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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

732, 763, 809

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

Upcoming August Birthdays:

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

Upcoming September Birthdays & Anniversaries*:

Kelsey Hardiek (9/02), Jeff Suckow (9/02), B.J. Voelker (9/02),

Gary & Jeanine Wendling* (9/02), Brandon Beccue (9/04), Keifer & Kaci Camp (9/07), Keifer Camp (9/11), Linda Suckow (9/13), Jada Suckow (9/17)

ALIS NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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/>

ALIS 5th Annual BBQ Cook Off Fundraiser will be held at the Effingham County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 1-9PM. Dinner will be served from 4PM until the food runs out (free will donation). There will also be a Lutheran Ladies bake sale. Bounce houses, games, pickle ball tournament. Entertainment by: The Mutineers from 6-9pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY following the service.

Sunday School resumes this morning.

LCC Full Board Meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, at 7 PM.

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 on Sat., Aug. 30 at 7PM and Sun., Aug. 31, 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.

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 Acadame CTSFW. Registration \$25.00 (includes lunch) Register by Sept. 3. See the flyer on the bulletin board for full details.

LWML Fall Rally: September 16, 2025, at Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, IL. More details to follow.

Save the Date: Family Life Center – Vision Dinner 2025 – September, 11, 2025, 7:00pm, Keller Convention Center, Effingham, IL.

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 7th Grade Teacher Mr. Brandon West

My wife Amy and I were married in 2008, and lived in Champaign until 2019, then we moved to Altamont that year where I began my work with ALIS, and my wife became a teacher for Sacred Heart School in Effingham. Our son Jackson was born in 2017, and is currently attending ALIS. I wanted to work in a museum and was determined to do anything to not continue along the path I was on, with dead-end retail jobs, after studying history at EIU, God led me to being here as a teacher, plain and simple. All the trials and tribulations and time spent

was His way of preparing me for where I am today. I wouldn't change it for the world. I am a Life-long Lutheran, grew up in the ELCA, and once we moved to Altamont, I became a member of Blue Point Lutheran Church LCMS. I have completed the colloquy process and just waiting for the final interview.



ATTENDANCE

08/17

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 08/17	\$ 973.00
Received YTD:	\$ 41,891.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 1,008.75
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 08/17	\$ 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.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Skinned alive! That, according to tradition, is how Bartholomew (called Nathanael in John) was martyred. Christ's preachers are not to be *great lords*, but *servants* who faithfully *stay with Christ in His trials* (Luke 22:24–30). They are *jars of clay*; the Savior they preach is the *surpassing power* (2 Cor. 4:7). Christ's servants are *afflicted in every way, always carrying in their bodies the death of Jesus, so that His life may also be manifested there* (v. 8–10). On the *foundation of their prophetic and apostolic confession*, the Church is built, *held together by Christ the cornerstone* (Eph. 2:20–21). As an apostle (Luke 6:13–14), Bartholomew manifested *the Son of God* in his preaching and his death. Christ is the *Son of Man*—the *King who opens heaven* to us by His wounds (John 1:49–51). We bear sufferings not *leaning on our own understanding*, but *trusting in the Lord* (Prov. 3:5–7). *Life will be manifested in our bodies* too when the Lord brings *healing to our flesh and refreshment to our bones* in the resurrection (v. 8). For this reason Bartholomew is often depicted holding his flayed skin. He will have need of it on the last day—at least for sizing.

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