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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: 424; 628; 740

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

Comfort for the family of Wanda Phillips

In need of healing: Dean Biggs, Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Pastor Heimgartner, Florence Leppin (cancer), Todd Luedtke (hospice), Emma Probst (bacterial meningitis), Nancy Schroeder (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

Happy Birthday this week to Anna Manley on Wednesday (3/19)

March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Steven Suckow (03/26), Graham Murray (03/27),

Sam Stuemke (03/28), John Manley (03/30)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Mon., Mar. 17 – No after school care

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 or call 618-483-6428.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****EVENT HELP NEEDED****

SUNDAY, March 16, at ALIS: Preparations will start at 7:30 AM.

Zion's 2nd Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held at Altamont Lutheran School Gym **TOMORROW**, 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.

Mid-Week Lenten Service will be held at Bethlehem on Wed., March 19, at 7PM.

Installation – Faith Lutheran, Shumway – You are invited to the installation of Rev. Jordan Peiser on Sunday, March 16 at 3PM. A meal will follow.

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.

165th 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.

THRIVENT CHOICE Consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Altamont Lutheran Interparish School. If you have funds available from 2024, the deadline to designate is March 31, 2025. ALIS received \$6,597 last year from Thrivent. Call 800-847-4836 (1-800-Thrivent) or direct them online at www.thrivent.com.

LCC Congregational Service/Pastors' Bake-Off – Zion members are invited to attend a Service of Scripture and Songs on Sunday, April 6, at 2:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, Shumway. Refreshments will be served after the service along with a "Pastoral Bake-Off." ***Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you will be attending.***

Central Illinois District Missions Survey The Central Illinois District would like our congregations' suggestions and feedback on some of CID's prospects for ministry funding into the future. This survey takes about 15 minutes at most to complete. The results will guide the next steps for expanding various specialized missions that we share. Please complete by March 21st. <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/G3Ci9x>

Thought for the week...

Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” Faith receives what God gives, because faith knows that God only gives good things. Indeed, God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

ATTENDANCE

03/09	42
03/12	37

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 03/09	\$ 954.00
Received 03/12	\$ 195.00
Received YTD:	\$ 8,662.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -4,338.00
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 03/09	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 200.00



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.

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “*Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.*” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “*O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire*” (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

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 or call/text Tonya at 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 12 P.M. on Friday.