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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: 337; 637, 441; 343

Ushers serving in December: Mark Suckow & B.J. 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

Comfort for the family and friends of Rev. Alan Holtz

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.

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

Upcoming December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Andy Voelker (12/08), Pastor Manley (12/27), Ken & Imogene Clark* (12/28)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Dec. 16 – Mon. – ALIS Board Meeting - 7PM

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. Paper order forms and some on-hand cards are available in the school office. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-week Advent service will be at Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 4, at 7PM. The **Youth Group will be providing a meal** prior to the worship service - servicing begins at 6:00 p.m. Free will offering.



**TODAY AT 1:30 PM - Christmas decorating.
All help is appreciated!**

Zion Christmas Party will be held this **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.

Guest Preacher - On December 22, Rev. James May will visit to inform us about The Lutheran School of Theology in Nairobi, Kenya. LST trains Lutheran men from over 20 countries in Africa where there is a great need for Lutheran pastors (the average pastor serves 12 churches). Pastor May will give a presentation after the service.

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.

Thought for the week...

Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” – Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it,” and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities we live in). In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

ATTENDANCE

11/24	43
11/27	31

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 11/24	\$ 889.00
Received 11/27	\$ 0.00
Received YTD:	\$ 63,523.50
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ +2,423.50
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 11/24	\$ 0.00
Received 11/27	\$ 339.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 2,264.00



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).

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.