

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MARCH 2, 2025

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

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

Hymns: 685; 637, 425; 861

**Ushers serving in March:** John Wohltman & B.J. Voelker

Reserve: Dennis Stuemke

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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

**In need of healing:** Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Pastor Heimgartner, Florence Leppin (cancer), Todd Luedtke (hospice), Wanda Phillips, Nancy Schroeder (recovery), Bert Siebert (recovery), Steve Voelker, 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

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**Happy Anniversary to Andy & Melissa Voelker on Friday (3/07)**

## **March Birthdays & Anniversaries\***

Anna Manley (03/19), Steven Suckow (03/26), Graham Murray (03/27),  
Sam Stuemke (03/28), John Manley (03/30)

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## **ALIS News/Upcoming Events:**

**Mon., Mar. 3** – No School-Casimir Pulaski Day

**Mar. 4-7** – Lutheran Schools Week

**Fri., Mar. 7** – Grandperson's Day – K-4<sup>th</sup> 1-2PM; 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 1:30-2:30PM

**Mon., Mar. 17** – ALIS Board of Directors Meeting – 7PM

**Fri., Mar. 21** – Early Dismissal at 11:15AM with bussing, no after school care

**ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION** will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 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](mailto:alisoffice2@gmail.com) or call 618-483-6428.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THANK YOU:** Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for last Sunday's movie night. 30 attendees enjoyed pizza, popcorn, desserts, and The Prince of Egypt. Thank you to Dennis and Mary Stuemke for donating a large TV to Zion for future events.

**Ash Wednesday Service** will be held at Bethlehem on Wed., March 5, at 7PM.

**Zion's 2nd Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** will be held at Altamont Lutheran School Gym on Sunday, March 16, 2025. 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 Chrome Books, Lutheran Care Center and Zion Lutheran Church. **Zion Members: Start planning ahead for bake sale items to be sold at the breakfast. Thank you!** Anyone wishing to donate to the upcoming breakfast, contact a member of the fellowship committee.

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP** – In preparation for the Breakfast there will be **NO** 8 AM worship service on **Sunday, March 16**. Instead, worship service will be held on **Saturday, March 15, at 7PM**.

**Immanuel Pork Loin Dinner** is today from 11AM-1PM. Proceeds this year will go toward the elevator repairs at church and our youth going to the National LCMS Youth Gathering.

**Spaghetti Supper** – Today from 4-7PM at the First United Methodist Church at 308 N. 2nd St. Altamont, IL. Free will donation. Take-outs are available. Proceeds from the supper go to the local food pantry and to missions.

**Pro-Life March-Altamont area Lutherans for Life** will sponsor a free bus to the Illinois March for Life on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at Springfield. The bus will leave the back parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church at 7:30 AM. Bring a sack lunch or food will be available at Trinity Lutheran Church for a small fee. Sign up sheets, are in the narthex at the church or you can call the office here at Immanuel at 618-483-6395 to reserve a spot. The bus will return to the parking lot at Immanuel by 5:30 PM.

**165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - St. John Lutheran Church, Dieterich** will have a special worship service on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 10:00 am in celebration of 165 years of ministry. Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, former President of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN will be the guest preacher. A luncheon will follow the service for all present.

**Notice:** Church cleaning will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

**KFUO - 850AM / KFUE.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," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can listen to sacred music for the season of Lent 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**\*\*\*VIEW MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD\*\*\***

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**ATTENDANCE**

02/23

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 02/23	\$ 719.00
Received YTD:	\$ 6,125.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -4,275.00
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 02/23	\$ 50.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 150.00



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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.

***Faith Alone***

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

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