



# 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!*

October 10, 2024

### Bible Verse of the Week:

"...Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..." Hebrews 12:1-3

### From the Desk of the Principal:

Our teachers are attending the CID/SID Educators Conference this week, and we ask for your prayers as they travel. We are excited about the opportunity to learn new ideas that will enrich our classrooms and benefit our students. Please pray for safe journeys, meaningful fellowship, and valuable insights that will strengthen our school. Thank you for your continued support of our mission to guide students toward academic excellence and Christian leadership.

In His Service,  
Jamie Crouch  
Zion Lutheran School  
Principal

### Announcements:

There will be No School for Zion Friday, October 11 due to a Professional Development Day or Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> due to Columbus Day. Daycare will be open both days. A Sack lunch and drink will be needed as there will be no hot lunch served. Please sign up on the daycare desk if your child will be attending daycare on Friday, October 11 or Monday, October 14.

The Youth group would like to thank everyone that came out to the Fall Festival this past Saturday. We hope everyone had lots of fun, and we plan to do it again next year!

### Joyful Noise Choir (Grades 3-8) Date Change:

Joyful Noise families, please mark your calendars to reflect this change. Grades 3-8 will now be singing during the Better Together Service on November 10 at 10am. This will replace the time originally scheduled on November 16. Thank you for being flexible as we celebrate the gift of music during this year's Better Together weekend.

Please remember to send back the Child Safe Kit information cards with your student. This program helps to provide vital data to authorities should your child ever become lost or abducted. The cards need **returned to your student's teacher by Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Every class that has 100% of their cards returned will receive cupcakes and the teacher with the highest percentage of cards returned will get an Amazon gift card.

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 27. Stop by anytime between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to tour our campus, meet our teachers, chat with administrators, and get answers to all of your questions about the Knight life. For more information, call the

school office at 618-656-0043 or email [admissions@melhs.org](mailto:admissions@melhs.org).

## Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS

Friday 10/11 No school

Monday 10/14 No School-Columbus Day

Sunday 10/20 "Joyful Noise"@ 10:30 service.

Wednesday 10/23 Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00 dismissal.

Thursday 10/24 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to the Science Center

Thursday 10/24 Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00 dismissal.

Friday 10/25 No School

Sunday 10/27 Trunk or Treat

Sunday 10/27 MELHS Open House 1pm-3pm

## Happy Birthday!

*Birthday blessings to all of our friends this week!*

Lisa Coan 10/11

Linda Meyer 10/15

Adele Stiegemeier 10/17

## In our prayers this week

Lisa Coan, Linda Meyer and Adele Stiegemeier. Zion teachers who are traveling to CID/SID Educators Conference this week. Continued prayers for all those all those who have been affected by the recent Hurricane and storms. Pastor Phil and all Pastors and Clergy current and past.

## Lunch Bites

Please note the change in the menu for Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Tammy recently made some breakfast quesadillas for the kids to try at snack time and they were a hit with students and staff! We will have them in place of the savory breakfast casserole that was originally on the menu.

Ms. Tammy has added some new items to our lunch menu for the month of October. Make sure to look at what she has cooking in the kitchen and share with your kid(s) the

new entrees and sides and encourage them to give it a try. Some of the favorites so far that will be added to upcoming menus include breakfast quesadillas, Salisbury steak meatballs, baked pancakes with fresh fruit syrups, and cheesy chicken and rice.

*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 Oct.10-Oct.17

Fri. 10/11: No School

Mon. 10/14: No School

Tues. 10/15: Heather France

Weds. 10/16: Jayne Wells

Thurs. 10/17: Heather France

*Let's start filling up Novembers lunch room volunteer calendar. If you have an hour of free time, please consider volunteering to help serve lunch to our students and staff.*

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>

## Student Council

*The ZLS Student Council is currently working on raising money to purchase new balls and other playground equipment that all students can use. They are currently selling stickers to students for .25 cents apiece starting Oct 1, 2024. The Student Council Store is located in the lobby of the school and stickers can be purchased in the morning prior to the start of school. Please allow your child to purchase these great stickers for their Chromebooks and water bottles today! Thank you for your support.*

Mark your calendars: Choir Dates

“Joyful Noise” 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade  
“Praise Him” 4yr PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade

- October 20, 10:30 service, “Joyful Noise”
- November 3, 10:30, service “Praise Him”
- November 10, 10:00 service “Joyful Noise”
- December 15, Christmas Program
- December 20, Christmas Program

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

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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **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 offering **will be assisting St. Paul's Lutheran Church in South India.**

### **YOUTH GROUP (3rd-5th gr.)**

Sunday October 20th 1pm-3pm  
Meet at the school You do not need to bring anything for our meeting. We will be baking and decorating fall sugar cookies for our snack, having a Bible study and playing games. Please contact Mrs. Kleckner with any questions. See you on the 20th.

### **YOUTH GROUP (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr.)**

October 13: Gathering paperwork & \$200 deposit is due

October 20: Bonfire at Zion with Good Shepherd's youth group 4-7 p.m.

October 27: MS & HS youth group/Trunk or Treat 3 - 6 p.m.

Save the Date: Join the Fun at Family Bingo Night! Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> come and enjoy a night filled with great prizes, delicious snacks, and a silent auction! Proceeds will go to the Zion Lutheran Youth Group.

*Help us make our fundraising goal by donating to our silent auction at bingo night. Your generous contributions will directly benefit the youth who will be attending the youth gathering in New Orleans next July. We would appreciate donations of gift baskets, gift cards, merchandise, etc. **Please bring donations to the school office by Monday, October 28.** Please contact Kristi Cook with any questions. Thank you in advance for helping us make this event a success!*

### **Sports/Activities Schedule**

Sports Physical: As some 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will need a sports physical. Please note 6<sup>th</sup> 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 need these.

### **Girls Volleyball**

Coaches: Mrs. Meador, Mrs. Mosser  
**Practices**

Thurs. Oct. 10 3:00-4:15 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>; 3:00-5:00  
5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Mon. Oct. 14 NO PRACTICE

Mon. Oct. 21 3:00-4:15 3rd-5th; 3:00-5:00  
5th-8th

Games:

Oct. 11/12/13 Peoria A Team Tournament

Tues. Oct. 15 Home Vs Trinity D/C/A

5:00/6:00/7:00

Oct. 16/17/18 Belleville C Team  
Tournament

Oct. 22/26 A Team Conference  
Tournament

Mon. Oct. 28 @ Belleville D/C/A  
5:00/6:00/7:00

Boys Volleyball

Coaches: Josh Crouch and BJ Davis

Practices

Wed. Oct 16 3:00-5:00

Games:

Thurs. Oct.17 @ Holy Cross, Collinsville  
5:00/8:00

Monday Oct.21 Home vs. Conference  
Schools 4:00/7:00

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

Saturday Oct.26 Conference Tournament  
MELHS9:45/12:00/2:25/3:45

Nov 1-Nov 3 State Tournament for Teams  
That Qualify

PTL Dates

The PTL functions primarily to support the students and school through fundraising. We would love all parents to be involved. If anyone has any ideas for fundraisers or items to purchase with our fundraising efforts, please reach out to Any of the PTL board members. We would love to hear those ideas!

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

Dairy Queen Fundraiser Nights

1st Monday of Every Month

EL Indio

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

3rd Wed. of the month

Asian Bistro-(dates to be announced)

RaiseRight (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](http://RaiseRight.com) or you may also call Michelle (618-660-5044) or e-mail her at [michrant@gmail.com](mailto: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.

If you have additional questions, please contact Michelle Rantanen. Remember, a percentage of all of your scrip purchases will be deducted from your monthly tuition!

Restaurant Fundraiser Dates



Two weeks after Hurricane Helene's destruction, Hurricane Milton makes landfall in Florida.



## **A Synod wide response to hurricanes in the southeastern U.S.**

Dear friends in Christ,

It has been two weeks since Hurricane Helene first came ashore as a Category 4 storm near Perry, Fla. Today, the estimated death toll from Helene stands at almost 250 people across seven states, with many people still unaccounted for, particularly in North Carolina.

Within days of Helene's landfall, the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, took a multi-day trip to the affected areas. He estimates the total Synod response to Helene will be around \$1 million.

Now, as Hurricane Milton has made landfall in Florida, spawning multiple tornadoes and leaving millions without power, those already weary from the effects of one monstrous storm are facing another.

After flooding from Helene ravaged the shared campus of Mountainside Lutheran Church and Recognized Service Organization Camp Linn Haven in Newland, N.C., the Rev. Bryan Chestnutt, Mountainside's pastor, said he immediately felt the church's support. "We didn't even know what we needed. ... We couldn't even think straight. ... The counsel we got and the help that we are getting from our district president and from the Synod has been wonderful. ... At a time like this, you really feel what the word 'synod' means."

We don't yet know the full impact of either Helene or Milton. We do know that much will be required — in time, volunteers, money and resources — before the recovery is complete.

Even more important, we know that our Lord is faithful. He never abandons His children. And He works all things for good "for those who are called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

In the weeks and months ahead, please continue to pray for all who have been impacted by these terrible storms. Help spread the word by sharing updates on the response. And prayerfully consider how you might take part in the recovery effort, which will take many months, by volunteering your time or offering your financial support.

Learn more at [lcms.org/hurricane-response](https://lcms.org/hurricane-response).

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison  
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



**ZION YOUTH GROUP IS  
HOSTING A  
BINGO NIGHT**

**Saturday, November 2nd  
6:30 p.m. doors open at 6**

**Location: Zion school gym**

**THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY  
EVENT, ANYONE CAN PLAY,  
EVEN KIDS!!!**

**CONCESSIONS CAN BE  
PURCHASED: CHEF SHOPPE  
POPCORN & THE CUP CUPCAKES**



**PRICE: FREE WILL OFFERING WILL  
BE COLLECTED AT THE DOOR**

**CONCESSIONS ~ SILENT AUCTION  
~ BINGO ~ 50/50 RAFFLE**

**MONEY RAISED WILL SUPPORT YOUTH  
ATTENDING THE NATIONAL YOUTH  
GATHERING THIS SUMMER**



# REFORMATION HYMN SING

Come celebrate the Reformation with Circuit 1 as we sing together as the Body of Christ, rejoicing in the work He has done in the past and continues to do!

Reformation Hymn Sing will be held at:  
Zion Lutheran Church  
311 South Elm; Staunton, IL 62088  
Rev. Chris Prumm to preach

Nov. 1 at 7:00 with dessert social to follow

SOLA FIDE · SOLA GRATIA · SOLA SCRIPTURA

# Lunch Menu

## October 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Entrée Alternate: Peanut Butter & Jelly	1 Salisbury Steak Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Green beans Peaches Milk V: Jennifer Davis	2 Chessy Chicken and Rice Broccoli Spice cake Milk V: Pam Hagarty	3 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Carrots Fruit Cocktail Milk V: Pam Hagarty	4 BBQ Pork Sandwich Hashbrown Casserole Corn Pudding Pie Milk V: Jamie Brunnworth
7 Corn Dog Chips Peas Applesauce Milk V: Jessica Wade	8 Chicken Tacos Refried Beans Corn Pineapple Milk V: Jayne Wells	9 Riblet Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Jello Milk V: Heather France	10 Pepperoni/Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Cookie Bar Milk V: Karen Brown	11 No School
14 No School	15 Chicken and Noodles Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Peaches Milk V: Heather France	16 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Fries Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk V: Jayne Wells	17 Breakfast Quesadillas Hashbrown Cinnamon Applesauce Milk V: Heather France	18 Ham & Cheese Sliders Tomato Soup Peas Blueberry Muffin Milk V: Jamie Brunnworth
21 Chicken Sandwich Italian Pasta Salad Broccoli Vanilla Pudding Milk V: Pam Hagarty	22 Beefaroni Cornbread Carrots Pears Milk V:	23 Biscuits and Gravy Sausage Hash Browns Blueberries & Peaches Milk V:Tamela Milkovich	24 Chicken and Cheese Crisпитos Fries Green Beans Chocolate Pudding Milk V:Tamela Milkovich	25 No School
28 Chicken Nuggets Hashbrown Casserole Corn Fruit Cocktail Milk V: Heather France	29 Cheeseburger Maccaroni Garlic Bread Green Beans Apple Crisp Milk V: Tamela Milkovich	30 Toasted Ravioli with Marinara Sauce Lettuce Salad Peaches Milk V:Tamela Milkovich	31 Mummy Dogs Sweet Potato Fries Cole Slaw Rice Krispie Treats Milk V:Missy Sievers	





