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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:

374, 370, 725

Ushers serving in December: Dwayne Beccue & Jason Suckow

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 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.

In Our Prayers This Week

In need of healing: Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Ron Siebert, Brad Suckow (upcoming back surgery), Kathryn Suckow (cancer), Steve Voelker, Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

Receiving skilled care: Judy Stuemke (LCC), Lucille Beccue (LCC)

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Happy belated birthday to Pastor Manley on Saturday (12/27)

Happy Anniversary today to Ken & Imogene Clark (12/28)

Upcoming January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Jeanine Wendling (01/06), Charlotte Murray (01/19),

Ella Voelker (01/23), David Suckow (01/24), Jason Suckow (01/26)

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

Sat., Dec. 20 - Mon., Jan. 5 – No School – Christmas/New Year's Break

Tues., Jan. 6 – Students Return to School

Mon., Jan. 19 – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

New Year's Eve (Zion) – *with Holy Communion* – Wed., Dec. 31, 5:30 P.M.
New Year's Day (Beth.) – *with Holy Communion* – Thurs., Jan. 1, 9:30 A.M.

LCC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Mon., Dec. 29, at 7 PM.

Installation of 2026 Elected Officers will be held during the service next Sunday, **January 4.**

Zion's Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25. The Council will meet at 1:30 PM, the Voters will meet at 2 PM.

Young Adult Bible Study – The Young Adult Bible study will begin a new series of studies starting on January 9, 2026. The series will explore the differences between Christian denominations. The group will meet every other Friday at 6:30PM. Locations will vary depending on which pastor is leading. Pastor Niermann from Immanuel, Altamont, Pastor Burdick and Pastor Dille from St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham, and Pastor Cornelius from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Vandalia, will lead the studies. All young adults ages 18-35 are invited. For more information, please contact Violet Wendling at 618-704-6114.

50th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST The Effingham Area Right to Life is hosting its 50th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST on Sunday, January 18, from 7am-Noon. The event will be held at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall (210 Pearl St, Teutopolis, IL). Free-will donations will be accepted, and you'll enjoy whole hog sausage, eggs, pancakes, homemade breads, and drinks. There will be numerous basket raffles, quilt raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. EARTL is accepting donations of cinnamon rolls, breads, and muffins. These can be dropped off on Saturday, Jan. 17, from Noon-4pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. To volunteer for a shift, please text Susan Vogt at (217) 663-2084. For more information about the breakfast follow "Effingham Area Right to Life" on Facebook.

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. Questions? Call Pastor Burdick or Sarah Mellendorf at 217-342-4334, or email office@stjohnsLCMS.net.

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

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ATTENDANCE

12/21	50
12/24	76
12/25	27

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 12/21	\$ 1,341.25
Received 12/24	\$ 797.00
Received 12/25	\$ 964.00
Received YTD:	\$ 65,459.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 841.00

Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 12/21	\$ 0.00
Received 12/24	\$ 100.00
Received 12/25	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,105.00



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.

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

"A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children" (Jer. 31:15). Herod rages and sends to kill all boys two years and younger (Matt. 2:16), desperate to destroy the newborn King of kings. The Church remembers these innocent victims as martyrs. They died for the One who came to die for them. This dark commemoration bears witness to the cruelty of sinful men and the world's hatred of Christ who has sanctified our fragile life even from His conception and birth. But the boy who escaped Bethlehem's bloody streets unscathed went on to face thorns, nails and spear for them and for us. He is the Lamb whose name is written with the Father's name on the foreheads of His baptized saints (Rev. 14:1). By His death He has redeemed an inheritance for Himself and brought peace at last by His blood. On the fourth day of Christmas, we sing "the new song" of the Lamb, of Christ the true martyr, whose death testifies that our redemption is won. We *"follow the Lamb wherever He goes"* (Rev. 14:4), for He will bring our tears to an end.

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STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2026... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. You can listen by phone, (618) 262-0078. You can also listen at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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