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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:

656, 424, 418

Ushers serving in February: John Wohltman & BJ Voelker

Reserve: Dennis Stuemke

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: Wendy Blurton, 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

Happy Birthday today to Dennis Stuemke (02/22)

March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Mike & June Carey* (03/01), Andy & Melissa Voelker* (03/07),
Anna Manley (03/19), Steven Suckow (03/26), Graham Murray (03/27),
Sam Stuemke (03/28), John Manley (03/30)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events

Sat., Feb. 28 – ALIS PTL Dinner Auction

Mon., Mar. 2 – No School – Casimir Pulaski Day

Tues. – Fri., Mar. 3-6 – Lutheran Schools Week

Mon., Mar. 16 – ALIS Board of Directors Meeting - 7PM

ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION will be held on Thursday, March 19 from 6-6:45pm. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate. RSVP to the school office by emailing alisoffice2@gmail.com or call 618-483-6428.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-Week Lenten Service will be held at Zion on Wednesday, February 25, at 7PM. Theme: *The Robe of Human Frame (Hebrews 1)*

Zion Donut Sunday - Sunday, March 8, immediately following divine worship. All are welcome!

3rd Annual Zion Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at Altamont Lutheran School Gym, 7 S Edwards St, Altamont, on Sunday, March 15, 2026. Serving is 9:30AM to 1:00PM. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes and drinks for a free-will donation. A bake sale will be held. Proceeds from the benefits will be divided into thirds to: ALIS, LCC, and Zion Lutheran Church.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP – There will be **NO** 8 AM worship service on **Sunday, March 15**. Worship service will be held on **Saturday, March 14, at 7PM**.

THRIVENT CHOICE Consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Zion Lutheran Church. The deadline to designate is March 31, 2026.

NOTICE: If anyone is interested in serving as a representative for Zion for the Lutheran Care Center please speak with Dean Biggs.

NOTICE: If anyone is interested in serving on the Holy Trinity Lutheran High School committee please speak with Rick Conway.

Tables & Chairs: Zion's wood folding tables and metals chairs are being sold for a donation to the church.

Annual PTL Dinner Auction – Sat., Feb. 28, at the Carriage House Event Center, Altamont. The event begins with a social hour, silent auction, & meal from 4:30-6PM. The Live Auction begins at 6:30pm. If you would like to donate an item for the auction you may drop it off at ALIS during school hours by Feb. 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.

CID LLL District Convention

'But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Joshua 24:15

- A majority of practicing Christians participate in spiritual conversations, prayer and Bible-reading with their households.
- Fatih heritage impacts Christians' beliefs and practices for the long term.

Join with others at the Central Illinois LLL District at the annual convention on Saturday, March 21 at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal, Illinois. Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will provide the keynote address. Polly Faszholz Gregali, Community Facilitator, LLL will provide a virtual presentation with LHM Updates.

The registration fee is \$25.00 per person including lunch. 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.

Strengthen and encourage your faith walk as you encourage others in their faith journey as partners in His mission. Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.

ATTENDANCE

02/15 50

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 02/15	\$ 2,784.00
Received YTD:	\$ 7,532.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -1,568.00



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 Does Battle in Our Place

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14–16).

25th Annual - Immanuel Pork Loin Dinner will be Sunday, March 1, from 11AM-1PM. The menu includes Grilled pork loin or pork burger or hot dog, baked potato, baked beans, green beans, slaw, applesauce, dinner roll, and dessert. Pork loin dinner - \$15; Porkburger meal - \$10; Hot dog & chips - \$7. Children ages 4 and under eat free.

CID Newsletter: Want to know what's going on in our District? Sign up to receive our CID Newsletter by email at: www.cidlcms.org/news-gatepost-newsletter.html. Or speak with Pastor Manley for assistance. The Gatepost has 5 Issues every year and this latest one features a letter from Acting District President Rev. Mark Eddy.

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.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT... “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” “In the Cross of Christ I Glory,” “My Song Is Love Unknown,” “Glory Be to Jesus,” “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth.” You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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