



Zion Live Life in Christ Lutheran Panther Paws

Worship Opportunities

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am

Contact Information

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The mission at Zion Lutheran School is to guide students toward academic excellence and to be Christian Leaders!

September 5, 2024

Bible Verse of the week.

"Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord"-Proverbs 16:20

From the Desk of the Principal

Supporting Your Child's Faith Journey: How Parents Can Reinforce the Lessons of Faith Families and the Character Trait of Endurance

At Zion Lutheran School, we believe that faith is not just something to be taught in the classroom—it's a way of life that begins at home and is nurtured by God's Word. Our Faith Families program, alongside our focus on the character trait of the month, aims to help students grow spiritually and develop important life skills. This month, we are focusing on "Endurance," inspired by Hebrews 12:1-3. As parents, you play a crucial role in reinforcing these lessons at home. Here's how you can support your child's faith journey and encourage them to embrace the character trait of endurance.

1. Engage in Daily Conversations About Endurance

One of the most effective ways to support your child is by having daily conversations

about what they are learning at school. Ask them about the Bible verses they discussed in their Faith Families and what those verses mean to them. For instance, you might say, "I heard you Zion's school year them is from Hebrews 12:1-3. What did you learn about running with endurance?" This simple question opens the door for your child to share their thoughts and experiences.

2. Model Endurance in Everyday Life

Children learn by example, and one of the best ways to teach endurance is by modeling it yourself. Whether it's sticking to a difficult task, persevering through a challenging situation, or showing patience in trying times, let your child see how you endure with grace. You can share stories from your own life where you had to rely on God's strength to get through. This helps them understand that endurance is not just a concept, but a practice that's relevant in everyday life.

3. Create Opportunities to Practice Endurance at Home

Find small ways for your child to practice endurance in their daily routine. This could be as simple as encouraging them to finish a challenging book, complete a difficult puzzle, or persist in learning a new skill, such as playing a musical instrument or mastering a sport. Celebrate their efforts and remind them that endurance is about continuing to try, even when it's hard.

Reinforce the idea that just like Jesus endured challenges for a greater purpose, they too can find strength in their faith to overcome obstacles.

4. Incorporate Bible Verses into Family Devotions

Integrate the Bible verses your child is learning at school into your family devotions. This month's focus on Hebrews 12:1-3 can be a great starting point. Read the verses together, discuss their meaning, and pray as a family for the strength to endure life's challenges. This not only reinforces what your child is learning at school but also strengthens your family's spiritual bond.

5. Encourage a Positive Attitude Towards Challenges

Endurance often requires a positive mindset, especially in the face of difficulties. Encourage your child to view challenges as opportunities for growth rather than obstacles. When they encounter a tough situation, remind them of Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Help them see that with God's help, they can overcome any challenge and grow stronger in the process.

6. Participate in School Activities that Highlight Endurance

Whenever possible, get involved in school activities. Whether it's attending a baseball or volleyball game, participating in school-wide challenges, or volunteering to help at school or church, your involvement shows your child that you value the lessons they are learning. It also provides more opportunities for you to discuss and practice endurance together.

7. Pray Together

Finally, one of the most powerful ways to support your child's spiritual growth is through prayer. Pray with your child for the strength to endure challenges, for guidance in their faith journey, and for the ability to apply what they are learning in their everyday life. Remind them that they can always turn to God for help and that prayer is a way to stay connected to His strength.

At Zion Lutheran School, we are committed to nurturing your child's faith and character. By focusing on the trait of endurance this month, we aim to equip them with the resilience they need to face life's challenges with confidence and faith. As parents, your support is vital in reinforcing these lessons at home. Together, we can help our children grow into strong, faithful, and enduring followers of Christ.

In His Service,
Jamie Crouch
Zion Lutheran School
Principal

Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS

Sun. 9/8—"Gods Kids" 1pm-3pm(see announcements)

Thursday 9/12 Vision and Hearing Screening 8:30

Friday 9/13 Vision and Hearing Screening 12:30

Sunday 9/15 PTL meeting

Wed. 9/17 MELHS Field Day

Friday 9/20 PreK-K Field Trip to Liberty Apple Orchard

Friday 9/20 Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Begins

Chapel Offerings

Every Wed. the students/staff attend chapel service at 8:30am in the church. Parents and friends are invited to join us as well. Offerings are collected weekly and given to a selected charity per quarter. This quarters offerings will be assisting St.Paul's Lutheran Church in eenthikala, Tamil Nadu, South India.

In our prayers this week

Madelyn France, Zachary Amir, Mrs. Mosser and Bryson Welburn.

Announcements

Our very important fundraiser kicks off soon! Look out for our Charleston Wrap fundraising info coming soon and get ready to check off your holiday gift list! You're going to LOVE what you see, and your support will help us reach our fundraising goal! Look for fundraiser packets to be coming home next week with the official start date of September 20th.

School Physicals, Vaccinations and Dental exams need to be turned into the school office as soon as possible. If these items are not turned in to the office or the office not notified of delay in getting these appointments completed your child may be at risk of not being able to come to school till completed. If you have any questions contact the school office.

School is Back in session and that means the 3-5 grade youth group, "God's Kids" will be starting. God's Kids is a chance for students in the 3-5 grade to be introduced to the youth group experience. We will meet once a month during the school year to have a Bible study, play games, have a snack and fellowship together. The first God's Kids meeting will take place in the school gym on Sunday, September 8 from 1pm-3 pm. I am asking that each child who attends bring an ice cream topping of their choice as we will be making sundaes for our snack (ice cream provided). Mrs. Kleckner will be leading God's Kids this year. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns pam.kleckner@zion-school.org.

Sunday School Classes are every Sunday from 9:30-10:15

In addition to adult classes, we have classes for Early Childhood (3 years old-1st grade), Elementary (2nd- 5th grade), and Youth Bible study (6th-12th grade). Early Childhood classes, will meet in Mrs. Kleckner's Preschool room (off the gym). Elementary classes will meet in Mrs. Meadors classroom (on the main floor). The 6th-12th grade youth bible study class will meet in Mrs. Cook's classroom (on the main floor), and the adult class gathers in the school cafeteria (lower-level). Please consider joining us this fall!

Lunch Bites

Ms. Tammy continues to rock it in the kitchen cooking delicious and healthy lunches for the students and staff at Zion. See something new on the menu or not sure if you like the hot lunch for the day ask to try a sample!

Did you know that you no longer have to separate your lunch account payments into lunch and snacks? When you send a payment in the amount will be credited to your account and as your student eats lunch or grabs a snack it will automatically deduct the cost of each item from the lunch account. If you have any questions about the new lunch system please contact the office. If you are not receive the Sunday night emails to notify you that your students lunch balance is low please let the office know.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered or has signed up to volunteer to help with serving the student lunches.

Lunch Volunteers for the week of Sept. 3rd-6th.

Sept. 5: Jayne Wells

Sept. 6: Missy Sievers

Sept 9: Pam Hagarty

Sept 10: Tamela Milkovich

Sept. 11: Shelly Manning

If you would like to sign up for a future date, please sign up here if able to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AA5AC29A2FA7-50706609-serving>

Mark your calendars: Choir Dates

"Joyful Noise" 3rd-8th grade

"Praise Him" 4yr PreK-2nd grade

- September 22, 10:30 service, "Joyful Noise"
- October 5, 5:00 service, "Praise Him"
- October 20, 10:30 service, "Joyful Noise"
- November 3, 10:30, service "Praise Him"
- November 16, 5:00 service "Joyful Noise"
- December 15, Christmas Program
- December 20, Christmas Program
- January 26, 8:00 service, "Praise Him"
- February 9, 10:30 service, "Joyful Noise"
- March 2, 10:30 service, "Praise Him"
- March 23, 8:00 "Joyful Noise"
- April 6, 10:30 "Praise Him"
- April 27, 10:30 service, "Joyful Noise"

Sports/Activities Schedule

Sports Physical: As some 3rd graders may play sports next year, we encourage them to receive a sports physical as well. Grades 4-8 (Any student wanting to play a sport) Please note 6th graders may use their health form as a sports physical.

Any child playing a school sport needs to complete the concussion information sheet along with the sports handbook policy waiver before they begin their sport. This will be kept in their student file. Please stop by the office if you are in need of these.

If you have a 5th-8th grade student that is interested in joining the boys volleyball team please let MRs. Mosser know as they are going to be starting practices up soon. All skill levels are welcome!

Baseball

Coach: Mr. Robertson

Games:

Fri/Sat. Sept. 6-7 Trinity Edwardsville Baseball Tournament. TBA

Weds. Sept 11 @ Zion, Belleville (Played in Freeburg) 4:30

Fri., Sept. 13 Home vs Good Shepherd, Collinsville

Wed., Sept. 18 @ Holy Cross Collinsville (played at MELHS)

Thurs., Sept. 19 Home vs Trinity, Edwardsville

Girls Volleyball

Coaches: Mrs. Meador, Mrs. Mosser

Practices:

Tues. Sept. 10 3:00-4:15 3rd-5th; 3:00-5:00 6th-8th

Thurs. Sept. 12 3:00-4:15 3rd-5th; 3:00-5:00 6th-8th

Games:

Sat. Sept. 7 @ Trinity Springfield C/A 9:00/10:00am

Mon. Sept. 9 Home vs. Holy Cross

D/C/A 5:00/6:00/7:00

Sept. 13/14 Holly Reeb A Team Tournament

Boys Volleyball

Practices to be announced at a later date. Keep an eye out for more information.

Games:

Sat. Sept. 28 Opening Day Tourney @ Zion Bethalto TBA

Tues. Oct. 8 @ Trinity Edwardsville

Thurs. Oct. 10 @ Liberty Middle School vs. Liberty and Lincoln 6:00/7:00

Thurs. Oct. 17 @ Holy Cross, Collinsville

Mon. Oct. 21 Home vs. Conference Schools

Thurs. Oct. 24 Home vs. Liberty and Lincoln 6:00/7:00

PTL Dates

- **Sunday, September 15th** will be our first PTL meeting of the year. Anyone who is available is welcome to attend, we need some new creative opinions on upcoming student events and will be voting in new board members.
- The PTL is looking for new members to join and is in need of a new Vice President and Treasurer this year. If you are interested in joining or would like to be considered for VP or Treasurer let Nikki Fraser or any current member know.
- The Fish Stand was a big success and we are so thankful to all who volunteered. PTL is currently looking for at least one more family to join with other families to form a fish stand committee. The event has grown beyond one family and to help ensure that the fish stand is able to continue to be successful and run smoothly additional help is needed. Contact Nikki Fraser if you are interested or need more information.

YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th gr.)

September 8: Middle School 3-5 p.m.

September 15: MS-HS Youth group at Zion, Bethalto 4-7 p.m.

September 22: Middle School 3-5 p.m.

Youth group meets at Zion School unless otherwise noted.

Youth Group Fundraiser- Get your Endure t-shirt today!

Celebrate faith, community, and the theme of "Endure" as the Zion Lutheran Church, Staunton, youth group sells t-shirts to recognize our school year theme and create excitement for the National Youth Gathering in July, 2025. The soft-style Gildan shirts can be purchased in youth sizes s, m, l or adult sizes s, m, l, xl for the cost of \$25 each. Adult sizes 2x and 3x can be purchased for \$27 each. Orders should be in near the end of September.

<https://forms.gle/2QFDSLti7ayikobs9>

Raise Right(Formally Scrip)

Go to RaiseRight.com or download the new RaiseRight app on your phone to get started. The Zion enrollment code is FC3ALE174778. program.

Orders may be placed on line at RaiseRight.com or you may also call Michelle (618-660-5044) or e-mail her at michrant@gmail.com. You may drop off scrip orders and payments at the school, daycare, or church office during their regular hours. All orders placed by noon on Monday will be available for pickup by Thursday of each week. Orders may be available sooner if items requested are currently in stock. For immediate purchases, scrip is available during school office hours. We continue to carry our local retailers and our most popular national retailers in inventory.

Remember a portion of your purchase can be applied towards tuition.

Restaurant Fundraiser Dates

Please support our local merchants.

A percentage of your meal will be donated to support Zion! Thank you to our local merchants!

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

3rd Wed. of the month

Please turn proof of purchase for any orders made during Little Italy's fundraiser nights to the school office.

Dairy Queen Fundraiser Nights

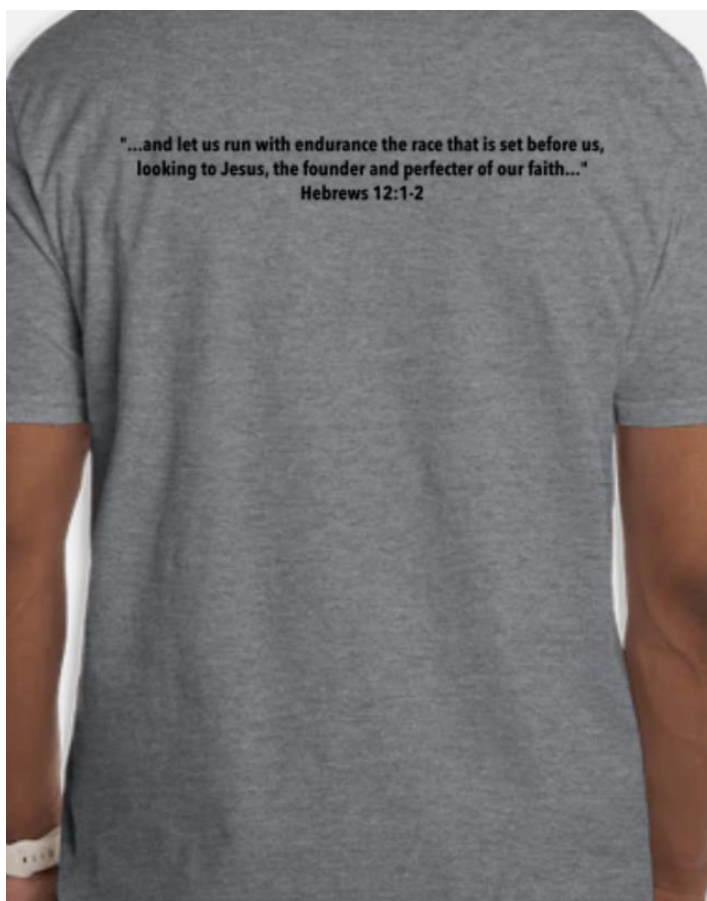
1st Monday of Every Month- Flyers are available on the school website or Facebook page

Asian Bistro-(dates to be announced)

El Indio

2nd Wednesday of the month. Mention Zion Lutheran School when placing your order.

Youth Group Fundraiser T-shirt Design



Good Afternoon, Zion Families!

As previously communicated, we are in the process of cleaning up and organizing. During the first week of October, Zion will undergo NLSA accreditation. A team will be visiting to validate all the wonderful things we have going on here at Zion! We want to present our best, while also maintaining a tidy and welcoming environment for our students and families year round.

To make this manageable, I've broken down the tasks into smaller, bite-sized jobs that can be completed by one or two people. Most of these tasks involve mopping or putting items back into storage—things that somehow never found their way home after events (I think we can all relate). Each task should take less than an hour, and you can complete them on your own schedule.

If you have some time before September 15th, please sign up for one or more tasks on the SignUpGenius. If the listed times don't work for you, our school is open from 6 am to 6 pm, and you can coordinate a time with me to make sure the school is accessible. Click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AA5AC29A2FA7-50972137-school#/> to sign up!

Keep an eye on your emails, because, just like at home, one project often leads to another!

Thank you for your help in making Zion the best it can be!

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Formerly ShopWithScrip

The holidays are just around the corner. As you begin to do your holiday shopping consider purchasing gift cards to your favorite stores, restaurants and entertainment spots. There are many local businesses that are a part of this program as well such as Mayfields, Blackbird Bakery, Bills IGA, Cavataios and R&B's Family Restaurant to name a few. You can help Zion PTL raise money and receive money off of tuition all while using your scrip cards for your everyday spending. Don't forget birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and any special occasion that comes your way! Plenty of travel scrip cards available as well.

What is Scrip?

Scrip is just another term for gift cards. Scrip fundraising is an easy, no-selling program that allows families to raise money by purchasing scrip cards at face value. Then Zion PTL purchases them for less than face value through Great Lakes Scrip Center. Retailers offer different rebate amounts on scrip cards. Half of the rebate amount goes back to the Zion PTL. The other HALF of the rebate can be applied toward school tuition, preschool tuition, or daycare payments! There is also the option to have all of the rebate amount return to the Zion PTL.

Get Started

Go to RaiseRight.com on your computer or download the new RaiseRight app on your phone to get started. Enroll your family by following the prompts on the screen. You will need Zions enrollment code: FC3ALE174778 There is no cost to sign up.

There are three kinds of scrip:

Physical Scrip Cards: Many cards are available in the school office or they can be ordered.

EGift Cards: Perfect for last-minute purchases and available to print from home or pull up on your phone.

Reload Existing Card: Add funds on the spot to a card that has already been purchased from ShopWithScrip.

Payments Made Easy

RaiseRight offers three ways to pay:

- *Cash or Check: You can send cash or check to the school, daycare, or church office.
- *Bank Account: Securely link your account. There is a \$0.15 convenience fee per transaction.
- *Credit Card: Securely link your card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) with a 2.60% credit card fee per transaction.
- **Online Payments are for a more convenient, on-the-go way to pay. By making online payments, your eGift cards will be immediately ready to print from home, you will be able to instantly add money to your reloadable cards, and you can shop wherever, whenever on your phone!

How Do I Order?

Orders can be placed and received anyday, anytime. You can call, text, email or send an order form to the school, daycare or church office or contact Michelle Rantanen: call/text (618)660-5044 or email michrant@gmail.com Orders can be placed online at RaiseRight.com or from your phone with the RaiseRight app. There are many scrip cards available for immediate purchase in the school office. For any order not readily available, as long as your order is received by 10am on Monday, it should be ready for pick up on Thursday. Orders may be picked up at the school, daycare or church office. Let us know your preference. Watch for updates in the school Panther Paws. Family and friends can purchase as well. Contact Michelle with any orders or questions.



****Be sure to check the website/app weekly for bonus rebates on your favorite brands!****

September Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School Labor Day	3 Chicken Pattie Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk V: Dana McQuade	4 BBQ Pork Sandwich Cheese Fries Baked Beans Pineapple Milk V: Jayne Wells	5 Lasagna Casserole Garlic Bread Corn Poke Cake Milk V: Jayne Wells	6 Corn Dog Tater Tots Carrot/Celery Sticks Pears Milk V: Missy Sievers
9 Chicken Nuggets Garlic Buttered Noodles Carrots Apricots Milk V: Pam Hagarty	10 Egg and Cheese Biscuit Bacon Hash Browns Peaches Milk V: Tamela Milkovich	11 Riblet Sandwich Fries Green Beans Applesauce Milk V: Shelly Manning	12 Tacos Mexican Rice Corn Cupcake Milk V: Tamela Milkovich	13 Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Broccoli Jello Milk V: Stephani Diamond
16 Toasted Cheese Fries Peas Pears Milk V: Pam Hagarty	17 TBA V: Jessica Wade	18 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Chips Pasta Salad Chocolate Pudding Milk V:	19 McGriddle Muffins Sausage Patties Hash Browns Peaches Milk V:	20 Pizza Pasta Garlic Stick Lettuce Salad Cinnamon Apples Milk V: Stephani Diamond
23 Ham Sandwich Chips Carrot/Celery Sticks Banana Pudding Milk V: Pam Hagarty	24 Taco Salad Tortilla Chips Corn Pineapple Milk V:	25 Sloppy Joes Fries Green Beans Brownies Milk V: Heather France	26 Chicken Nuggets Loaded Mashed Potatoes Peas Vanilla Pudding Milk V:	27 Hot Dog Tater Tots Carrots Fruit Cocktail Milk V: Stephani Diamond
30 Baked Pancakes Bacon Hash Browns Cinnamon Apples Milk V:			Entrée Alternate: Peanut Butter & Jelly	