



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 17, 2024

Bible Verse of the Week:

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28

From the Desk of the Principal:

I hope this message finds you well! I wanted to let you know that tomorrow, Friday, we will be meeting in our Faith Families, and our topic will be "Respect." During our time together, students from preschool through 8th grade will explore what respect means, how they can show respect to themselves, others, God, and our school. We will discuss different ways to practice respect and reflect on how these actions make our Zion Family stronger. As parents, you play an important role in reinforcing these values at home. I encourage you to have conversations with your child about what they learned during Faith Families. You might ask them to share one way they can show respect to themselves, to their family, to their school, to their town, to God. You could also model respect by working together on a family activity, like helping a neighbor or making thank-you cards for community members (example to our Staunton's Volunteer Firefighters who served Zion this week by helping us with our fire drill). Small acts of respect and kindness can have a big impact, and seeing these values

practiced at home will help our children grow in their faith and character. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's faith journey. Together, we are building a strong foundation of respect and love.

In His Service,
Jamie Crouch
Zion Lutheran School
Principal

Announcements:

>The trustees have been busy around the church and school grounds with many projects. Currently, they are working on **repairs in Mrs. Crouch's 3rd floor classroom**. When renovations are done with the walls (sealing the brick and covering), they will need help with finishing the drop ceiling. Since Mrs. Crouch has moved to the Art Room while remodeling is ongoing, work on the drop ceilings can be done during the day, evenings, or weekends. If you are someone with these skills, please reach out to Craig Neuhaus or Jamie Crouch to coordinate the project.

>The daycare is looking for newer child friendly DVD's to use in the lower daycare with our before school program (6am-8am). We have a good collection of movies but they are older and have been watched often. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, please let Mrs. Kleckner know. pam.kleckner@zion-school.org

>Wednesday October 23rd and Thursday October 24th will be 2:00 dismissal due to parent teacher conferences.

>Friday, October 25-No School- Daycare Open Sack lunch and drink needed. Please sign up on the clipboard on the daycare desk if your child will be attending.

Thanksgiving Feast

Our annual Thanksgiving feast will be held on Friday, November 22.

We will need volunteers to help with desserts and serving, please contact Heather in the school office if you're able to volunteer.

We will be sending out a list with an item for each class to bring to help with the Thanksgiving meal. More information to come soon.

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.

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.

Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS
Sunday 10/20 "Joyful Noise"@ 10:30 service.

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

Thursday 10/24 1st-4th 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 at Zion 4pm-6pm

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

Happy Birthday!

Birthday blessings to all of our friends this week!

Adele Stiegemeier 10/17

Charlotte "Charley" Williams 10/21

Katie Meador 10/26

In our prayers this week

Adele Stiegemeier, "Charley" Williams, Katie Meador and Shaun Wells.

Lunch Bites

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. 18- Oct. 24

Fri. 10/18: Jamie Brunnworth

Mon. 10/21: Pam Hagarty

Tues. 10/22: Jessica Wade

Weds. 10/23: Tamela Milkovich

Thurs. 10/24: Tamela Milkovich

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" 3rd-8th grade

"Praise Him" 4yr PreK-2nd 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 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!

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 (6th-12th gr.)

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 3rd 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 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 will need a sports physical. 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 need these.

Girls Volleyball

Coaches: Mrs. Meador, Mrs. Mosser

Practices

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

Games:

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

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 8th Grade Night

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

Nov 1-Nov 3 State Tournament

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!

Dairy Queen Fundraiser Nights

1st Monday of Every Month

EL Indio

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

3rd Wed. of the month

Asian Bistro-(dates to be announced)

PTL Dates

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Charleston Wrap fundraiser! We are very appreciative of the support of our caring supporters. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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 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.

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!

Help Support Zion Lutheran School by purchasing a St Louis Cardinals
2025 Calendar!

They make AMAZING Christmas Gifts!

Featuring the Cardinals' regular season and spring training
schedules, making it the most practical, usable calendar for
Cardinals fans!

Combines all traditional holidays with important baseball-related
dates of note.

Cost: ONLY \$20 with a portion benefiting ZLS.

Orders are due by Tuesday, Nov 12th

THE OFFICIAL
St. Louis Cardinals
2025 CALENDAR

- Featuring the Cardinals' regular-season and spring-training schedules, making it the most practical, usable calendar for Cardinals fans!
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- Spotlighting top photos from the Cardinals' team photographers and classic images from the club's storied archives.
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- Only \$20!

SUPPORTING:

SELLER'S NAME:

Idiom Parade

Zion Student Council would like to sponsor an **Idiom Parade on Wednesday October 23 at 1:00 pm**. This is a great way to express your creativity and have fun learning about Idioms. Please allow your child to dress up like their favorite Idiom. We will have prizes and fun for all with our first **Zion Idiom Parade!**

What are Idioms in English? A set of words, or, to put it another way, a phrase, that has a meaning beyond the words' literal meanings are known as **idioms**.

It's raining cats and dogs" (which is used to describe a heavy downpour) is a very well-known English idiom (and Rowan's idiom of choice), and here are some other popular idioms you've probably heard:

- Snug as a bug in a rug
- Hold your horses
- Hit the sack
- Cold feet
- Hot head
- Break a leg
- Bite the bullet
- Cutting corners
- Time flies when you're having fun
- Under the weather
- You can say that again
- Spill the beans



Boys Volleyball 8th Grade Night

Thursday October 24th we will be celebrating the 8th grade Boys Volleyball Players. Come out and cheer on the Boys Volleyball team as they take on Liberty and Lincoln at home. LET'S GO PANTHERS!!!

Boys and Girls Volleyball are state bound!

Both our A team girls and boys volleyball teams have been selected to participate in the Lutheran Sports Association state tournaments. This event will be held in Springfield, IL on November 1-3. For planning purposes, please note that it is very likely that one or both teams will play during the day on November 1. Once we have the game schedule, Zion will host a pep rally for both teams, the exact time and date TBA.



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Zion Trunk or Treat

October 27th, 2024 - 4-6pm



Save The Date: On Sunday, October 27 from 4-6pm Zion will hold its annual Trunk or Treat on the backlot of the school. We will need both school and congregation members to enter decorated cars and pass out candy. Please contact Mrs. Kleckner if you are able to have a car in our event. If you are not able to have a car but would like to provide candy, please feel free to drop off wrapped candy or other small treats to either the church or school office.



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**

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**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



Zion's "Better Together" Sunday will be November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. Invitations have been mailed out and for the annual "Better Together" Sunday service and dinner.

This special event will be held at Zion Staunton. There will only be one worship service that weekend, followed by the "Better Together" Dinner and Program to be held in the Zion School Gym.

The focus this year will be on the many gifts of music that we enjoy at Zion. If you would like to participate as an instrumental or vocalist during the service and/or the dinner program, please contact Pastor Phil Girardin. Friends of Zion are also welcome to join us on this special day. **We are blessed, and we are Better when we are Together!!**





# Lunch Menu

## October 2024

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



