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DECEMBER 29, 2024

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

386; 374; 385

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: Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Pastor Heimgartner, Florence Leppin (cancer), Todd Luedtke (hospice), Wanda Phillips, Marion Schmidt (lung), Bert Siebert (recovery), Stella Stone (infection), Steve Voelker, Gary Wendling, Patti Wolf (heart), 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.

Upcoming January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

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

David Suckow (01/24), Jason Suckow (01/26)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Dec. 21 – Jan. 6 – No School – Christmas/New Year's Break

Jan. 7, Tuesday – Students return to School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

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

Installation of 2025 Elected Officers will be held during the service next Sunday, **January 5**.

Vandalia Holy Cross Lutheran - Ladies Society will be hosting their annual Chili/Soup Luncheon on Sunday, January 19, from 11:30 AM -1:00 PM. This is a **DRIVE THRU ONLY** event. Cost is a free-will donation. The menu includes homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili; Chicken Salad or Peanut Butter sandwiches, hot dog; Chocolate sheet cake, Carrot sheet cake, or Angel food cake. Pick-up at the Parish Hall off the alley, follow the signs! Enter from the alley from Taylor St. (in front of the Fayette County Hospital from the EAST ONLY). You can also walk in the North Education Wing doors for carry-out. See the announcement on the bulletin board for more details.

49th annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 19 from 7:00am-Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Free will donation accepted for breakfast, which includes whole hog sausage, eggs, and a variety of home baked breads, along with juice, milk, and water. Volunteers are needed. Please text Susan at 217.663.2084 to sign up for a shift. Donations of breads, rolls, donut holes, & muffins are needed, and can be dropped off on Saturday, January 18 from 12-4pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. This is the primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life. If you're unable to attend the breakfast, please consider sending a donation to PO Box 861, Effingham IL 62401. Learn more by visiting "EffinghamAreaRightToLife" on Facebook.

Sausage Supper: St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club, St. Peter, will once again be holding their Sausage Supper with sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, and all the fixings on February 16, 2025, with serving beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Peter's Lutheran School Gym. Carry Outs will be available. Pre-orders for sausage and ribs will once again be offered and encouraged ahead of time, with deadline to order being January 31, 2025. To order, please call one of the following: John Lotz (618-553-5585), Tim Brauer (618-267-6228), David Schaal (618-292-3732), Reggie Grandt (618-553-6213), or St. Peter's Lutheran Church (618-349-8321 after 12 PM).

Thought for the week...

Luke 2:38 – “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

ATTENDANCE

12/22	44
12/24	75
12/25	32

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 12/22	\$ 731.00
Received 12/24	\$ 798.25
Received 12/25	\$ 254.00
Received YTD:	\$ 68,322.75
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ + 2,022.75
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 12/22	\$ 100.00
Received 12/24	\$ 0.00
Received 12/25	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 2,364.00



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 Seed of David Comes to His Temple

A Rod has come forth from the stem of Jesse (Is. 11:1–5)—the Seed of David whose kingdom shall be established forever (2 Sam. 7:1–16). In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son Jesus to redeem us from the judgment of the Law (Gal. 4:1–7). Now He is presented in the temple in fulfillment of the Law and revealed to be “*a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel*” (Luke 2:22–40). Christ has enlightened us in baptism, giving us to be adopted as sons of God and heirs of eternal life. Receiving the Holy Sacrament of His body and blood, we are prepared to depart this world in peace, for our eyes have seen the salvation of God in Him.

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

STUDY GOD’S WORD IN 2025... Here’s a simple way to study God’s Word. 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. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Psalms. You can listen at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider. You can also listen by phone at 1 (618) 262-0078.

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.