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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Setting Three - p.184

Hymns:

497; 628, 575; 730

Ushers serving in August: Dwayne Beccue & John Wohltman

Reserve: Rick Conway

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

Comfort for the family and friends of Rev. Gail Heimgartner

In need of healing: Dwayne Beccue (recovering), Wendy Blurton, Karly Brummer (leukemia), Lucas Eckhoff (head injury), Lillian Grobengieser, Sam Stuemke (heart), 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 to Matthew Manley on Thursday (08/06)

Upcoming August Birthdays & Anniversaries*:

Ellie Conway (8/09), Dennis & Mary Stuemke* (8/09),
Lloyd Alwardt (8/10), Kaci Camp (8/11), Myrna Suckow (8/14),
Morris Suckow (8/20), Allison Conway (8/31), Melissa Voelker (8/31)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events

Tues., Aug. 12 – ALIS Open House – 4:30-5:30 PM / *Bubble Mania* 5-7PM

Mon., Aug. 17 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7PM

Tues., Aug. 18 – 1st Day of School with early dismissal @ 11:10 AM, Coffee and donuts for parents and guests 8-8:50 AM, Opening chapel – 9AM

A new issue of The GatePost is available. You may view the digital version online or sign-up with your email address to receive *The GatePost* and other news from the CID in your inbox. Go to <https://www.cidlcms.org/news-gatepost-newsletter.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCC - Door Collection will be taken on Sunday, August 9. Donations will go towards replacing the LCC Chapel flooring.

Zion Work Day - A work day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 12, beginning at 8:30 AM.

A new fund has been started to earmark donations towards the future building of Zion's Parish Hall. Place donations in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Parish Hall Fund". The balance will be added to the bulletin each week.

Young Adult Bible Study – Topic: Job. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont. Gather with other Young Adults to learn about the book of Job and the idea of suffering. Contact Violet 618-704-6114 for more information.

The Lutheran Layman's League of the Shelby-Effingham-Altamont Circuits will hold a Rally Wednesday, Aug 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 7707 East IL 33; Shumway IL. **Britt Odemba, Missionary to Kenya, East Africa** with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod will be the feathered speaker. Britt has been based in Nairobi since 2012 and works in partnership with Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK). Her work focuses on education, childcare and consulting with local Project 24, a childcare program. Britt is originally from Palo Alta CA. She is married to husband Micah and has two children. *There will also be a short business meeting for SEA LLL.* Following the program refreshments will be served by members of Faith Lutheran Church.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Altamont, IL – BBQ –

August 30th - 11am - until the food is gone.

- Menu: Brisket, pulled pork, smoked chicken, hotdogs, German potato salad, apple pie, baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade, and Bethlehem Ladies Aid famous desserts.
- Free Games: Barnyard Basketball, volleyball, badminton, cornhole, cake walk, ring toss
- Freewill donation.
- Proceeds go to help with Bethlehem ALIS Tuition.
- Meal served in Bethlehem Parish Hall.

All are welcome to bring lawn chairs and stay for games, fellowship, and fun.

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.

ATTENDANCE

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OUR CURRENT GIVING & MEMORIALS

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(Zion's ALIS tuition cost per week = \$747)	
Received 07/19	\$ 768.00
Received YTD:	\$ 39,742.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ + 742.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 100.00
Parish Hall Fund YTD:	\$ 100.00



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.

The Steward's Shrewdness Sanctified

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (Luke 16:1–9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).

Thought for the week...

Luke 16:8 – "For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light." Money is a tool that can be used for good or wicked purposes. Oftentimes unbelievers show more shrewdness in this than us Christians. If we really believe all that stuff we say in the Creed every Sunday...won't that affect how we use our money?

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent show subjects include: Karl Marx's Fascination with the Devil, The Fall of the Great Republics, Reducing Theology to Pithy Slogans, First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

Bulletin Announcements E-mail zion.altamont@gmail.com or call/text Tonya at 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 7 PM on Thursday.