

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL 19, 2026

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

709, 633, 468, 735

**Ushers serving in April:** Mark Suckow & Dennis Stuemke

Reserve: Brock Murray

**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.

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## In Our Prayers This Week

**In need of healing:** Wendy Blurton, Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, 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** to Naomi Murray on Wednesday (04/22)

**Happy Anniversary** to Dwayne & Christy Beccue on Thursday (04/23)

## Upcoming April Birthdays

LaShay Suckow (04/27)

## May Birthdays

Hona Roedl (05/03), Stephanie Voelker (05/16), Tonya Suckow (05/20)

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## ALIS News/Upcoming Events

**Mon., Apr. 20** – ALIS Board of Directors Meeting - 7PM

**Tues., Apr. 21** – PTL Meeting 7PM

**Wed., May 13** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 7PM

**Tues., May 19** – Last Day of School – 11:15AM Dismissal, No bussing or After School Care. Closing Chapel – 8:45AM, Awards Ceremony – 9:30AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**A Door Collection** will be taken today and each Sunday in April to help with the kitchen, bath, & utility renovation project of Bethlehem's parsonage. Donations collected will be matched by Zion's General Treasury.

**Zion Donut Sunday** - Sunday, April 26, immediately following divine worship. All are welcome!

**Ladies - LWML Mite Boxes** – Please turn in your mite boxes to Imogene this month.

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

**The ALIS Blue Ribbon book fair** will be held on Thursday, April 23 from 9am-7pm. You may shop during the day with your favorite students during the following times:

Kindergarten: 2:00-2:30, First: 9:00-9:30,  
Second: 1:00-1:30, Third: 10:15–10:45,  
Fourth: 12:30-1:00, Fifth: 9:30-10:00, Sixth: 11:00-11:20,  
Seventh: 1:45-2:00, Eighth: 11:30-11:50

There will also be an art fair for you to enjoy.

**2026 LWML CID CONVENTION** will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur. Our theme is *"for the Lord shall be thine Everlasting Light"* Isaiah 60:20. Keynote speaker is Martha Dahlke, Director, Campaigns & Special Initiatives, Mission Advancement, LCMS.

**Vacation Bible School at Immanuel** May 26th – May 29th from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM each day. The theme will be: "Tropical Trek - Jesus Comes to Seek and Save." Registration is Open: [vbsmate.com/events/immVBS2025/31738](https://vbsmate.com/events/immVBS2025/31738)

### **Thought for the week...**

**John 10:16** – "And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice." On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

**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.

**BOOK OF 2 TIMOTHY BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of 2 Timothy. You can listen on-demand at [thewordendures.org](https://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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**ATTENDANCE**

04/12

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING & MEMORIALS**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
Received 04/12	\$ 997.00
<i>Memorial - Gary Wendling (total = \$3,145)</i>	\$ 150.00
Received YTD:	\$ 21,837.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ +2,337.00



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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.

***The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep***

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”* (1 Peter 2:25).

**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.