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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

337; 349; 331

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

In need of healing: Fisher Apke (RSV), Tim Bolin (back), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Pastor Heimgartner, Florence Leppin (cancer), Todd Luedtke, Wanda Phillips, Marion Schmidt (lung), Bert Siebert (shoulder surgery recovery), 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 today to Andy Voelker (12/08)

Upcoming December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

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 here at Zion on Wednesday, December 11, at 7PM.

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

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.

ALIS Food Drive - ALIS will have a food drive at the 7/8 basketball game (ALIS vs Newton St. Thomas) on Thurs. Dec. 12 at 6pm. Bring an item for our food drive (unexpired & non-perishable food only) for FREE entry to the basketball game! (At least one item per adult, students/kids are already free).

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.

Christmas Cantata - Trinity Lutheran Church today. Through the combined efforts of five area Lutheran churches, the cantata "O Holy Night" will be presented at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stewardson on Sunday, December 8 at 7 p.m. Choir members from Faith Lutheran Church, Shumway; Grace Lutheran Church, Strasburg; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Strasburg; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sigel; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Stewardson, have come together under the direction of Mark Wascher to present this 61st Annual Christmas Cantata. Following the service, cookies and punch will be served by the Trinity Ladies' Aid in the social hall. A door offering will be taken to help with this year's expenses

Immanuel Christmas Cantata will be held on Saturday, December 21 at 6:00 pm and Sunday, December 22 at 9:00 am. There will be only one Sunday service.

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CID's website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

CID's Gatepost (newsletter) <http://www.cidlcms.org/gatepost.html>

Thought for the week...

Luke 21:28 – “Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” When the world starts to fall apart, when things go badly, when nation rises against nation, Jesus tells us to lift up our heads because redemption is nigh. What a wonderful reminder that we Christians really do have nothing to fear! Jesus has conquered and He will deliver the full victory to us in His second Advent. Therefore we are free to live godly, generous, faithful lives here and now, for we have nothing to be afraid of.

ATTENDANCE

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 12/01	\$ 1,280.00
Received YTD:	\$ 64,803.50
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ + 2,403.50
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 12/01	\$ 0.00
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 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.

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.

KFUO - 850AM / KFUO.org – Programs are archived for 24/7 on-demand listening **Issues, Etc.** broadcasts live weekdays from 3:05 to 5:00 P.M. Central.

CHRISTIANITY & OTHER WORLD RELIGIONS... Judaism, Islam, Mormonism, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Hinduism, Buddhism, Atheism, Scientology. **Issues, Etc.**, a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a World Religions 101 series with Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago. You can listen to this multi-part series at issuesetc.org/worldreligions.

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