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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: 730; 585, 504; 914

Ushers serving in August: Dennis Stuemke & B.J. Voelker

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 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: Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Oliver King, Kathryn Suckow (cancer), 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

Happy belated Birthday to Kaci Camp on Tuesday (8/11)

Happy Birthday this week to Morris Suckow on Wednesday (8/20)

Upcoming August Birthdays:

Allison Conway (8/31), Melissa Voelker (8/31)

Altamont Lutheran Interparish School Schedule

August 17 – Resilient Minds for Parents Luncheon, Supporting Christ-Centered Health In Your Teen @ Immanuel Lutheran Parish Hall – 12:30pm

August 18 – First Day of Student Attendance! Grades 1-8 full day - Kindergarten dismissal at 11:10am (August 18-20) - Coffee & donuts for all guests 8-8:50am - Opening Chapel – All are welcome 9am

ALIS Spirit Wear 2025 - The ALIS PTL has a web store to order ALIS spirit wear. The last day to order is Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 11:59pm. The link: <https://alisptl2025.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING next Sunday, August 24, following the service.

The LYF of St. John's Lutheran Church, Louisville, IL will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, Aug. 24 with serving from 4:30-7 p.m. The menu will include pork burgers, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, chips, desserts, homemade ice cream and drinks. Free will donation. All are invited!

Altamont Area Lutherans for Life Event: Created. Redeemed. Called.

Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life in the Lutherans for Life organization, will be speaking at Immanuel Lutheran Church parish hall in Altamont, IL on Saturday, August 30th at 7PM and Sunday, August 31st at 12:30PM. Saturday will start with a presentation "Created, Redeemed, Called" and end with a life affirming movie. We will be serving hot dogs and smores. On Sunday, BBQ will be served along with the presentation "For You 4 Life". The Altamont Area Lutherans for Life is working on amazing incentives for youth that choose to participate in either of these events. There will be an Altamont Area Lutherans for Life meeting on Wednesday, August 20th, to further discuss details.

CID LLL Annual Fall Retreat – September 6, 2025, 9 AM – 2:30 PM at Camp Cilca. Guest Speaker- Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett, Int'l Mission Specialist and Guest Professor of Missions at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Executive Direct of Luther Academe CTSFW. Registration \$25.00 (includes lunch) Register by Sept. 3. See the flyer on the bulletin board for full details.

Every week Zion supports ALIS so that our children can be taught the Bible, pray, and learn in a Lutheran school from Lutheran teachers. Here is just one of those teachers who we support with our offerings, to teach our children the Christian faith:

ALIS 6th Grade Teacher Mrs. Marcail Alan

My husband, Gabe, and I have a handsome baby boy, Gus. We live in Strasburg with our two dogs, Charlie and Rosco. I received a Bachelor of Science in elementary education and middle grades literacy with a minor in Theology from Concordia University Chicago. I have been a teacher at the Effingham Child Development Center in the school age and preschool classrooms. The 2025-2026 school year is my fifth year at ALIS as the middle school English Language Arts teacher. I enjoyed caring for children through my mother's home daycare. I was able to share the Gospel with first and second grade students at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg during high school. I enjoy crafting and baking. I make special gifts for my students with my laser engraver and make baked goods for everyone at ALIS.



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.”** The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we “sons of light” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be for God's purposes in the roles He has given us to play in church, home and society? Don't we have more to live for, more to work for, and more to give toward?

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 08/10	\$ 558.00
Received YTD:	\$ 40,918.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 681.75
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 08/10	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 450.00



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).

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.