

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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† LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR †

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

802, 516, 878

Ushers serving in November: Brock Murray & Jason Suckow

Reserve: Dennis Stuemke

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: Tim Bolin (back), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Pastor Heimgartner, Florence Leppin (cancer), Todd Luedtke, Wanda Phillips, Marion Schmidt (lung), Steve Voelker, Gary Wendling, 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

Imprisoned: Alex Beccue

For Immanuel, Altamont, and all who are in need of a pastor.

Upcoming December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Ben Roedl (12/06), Andy Voelker (12/08), Pastor Manley (12/27),

Ken & Imogene Clark* (12/28)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Nov. 27 – Wed. - Early Dismissal - 11:15 am with Bussing, no after school care.

Nov. 28 & Nov. 29 – No School – Thanksgiving Break

ALIS Teaching Position For 2025-2026 - Full-time middle school Math & Science Teacher. Interested candidates can send their resume and references to Altamont Lutheran Interparish School, 7 South Edwards Street, Altamont IL 62411. Email robiflach@alisrockets.com. Additional information can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Wednesday, November 27, 7 P.M.
Offerings will go towards Missions unless otherwise marked.

Church Decorating - December 1 @ 1:30PM - Come help decorate the church for Christmas.

Zion Christmas Party will be held on **Friday, December 6, at 6:30 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.

Notice: If any church member is interested in tearing down the old garage at Zion for salvage purposes, please contact one of the trustees.

Seminary Food Drive – The LWML is collecting non-perishable food items for St. Louis Seminary students and families. Items may be left in the narthex.

LCC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Mon., Nov. 25, at 7 PM.

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.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK - St. Paul Blue Point Lutheran Ladies Aid invites you to their Christmas Cookie Walk on Sat., Dec. 14 from 10am-noon. You will receive a box filled with 2 dozen delicious cookies for a free will donation. Proceeds go towards the playground renovation project at Blue Point.

IMMANUEL LYF HOLIDAY BAZZAR will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9am-3pm in the ALIS gym.

ALIS FUNDRAISER - RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP) - LAST ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS - The last Raise Right gift card order (formerly Scrip) before Christmas will be placed on Wed, Dec. 11. The order will be back on Wed, Dec 18. How it works? Purchase a \$100 WalMart gift card and ALIS will receive a 2% profit from that one gift card. Over 750+ brands are available to order online. Paper order forms and some on-hand cards are available in the school office or by contacting Carie Pals. Checks should be made out to: ALIS PTL Scrip Order online at raiseright.com/shop Enrollment code for ALIS- A86DB45918678. Please contact Carie Pals with questions or for cards on hand at #217-246-6768.

Thought for the week...

I Thessalonians 5:8 – “But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.” Our salvation is secure in Christ: He has done it all to save us. Therefore, our hope is secure and our faith in Him is certain. And what goes with faith and hope? Love. Our good works of love flow forth from the certainty of our faith. Our giving back to the Lord’s work comes from what He has first given us.

ATTENDANCE

11/17

49

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed: \$ 1,300.00

(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)

Received 11/17 \$ 1,274.00

Received YTD: \$ 62,634.50

Difference in actual needed YTD: \$ +2,834.50

Missions budget goal: \$ 2,000.00

Received 11/17 \$ 0.00

Missions received YTD: \$ 1,925.00

LCC Care Campaign \$ 105.00



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 8th at 3pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Ave, Mattoon Illinois (just off of Rt. 16 and across the street from Big Lots). We will be taking a free will donation and the proceeds will be donated to local food pantries and homeless shelters in Coles County.

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville. This week's teachings include: Progressive Christianity, Christian Identity vs. Identity Politics, the Hymn "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator," the Advent Season and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis.

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.