



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!

November 14, 2024

Bible Verse of the Week

*"The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.
Therefore my heart rejoices, and I praise
Him with my song." - Psalms 28:7*

Be Thankful

Research has shown that gratitude increases happiness and helps your stress resilience. Throughout November, our students will be learning about the importance of thankfulness in various aspects of their lives. What blessings do you have in your life? How do you show or express gratitude for the blessings that you have in your life?

This poem by an anonymous author is about seeing the benefits of challenges in your life and finding the silver lining.

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

Announcements:

Morning Gym Policy

It has come to my attention that some students are in the gym before and after school hours. As a reminder, Zion's policy is that students should arrive after 7:45 AM and leave before 3:00 PM.

There are only two exceptions to this policy:

- 1.) Children of staff members.
- 2.) Siblings of students who RIDE the MELHS bus. In both cases, I have already met with parents and students to discuss expectations, procedures, and the consequences of this privilege.

If your child does not meet these exceptions, please make appropriate arrangements to adhere to the policy.

In His Service,

Jamie Crouch
Zion Lutheran School
Principal

Due Tomorrow Friday 11/15.

Please send your family photo and Bible verse to cheryl.best@zion-school.org by November 15 so that the Student Council can create our Zion Wall for this year. We would love to have all the families of Zion represented!

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.

(Volunteers are needed at the school by 10am)

We are asking each class to bring an item to help make our Thanksgiving Feast.

- 4am Preschool- 2 cans of Corn
- Kindergarten- 2 Cans of Fruit
- First Grade- 2 Cans of Fruit
- Second Grade- Butter (Make Their Own. No supplies needed)
- Third and Fourth Grade- Ready to Eat Rolls
- Fifth Grade- Brownies
- Sixth Grade- Pumpkin Pie
- Seventh Grade- Chicken or Turkey Stove Top stuffing
- Eighth Grade- Chex Mix Ingredients

Monday, November 25-29 No School.

Thanksgiving Break. Daycare will be open on November 25-27 only. Daycare is closed on November 28 and 29th for Thanksgiving. A sign up sheet is on the front desk. Please be sure to sign up your child if you need care.



Zion Lutheran School will be presenting "Light a Candle" this unique children's

service involves the lighting of candles to represent the good news of God's love, shown for us in the gift of His son on that first Christmas. This program will include our pre-K4 through 8th grade students and will take place Sunday, December 15 at 1:30pm, in the church sanctuary.

Upcoming Picture Day:

Fall picture retakes for students and staff as well as fall sports and candid club pictures will be on Tuesday November 19th. Please make sure that your child's uniform is clean and that they bring it with them to school on this day.

Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS

November Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

- 11/15 Brodie Knoche
- 11/16 Wyatt Fraser
- 11/18 Bianka Garde
- 11/19 Owen Fraser
- 11/20 Ansley Alexander

In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Brodie Knoche, Wyatt Fraser, Bianka Garde, Owen Fraser and Ansley Alexander.
- Zion Elders, Church Council and Stewardship Board.
- Health and safety for all of Zions families, students and staff.

Lunch Bites

Ms. Tammy has added some new items to our lunch menu for the month of November. 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.

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 Nov 14- Nov.21:

Thurs. 11/14: Jessica Wade

Fri. 11/15: Pastor Phil

Mon. 11/18: Jennifer Davis

Tues. 11/19: Pastor Mark

Weds.11/20: Heather France

Thurs. 11/21: Heather Girardin

If you have an hour of free time, please consider volunteering to help serve lunch to our students and staff. Please sign up here if you are able to help:

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

Student Council



We will be having "face painting" for \$1.00 at all home games. This not only supports our teams but will also promote school spirit!

Again, Thank you for all your support. Our Student Council is really trying to make our school even better!

Mark your calendars: Choir Dates

"Joyful Noise" 3rd-8th grade

"Praise Him" 4yr PreK-2nd grade

- 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. 2nd Quarter offerings will be announced soon.

Youth group

God's Kids (3rd-5th grade)

Sunday, November 17: God's Kids will meet at The Glenwoods at 1:50pm. We will meet outside the weather permitting or just inside the building to talk briefly before playing card/board games with the residents. Please bring along a simple board or card game you like and would like to play with the residents. We are scheduled to play games with the residents from 2-3pm. I will also bring along a few options. Pick up will be at 3pm.

Please contact Pam Kleckner with any questions.

MS/HS YOUTH GROUP 6th-12th)

Sunday 11/24 - MS 3pm-5pm

HS 4pm-6pm

Glow Up to Support Zion Youth

Our Zion youth continue their efforts to raise money for their upcoming trips to the LCMS Youth Gathering, YouthLead, and the 8th grade retreat. We are hosting a Facebook Fundraiser with Mary Kay Independent Sales Director and DCE Faith Spelbring. Our youth will bring in 50% of every purchase made with our unique link:

<https://marykayapp.page.link/Hv4u>

(See the flyer below for more info.)

Sports/Activities Schedule

Sports Physical: 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



BASKETBALL

Girls

Coach: Ryan Henke

Practices:

Thurs. 11/14 2:55-4:55

Fri. 11/15 2:55-4:55

Mon. 11/18 2:55-4:55

Tues. 11/19 2:55-4:55

Weds. 11/20 2:55-4:55

Boys

Coaches: BJ Davis and Andrew Robertson

Practices:

Thurs. 11/14 5:00-7:00 A/B

Fri. 11/15 5:00-7:00 A/B

Tues. 11/19 3:00-5:00 Co-Ed D

Tues. 11/19 5:00-7:00 A/B

Weds. 11/20 5:00-7:00 A/B

Thurs. 11/12 3:00-5:00 Co-Ed D



Cheer

Coaches: Michaela Martintoni, Stephanie Diamond

Practices:

Thurs. 11/14 6:00-7:15

Tues. 11/19 6:00-7:15

Thurs. 11/21 6:00-7:15

PTL



Christmas Shoppe

"Each year Zion PTL hosts a Christmas Shoppe for our Zion students to shop for

presents for their loved ones. This year we will be hosting the event on Friday, December 13th.

We need Christmas Elves! Our elves assist students with their shopping or wrapping presents. If you can help for any time at all, please sign up at this link. Full shifts are not mandatory, any time you can volunteer is much appreciated. We may also need assistance with breakdown and inventory after the event."

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAAF2DA1FEC61-53197307-ptlchristmas>

School Apparel Shop

Your NEW 24/7 Zion Lutheran School Sideline Store is officially up and running. Stop reading and start shopping to score the latest fan wear and accessories. Get out there and cheer on your team. Go Zion Lutheran School!

Visit the Store Here:

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/illinois/staunton/zion-lutheran-school>

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)

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!



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Join the Facebook group that we created for this event, "Zion Staunton Youth MK Fundraiser." There, Faith will share skin care tips and makeup trends on our Facebook Group from Monday, 11/18 through Friday, 11/22. She will have a live demonstration of the latest age-fighting goodies Mary Kay has to offer on Thursday, 11/21 at 7pm. You'll also get to see awesome MK Christmas gifts available for this Christmas season. Consider shopping for your skin care, cosmetic, and gifting needs this coming week! You can participate there, or skip the Facebook fun and shop using the link above.

Here's how you can support this event:

1. Shop using our unique shopping link: <https://marykayapp.page.link/Hv4u>
2. Invite your friends to shops using this same link.
3. Invite your friends to join our Facebook group, "Zion Staunton Youth MK Fundraiser"

Remember, 50% of all sales, that is 100% of the profit, will go right to our youth fundraising efforts!

Why is this so important? Events like the LCMS Youth Gathering demonstrate to our students that they aren't alone in the world. They will learn beside and worship with tens of thousands of teens from all over the country and the world! They will be challenged in their faith, connect as a group, and watch what our powerful God does through His church! YouthLead is a training ground for youth who want to grow into leaders in God's kingdom, and specifically in our church! This event equips teens to be leaders of Bible studies, prayers, and people! Younger members of our youth who get to go on the 8th grade retreat will get away from regular life and find refreshment in God's Word and Christian company! Memories are made and faith grows through these events. Thank you for all the support you give to help our youth attend them!

Thanks
Kristi Cook
Kindergarten Teacher
Youth Leader
Staunton, IL

ENDURE

HEBREWS 12:1-3





The holidays are just around the corner. As you begin to do your holiday shopping consider purchasing gift cards through the RaiseRight program. There are 100's of gift cards to choose from. Your favorite stores, restaurants and entertainment spots including many local businesses such as Mayfields, Blackbird Bakery, Bills IGA, Cavataios and R&B's Family Restaurant are a part of this program to name a few. You can help Zion PTL raise money and receive money off of tuition all while using your gift 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.



Live Nativity

Free drive-thru nativity scene with live actors!

Advent Prayer Vigil

Church doors will be open!

Sunday December 1st 5:30pm-7:30pm



If you would like to volunteer for one of the two shifts (5:30-6:30pm or 6:30-7:30pm), please contact Barb Brackman (618-315-3589) or any member of the Board of Parish Education

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Cold and flu season is upon us! As the weather changes and family and friends gather for the holidays it is not uncommon to see an increase in common illnesses among students. Here are a few tips to remember.

Colds are the most contagious during the first 48 hours. To prevent widespread flu in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or cold symptoms

Consider keeping your child at home for:

- Very stuffy or runny nose and/or cough
- Mild sore throat (no fever, no known exposure to strep)
- Headache
- Stomachache

Keep your child at home if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees and your child may return to school only after his or her temperature has been consistently below 100 degrees, by mouth without medication, for a minimum of 24 hours)
- Vomiting (even once)
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough.

To help prevent the flu and other colds, teach your children good hygiene habits:

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Use hand sanitizer when available.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a tissue, throw it away and then wash hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Do not share drinks or food.
- Do not share combs, brushes, hats, scarves, bandanas, ribbons, barrettes, hair ties or other personal care items.

Please make sure that your student(s) comes to school with the appropriate clothing. As it gets cooler consider dressing your child in layers, closed toe shoes, no sandals, hats or earmuffs, gloves, scarf and a heavy jacket as the temperature begins to drop.

Trinity-St. Paul Walther League would like to invite all 7th-12th grade youth to a fun fellowship event. Please join our youth for the Ugly Sweater English Country dance and light meal. A caller has been hired for the dance. He walks youth through the steps. So, it's perfect for beginners and seasoned dancers. Youth should dress modestly and comfortably.

When: Sunday, December 8th

Where: Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall 512 Main St., Worden, IL

Time: 3-7pm Cost: \$5 per attendee

-Peace IN Christ, Eliza Askins Walther League Parent

UGLY SWEATER PARTY



November 2024

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ENTRÉE ALTERNATE: Peanut Butter & Jelly				1 "Chefs Choice" Caramel Apple Salad Milk V: Karen Brown
4 Breaded Pork Sandwich Fries Peas Applesauce Milk V: James Blessman	5 Taco Rice Mexican Corn Oreo Brownies Milk V: Pam Hagarty	6 Beanie Weenies Tater Tots Mixed Veggies Applesauce Milk V: Heather France	7 Pulled Pork Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green beans Fruit Cocktail Milk V:	8 Pizza Pasta Garlic Breadstick Lettuce Salad Chocolate Pudding Milk V: Heather France
11 NO SCHOOL 	12 Chicken Nuggets Corn Curls Carrott Sticks Pineapple Milk V: Pam Hagarty	13 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Fries Carrots Cupcake Milk V:	14 Fish Sticks Mac & Cheese Corn Jello Milk V	15 Baked Pancakes Sausage Hashbrown Pears Milk V: Pastor Phil
18 Mini Corn Dogs Sweet Potato Fries Green beans Cinnamon Applesauce Milk V:	19 Egg and Cheese Biscuit Sausage Hash Browns Peaches Milk V: Pastor Mark	20 BBQ Chicken and Bacon Sandwich Salad Pineapple Milk V: Heather France	21 Sweet and Sour Meatballs Stir Fry Veggies Rice Mandarin Oranges Milk V: Heather Girardin	22 THANKSGIVING <u>FEAST</u> w/ALL the FIXINS
25 NO SCHOOL 	26 NO SCHOOL 	27 NO SCHOOL 	28 NO SCHOOL 	29 NO SCHOOL 

