

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER 7, 2025

# 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: 647; 333, 348

***Ushers serving in December:*** Dwayne Beccue & Jason Suckow

Reserve: John Wohltman

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**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 sign our guest register and 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.

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## 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

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***Happy Birthday this week to Andy Voelker on Monday (12/08)***

## ***Upcoming December Birthdays & Anniversaries\****

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

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*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 Meeting – 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

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**Midweek Advent 2 Service** - *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. **Wednesday, December 10 – In His Temple – 7:00pm at Zion***

**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.

**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](http://raiseright.com/shop) Enrollment code for ALIS- A86DB45918678. Please contact Carie Pals with questions at 217-246-6768.

**Annual Christmas Benefit Concert** – The Coles County Chorus annual Christmas concert is today at 3pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 2206 4th St, Charleston, IL 61920. See the bulletin board for more information on this event.

**St. John's Lutheran of Effingham** is hiring an Office Assistant. This 28-hour position on Tuesday through Friday is a vital ministry role. Competitive wages and PTO are the lesser reward – working with members and neighbors for the proclamation of the Gospel is the greater. Interested? Read the full job description and download an application at [www.stjohnsLCMS.net](http://www.stjohnsLCMS.net). Questions? Call Pastor Burdick or Sarah Mellendorf at 217-342-4334, or email [office@stjohnsLCMS.net](mailto:office@stjohnsLCMS.net).

**KIDS HAVE QUESTIONS SERIES...** Will my dead pets be in heaven? Does everyone have a guardian angel? What does God think about suicide? Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen to an ongoing Kids Have Questions series with Pastor Jonathan Conner at [issuesetc.org/kidshavequestions](http://issuesetc.org/kidshavequestions).

*The Meals on Wheels Program in Effingham County supplies daily meals for community members over the age of 60. The program supports our local business, Deb's Catering, who has returned to being able to provide food service in a temporary kitchen. It also utilizes gracious volunteers who deliver the meals from Altamont Municipal Building to those in need. We give thanks to God for utilizing many Christians for this community service (1 Tim. 5:9).*

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**ATTENDANCE**

11/30

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 11/30	\$ 425.00
Received YTD:	\$ 60,405.75
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -1,994.25
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 11/30	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,005.00



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**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 Comes on the Last Day***

The day on which our Lord returns will be a “*great and awesome day*” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “*set them ablaze*” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “. . . *straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures*” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

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**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](mailto:zion.altamont@gmail.com) or call/text Tonya at 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 12 PM on Friday.