

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 23, 2025

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

664, 516, 525

Ushers serving in November: Mark Suckow & BJ Voelker

Reserve: John Wohltman

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), Brad Suckow (recovering from back surgery), Kathryn Suckow (cancer), Steve Voelker, Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

Receiving skilled care: Lucille Beccue (LCC), Bernice Graumenz (LCC), Shirley Siddens (LCC), Judy Stuemke (LCC)

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Upcoming December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Ben Roedl (12/06), Andy Voelker (12/08),

Pastor Manley (12/27), Ken & Imogene Clark* (12/28)

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the bulletin, please fill out a member contact form (found in the narthex) and turn it in to Tonya.

ALIS News/Upcoming Events

Wed., Nov. 26 – Early Dismissal 11:15AM

Thurs., Nov. 27 & Fri., Nov. 28 – No School – Thanksgiving Break

Mon., Dec. 15 – ALIS Board of Directors – 7PM

Thurs., Dec. 18 – Early Dismissal 2:15PM

Fri., Dec. 18 – Early Dismissal 2:15PM

Sat., Dec. 20 - Mon., Jan. 5 – No School – Christmas/New Year's Break

Tues., Jan. 6 – Students Return to School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Wednesday, November 26, 7 PM

Loose and designated offerings will go toward Missions.

Church Decorating – Sunday, November 30 @ 1:30PM

Zion Christmas Party will be held on **Friday, December 12, at 6:00 PM**. We'll sing some Christmas carols, play games, and enjoy snacks, sweet treats, hot cocoa, and punch. There is no gift exchange. Just bring finger foods, snacks, or your favorite Christmas treat.

LCC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 24, at 7 PM.

Seminary Food Drive – The LWML is collecting non-perishable food items for St. Louis Seminary students and families. ***We will be collecting items until Sunday, November 30.*** Items may be left in the narthex.

LCC Care Campaign – Thank you for donating to the care campaign through our door collection. Lutheran Care Center can only fulfill its mission by receiving support from donors like you. Any additional individual donations can be mailed to: Lutheran Care Center 702 W. Cumberland Rd. Altamont, IL 62411. LCC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization; therefore, your donation is 100% tax deductible.

IMMANUEL LYF HOLIDAY BAZZAR will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9am-3pm in the ALIS gym.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK - St. Paul Blue Point Lutheran Ladies Aid invites you to their Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 13 from 10am-noon. Stop by the parish hall and pick up some cookies for the holidays! Cookies will be pre-boxed and ready to pick up. Free will donation. Proceeds go toward Sunday School Supplies at Blue Point.

Lutheran Braille Workers began in 1943 by Mrs. Helene Koehler transcribing the Bible into German Braille one dot at a time. Since then LBW has brought God's word to over 338 million blind or visually impaired in 40 languages to 164

countries for free. Bethlehem and Zion have volunteered to help copy, sort, bind, edit, and send materials for LBW for many years at St. John's, Effingham. If you are interested in helping contact Mary Schmidt (618) 292-4033. You can learn more about Lutheran Braille workers at lbwloveworks.org.



Thought for the week...

Matthew 25:2 – “Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.” A truly wise man, as Jesus once said, builds on the Word of Jesus. There is no other foundation which will stand. Any other path is a foolish one. His Word leads to life, and to depart from His Word leads to death. Clinging to His Word, we know we have His blessing.

ATTENDANCE

11/16

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 11/16	\$ 1,257.00
Received YTD:	\$ 59,230.75
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 569.25
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 11/16	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 650.00



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.

By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. *"For you know neither the day nor the hour"* when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).

Annual Christmas Benefit Concert – The Coles County Chorus annual Christmas concert is on Sunday, December 7, at 3pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 2206 4th St, Charleston, IL 61920. Admission is free but there will be a free will donation with proceeds benefiting Coles County food banks and homeless shelters. See the bulletin board for more information on this event.

Pure Germany! 2026 - Choice of Two Tours - Sept. 8-20, 2026 & Nov. 3-17, 2026. Hosted by Jim Yagow. The trips are customized tours of old Pomerania and Luther heritage sites. If you would like to learn more, contact Jim at jimyagow@aol.com or call (920)809-4445. More info on the bulletin board.

THE FAITH ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS... Issues, Etc. Recent topics include: The Hymnal as Devotional Resource, Why Christians Should Build Cathedrals, Late First-Century Bishop Clement of Rome, The Third Use of God's Law, and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Bulletin Announcements E-mail zion.altamont@gmail.com or call/text Tonya at 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 12 PM on Friday.