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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:

331, 341, 343

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

Happy Birthday this week to Ben Roedl on Saturday (12/06)

Upcoming December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

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

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

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

Fri., Dec. 19 – 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

Advent – Christmas 2025

*From Where does my help come from?
Our help comes from THE LORD. (Psalm 121:1-2)
Our midweek Advent and Christmas Services
will teach us where the Lord is for us.*

Where is the Lord?

*Wednesday, Dec. 3 – Eternally Begotten – 7:00pm at Bethlehem
Wednesday, Dec. 10 – In His Temple – 7:00pm at Zion
Wednesday, Dec. 17 – with Mary – 7:00pm at Bethlehem*

Advent/Christmas Decorating - TODAY AT 1:30 PM - All help is appreciated!

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.

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.

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.

ALIS FUNDRAISER - RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP) - LAST ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS - The last Raise Right gift card order (formerly Scrip) before Christmas will be placed on Friday, Dec. 12. The order will be back on Friday, Dec 19. 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 at 217-246-6768.

The Food Bank provides the tremendous blessing of free, non-perishable foods, limited perishable foods, and household items to all students and their families. The amount of food each student is eligible for is based on family size. The Food Bank allows students and their families the opportunity to stretch their resources by reducing their out-of-pocket grocery expenses. "When I was in Seminary, we got to volunteer at the food bank and that supplied up to half of Amy and I's grocery costs. And that food bank is supplied by donations like yours." Pastor Manley.



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ATTENDANCE

11/23	42
11/26	30

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 11/23	\$ 750.00
Received YTD:	\$ 59,980.75
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 1,119.25
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 11/23	\$ 0.00
Received 11/26	\$ 355.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,005.00



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 Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. *“Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey”* (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be *“The LORD is our Righteousness”* (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, *“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”* (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for *“our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed”* (Rom. 13:11).

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.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... “Savior of the Nations, Come,” “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry,” “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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