suckow (02/15), Dennis Stuemke (02/22)

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## ALIS News/Upcoming Events

**Fri., Feb. 13** – Early Dismissal 11:15AM with bussing, no after school care

**Mon., Feb. 16** – No School – President's Day

**Wed., Feb 18** – Ash Wednesday

**Sat., Feb. 28** – ALIS PTL Dinner Auction

---***Rocket Reviews are available in your mailboxes***---

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS MORNING:** A brief Voters meeting will be held immediately after the service.

**TODAY - Zion Donut Sunday** following divine worship. All are welcome!

**Pancake & Sausage Supper** - St. Paul (Blue Point) Lutheran Church Men's Club will host their annual Pancake & Sausage Supper **today** from 4-7 PM. All you can eat menu: pancakes, sausage links, and applesauce for a free will donation. Cooked, bulk, & rope sausage will also be available for a donation.

**St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club, St. Peter - Annual Sausage Supper** with full menu at St. Peter's Lutheran Church-School Gym St. Peter, IL All You Can Eat! Sunday, February 15, 2026 Serving starts at 5:00 pm. Carry Outs available.

**Annual PTL Dinner Auction** - Saturday, February 28, at the Carriage House Event Center, Altamont. The event will begin with a social hour, silent auction, & meal from 4:30-6PM. The Live Auction begins at 6:30pm. Cost is \$25 per person, or you may reserve preferred seating on a first come, first served basis for \$300 (table of 8). RSVP by Feb. 13th. If you would like to donate an item for the auction you may drop it off at ALIS during school hours by February 20. To RSVP, contact Shelby Robertson 618-267-4443, Shelbi Willenborg 618-322-0011, or Mackenzie Bowman 618-267-7593. More information is on the bulletin board.

**LCMS & CID Announcement letters** pertaining to the events and charges this past week against Rev. Michael Mohr are posted on the bulletin board.

**CID LLL District Convention** Do you know that the way Christian's go about their day and connect with members in their household is a critical aspect of spiritual growth? When the households of your church are spiritually vibrant, your church is more effective at faith formation, outreach, and community engagement. Come to learn more at the Central Illinois LLL District Convention hosted at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal on Saturday, March 21, 2026. All are welcome to attend. Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne Indiana is the guest speaker.

### **Presentation Topics:**

Rev. Dr. Scaer's presentation topic: "Act Like Men: Be Strong in Christ"

Polly Faszholtz Gregali, Community Facilitator, LLL Virtual Presentation LHM Update

Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and the convention will conclude by 3:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 per person and includes the lunch meal. Please complete the registration form and mail with your registration fee to Deloris Blessman, 20204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Please make checks payable to CID LLL District. For more information you can contact Deloris by phone 309.361,1461 or by email delorisblessman@yahoo.com. Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.

*If there are Sunday mornings when you or someone you know*



**Worship Anew**

*can't make it to church, consider this free resource from Ft. Wayne Seminary: Worship Anew. Services are prepared for every Sunday and can be viewed in four different ways: on their website ([worshipanew.org](http://worshipanew.org)), Local TV stations and TCT Network, DVD, and through their Mobile App. You can also find it by searching on your TV for Worship Anew.*

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**ATTENDANCE**

01/11	34
01/18	43
01/25	--

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 01/11	\$ 640.00
Received 01/18	\$ 693.00
Received 01/25	\$ 0.00
Received YTD:	\$ 2,609.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -2,591.00

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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.

***Grace Alone***

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1–7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1–16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. “For they were overthrown in the wilderness” (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24–10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

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**Sausage Breakfast** - St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont will be having a sausage breakfast on Sunday, February 15, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The menu includes sausage patties, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice, and coffee. Free will donation.

**Coles County Chorus** is looking for ladies to join as guest singers for their upcoming Lenten 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](mailto:cniehausacUSD@gmail.com).

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

**SANCTIFYING YOUR EXERCISE ROUTINE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...** Issues, Etc.. Recent topics include: A Christian View of Leisure, Remember the Sabbath Day, Bioethics for Nurses, The Movie “Knives Out: Wake up Dead Man” 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.

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