



The Lord's Week at Zion and Salem

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

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Week of Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025-Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025

This Week at Salem and Zion . . .

Monday, December 15, 2025

† Pastor Hellwege's Day Off

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

† Dartball-Shawneetown at Crosstown, Farrar at Hanover—7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

† Advent Soup Supper (and after worship)—6 p.m.

† Confirmation Instruction at Salem—6 p.m.

† Advent Worship at Salem—7 p.m.

Thursday, December 18, 2025

† January Calendar Items Due

† Bulletin and Announcement Items Due—12 p.m.

Thursday & Friday, December 18 & 19, 2025

† Christmas Country Church Tour—1-8 p.m.

Sunday, December 21, 2025

† Zion Worship/Holy Communion—7:30 a.m.

† Zion Sunday School—After Worship

† Salem Sunday School/Adult Bible Class—8:15 a.m.

† Salem Worship/Holy Communion—9 a.m.

This Week at UCLS . . .

Monday-Saturday, December 15-20, 2025

† EPC Wildcats Boys Basketball—

A-Team Tournament at St. Mary's, Chester—TBA

Thursday, December 18, 2025

† UCLS Board of Education—7 p.m.

Friday, December 19, 2025

† Early Dismissal at UCLS

Volunteers Needed at Salem and Zion

The Christmas Country Church Tour will be this Thursday and Friday, December 18 and 19, from 1-8 p.m. Volunteers from each church are needed as hosts. A sign-up sheet is on the Zion and Salem bulletin boards. Maps of churches participating in the tour are also available on the bulletin boards. Please contact Denise Brueckner at 573-517-8229 at Salem or Cheryl Hagan at 573-768-1817 at Zion for questions concerning the tour or volunteering as a host.

"Thank You!"

Wow, just Wow!

You guys understood the assignment! I got through the last of the bags and was blown away by how much was delivered. I cannot thank the congregations enough for the generosity towards the Sem students and their families!

The spices were such a thoughtful and great thing to add to the list.

Truly, truly appreciate that!

The gluten-free items will keep my gluten-free section stocked for several months!! I love the variety, and so will the families.

My applesauce section was bare, and is now restocked to the gills, with more to refill as needed! And the oatmeal!!

Same with the chicken-delightful!

My no-salt added families will also be tickled to see that area restocked for the new year!

Such a wonderful feeling to mark things off my list of items that we were completely out of and I needed to purchase...and now it's overflowing!

Just wanted to take a moment to send deep, deep, deep appreciation.

Courtney, Food Bank Coordinator
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Week:

(Non-Catechetical Week)

Sunday: Christmas

Bible Stories

12/15 – M: Luke 1:39-56

12/16 – Tu: Luke 1:57-80

12/17 – W: Luke 2:1-7

12/18 – Th: Luke 2:8-14

12/19 – F: Luke 2:15-20

Hymn of the Week

LSB 624 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

The infant Priest was holy born
For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came
He,
Anointed from eternity.

Bible Verse

(Christmas Program Work)

Catechism

K-2: (Christmas Program Work)

3-8: (Christmas Program Work)

Pie Donations Requested

Salem/Zion LYF will be running the concession stand during the Dartball Tournament to be held at Salem on Tuesdays in January. Donations of pies are being requested. If you can donate, please sign the list posted on Salem's bulletin board.

"Thank You!"

Now that things have settled down a little for our family, we would like to take a moment to thank everyone. We truly appreciate all the prayers and well wishes for Violet following our car accident. We would also like to thank Pastor for his concern for us and his visits to the hospital. God has blessed Violet with the progress she has made so far, and we know that he will continue to be with her for the duration of her recovery.

Tiffany, Justin, & Violet Masters

Community and Other Events

• Authentic German Christmas Market—Concordia Lutheran Church, 836 Park Avenue, Sikeston

—Friday, December 19—4:30-8 p.m., Saturday, December 20—10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

—Experience German Lutheran Christmas traditions.

—Shop German-inspired ornaments and crafts.

—Visit with St. Nicholas.

—Listen to Christmas hymns.

—Sit by the fire and eat German food.

—This event will include a kids' craft corner.

• "After Christmas" Christmas Concert by the Perry County Lutheran Chorale (with Chamber Ensemble)—Trinity Lutheran Church, Altenburg

—Sunday, January 4, 2026—4 p.m.

—The chorale will present familiar favorites like "The First Noel", "See Amid the Winter's Snow", "Angels We Have Heard on High", and "Joy to the World".

—The Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum will again serve refreshments following the concert, and you can still see their Christmas trees displayed.

—Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken in support of the chorale.

CHRIST FOR YOU this Week on KFUO.org

We're continuing our series, "Yearning for the Day of Christ's Returning" on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! This week, we'll be studying 1 Thessalonians 5-2 Thessalonians 2. Tune in to *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our series, "Prophecy and Fulfillment, looking at Old Testament prophecies fulfilled by Christ in the New Testament. On *The Coffee Hour* this week (weekdays at 9 a.m.), we have some fun things to share, including a new learning opportunity through Concordia, Nebraska, and an update from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!