



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!

January 16, 2025

Bible Verse of the Week

“For God so loved the world,^[a] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”-John 3:16

Announcements:

Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS

Sunday 01/18: New Member/Adult

Confirmation Class 9:30

Sunday 01/18: MS/HS Youth Group Winter Jam

Monday 01/20: No School Martin Luther King JR Day

Wednesday 01/22: PreK-2nd “Winter Wonderland” Family Night 6:00

Sunday 01/26: “Praise Him” Sings at 8:00

January Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

Elizabeth Schoen 1/16

In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Elizabeth!
- Those affected by the California Wildfires.

Choir Performance Schedule Update

The “Praise Him” choir will be singing Sunday, January 26th at the 8:00 service and not the 10:30 service as was previously posted. Due to the Zion sausage supper and so not to have the choirs singing back to back there has been a change in dates. “Joyful Noise” choir will sing Sunday, February 9th at 10:30 and not Sunday,

February 2nd as previously shared. Thank you for understanding.

ZECEC Families:

Zion Early Childhood Education Center is proud to provide our community with quality childcare for both preschool and school age children. As the Illinois minimum wage has increased over the last few years and is now at \$15 per hour and the state has instituted mandatory Paid Time Off (we are paying the employee for their time off and a substitute to do the job), the overall cost to operate our program has increased exponentially. Therefore, the school board of Zion has made the tough decision to increase our rates in order to sustain our program for the future.

Beginning on Monday, February 3, 2025, our rates will increase as follows:

Full time daycare- \$150 per week (increase of \$2 per day or \$10 per week) This option does still include lunch and preschool.

Part time daycare- Under 4 hours \$18 (\$1 per day increase), Over 4 hours \$36 (\$2 per day increase) This option does not include lunch or preschool.

Extended Care- Before OR After only \$12 (increase of \$2)

Both Before and After \$14 (increase of \$2)

Extended care rates on days off revert to the daycare rates. Early out days would be \$18 per day (\$1 per day increase)

School age care for No School Days (holidays, snow day, etc.)

\$36 over 4 hours of care (\$2 per day increase)

\$18 under 4 hours of care (\$1 per day increase)

Thank you,

Mrs. Kleckner-ZECEC Director

Zion Lutheran School Board

Tax Documents

Ms. Heather and Mrs. Kleckner are currently working on completing the tax documents for educational expenses and getting them to Zion families. Please be patient as we work on complete the forms. They will be available no later than **January 31st**. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

New Member/Adult Confirmation Class

The life of faith at Zion Lutheran Church and School is the most significant aspect of who we are. It informs everything about us. Our identity, firmly set in Jesus Christ, becomes the driving force of everything we do and teach. Yet there is more. How do we understand who Jesus is? Is Jesus still present today? How do we know what is right, and what is wrong? These are real life questions that all of us struggle with.

Zion is starting a new members class on January 12th at 9:30, and you're invited. Don't get scared- you don't have to join, but this class will give you the unique opportunity to hear what it is that we are teaching your students that are given into our care. It will also give you the opportunity to join us as we confess our faith in Jesus Christ and walk together. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Phil at pastorphil@zion-

school.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date: Zion Sausage Supper

"Zion Ladies Aid and Men's Club will be hosting the 66th Annual Sausage Supper on Sunday February 2nd, beginning at 11:00 a.m. till 5:00 pm. The dinner will again be drive thru only.

Lunch Bites

During the month of January Ms. Tammy will be having "sample" days to allow the students to try new items to see if they should be added as full entre or sides in the months to come.

January Menu Changes:

Thursday January 30: Instead of "chefs' choice "lunch will be chicken and cheese enchiladas, corn pudding, lettuce salad, and churro bites.

Friday January 31: Lunch will be chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, vanilla pudding and milk.

Lunch Volunteers for the week of Jan.16- Jan.23:

Thurs. 01/16: Vicki Bono

Fri. 01/17: Jennifer Davis

Mon. 01/20: No School

Tues. 01/21: Pam Hagarty

Weds.01/22: Shelly Manning

Thurs. 01/23: Jennifer Davis

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

Snowman Contest Announcement

(...to the tune of "Do you want to build a snowman?")



*Do you want to
build a snowman?
It is not that hard
at all...come on I
challenge you, to
grab some glue, a
tube or a cotton*

*ball...Just grab a friend or two, and
let your imagination go...*

*Do you want to build a snowman?
I can't wait to see your snowman...*

Ok, Let's go!!!

Challenge: Build your most imaginative snowman using any materials you have at home! Think outside the box—paper, socks, cotton, recyclables, or even snacks! Let your creativity shine.

Prizes: The most creative, funniest, and most original snowmen will win awesome prizes!

**Winners will be announced on Monday
January 27.**

So, let it snow—in your own unique way—and show us your best snowman!

We can't wait to see what you create! Let's get building!

~ Your Student Council

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 donated to Lutheran Disaster Response

Mark your calendars: Choir Dates

"Joyful Noise" 3rd-8th grade

"Praise Him" 4yr PreK-2nd grade

- January 26th, "Praise Him" 8:00
- February 9nd, "Joyful Noise" 10:30
- March 2nd "Praise Him" 10:30
- March 23rd "Joyful Noise" 8:00

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!

Youth group MS/HS

January 18: Winter Jam at Enterprise Center
(more details to follow!!)



January 26: Middle school 3-5 p.m./High school 4-6 p.m. (Gathering Bible study 2)

God's Kids (3rd-5th youth group)

Sunday, January 26 from 1-3pm. You do not need to bring anything. A snack and drink will be provided during our meeting.

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 and
Tim Seelbach

Practices:

TBD

Games:

Thurs. 01/16 @ St. Paul, Hamel
C/A 5:00/6:00

Mon. 01/20 @ Trinity, Springfield
C 12:00

Thurs. 01/23 Home vs. Our Savior Springfield
C/A 6:00/7:00

Boys

Coach: BJ Davis, Andrew Robertson

Practices:

Tues 01/21: 3:00-5:00

Weds 01/22: 3:00-5:00

Mon 01/27: 3:00-5:00

Games:

Thurs. 01/16 @ St. Paul, Hamel A 7:00

Sat.01/18-Sun.01/19@ Our Savior's
Springfield A TBA

Mon. 01/20@ Trinity, Springfield
B/A 1:00/2:00

Co-Ed

Practices:

Fri.01/17:3:00-4:30 Canceled

Games:

Tues. 01/21@Zion, Litchfield
3rd-4th/5th-6th 6:00/7:00



Cheerleading

Practices:

TBD

School Apparel Shop Your NEW 24/7
Zion Lutheran School Sideline Store is officially
up and running. 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!

NOTHING bundt CAKES®

The youth group will be selling Nothing Bundt Cakes January 12 - 26 to raise money for the Youth Gathering. We will be selling white chocolate raspberry, chocolate chocolate chip, confetti, lemon, red velvet, snickerdoodle, gluten free chocolate chip for \$6 each. You can place orders through any youth member or place an order in the church or school office.

Thank you in advance for supporting our youth!

Bundt cakes will be available for pickup on Saturday, February 8.



66th Annual Country

SAUSAGE SUPPER

Sponsored by ZION MEN'S CLUB and LADIES' AID

**Sunday, FEB 2, 2025
11:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.**

**ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL
220 W. Henry St., Staunton IL**

**FULL MEAL CARRYOUTS -DRIVE THRU ONLY
ALL CARRY OUTS - \$14.00**

MEAT SALES

**ZION SCHOOL (Downstairs At Concession Stand)
JAN 30 & JAN 31: 9 AM - 5 PM AND FEB 1: 9 AM - 1 PM**

**FRESH AND FRIED PORK SAUSAGE, BLOOD AND
LIVER SAUSAGE, AND SUMMER SAUSAGE**

**COME WORSHIP WITH US.
SAT. - 5:00 p.m. or SUN. - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**



Zion Youth Group Presents

 **Trivia Night** 

Tables of 8-10 \$15 per person
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**When:** Friday, Feb 21  
Doors open @ 6pm,  
starts @ 7pm

**Where:**  
Staunton  
Country Club

**50/50 RAFFLE- SILENT AUCTION**

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS! WATER AND SODA WILL  
BE PROVIDED (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST) ALL OTHER  
BEVERAGES MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE  
COUNTRY CLUB.

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RESERVE A TABLE BY CONTACTING KRISTI AT

Kristi.Cook@zion-school.org or 618-972-5239
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PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS SENDING 15 YOUTH  
TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW  
ORLEANS THIS SUMMER





## JANUARY 2025

| Monday                                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                                                                         | Thursday                                                                                                      | Friday                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>ENTRÉE</b><br><b>ALTERNATE:</b><br><b>Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly</b>                                 | 7<br>No School:<br>SNOW DAY!!<br> | 8<br>Breaded Pork Sandwich<br>French Fries<br>Pork and Beans<br>Pears<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Gary Hagarty</b>                       | 8<br>Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce<br>Garlic Bread<br>Corn<br>Jello<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Gary Hagarty</b>            | 10<br>No School:<br>SNOW DAY!!<br>          |
| 13<br>Pizza<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Peaches<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: James Blessman</b>                        | 14<br>Corn Dogs<br>Fries<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Chocolate Pudding<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Pam Hagarty</b>             | 15<br>Biscuit & Gravy<br>Bacon<br>Tater Tots<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Heather France</b>                          | 16<br>BBQ Pork Sandwich<br>Sweet Potato Fries<br>Green Beans<br>Applesauce<br>Milk<br><br><b>V:</b>           | 17<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Buttered Noodles<br>Peas<br>Fruit Cocktail<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Jennifer Davis</b>                    |
| 20<br>NO SCHOOL<br> | 21<br>Tacos<br>Refried Beans<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Peaches<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Pam Hagarty</b>                      | 22<br>Hamburger or Cheeseburger<br>Potato Wedges<br>Carrots<br>Pineapple Upside Down Cake<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Shelly Manning</b> | 23<br>Toasted Ravioli/Marinara<br>Cut Up Vegetables<br>Apples<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Jennifer Davis</b>         | 24<br>Sausage Mc-Griddle<br>Hash brown Patty<br>Cottage Cheese<br>Peaches and Blueberries<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Pastor Phil</b> |
| 27<br>Hot Dog<br>Macaroni and Cheese<br>Broccoli<br>Fruit Cocktail<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Dave Wells</b> | 28<br>Chicken Parmesan<br>Bread Stick<br>Side Salad<br>Brownie<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Nicki Blessman</b>             | 29<br>Meatloaf<br>Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy<br>Green Beans<br>Cinnamon Apples<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Heather France</b>               | 30<br>Chicken and Cheese Enchiladas<br>Corn Pudding<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Churro Bites<br>Milk<br><br><b>V:</b> | 31<br>Chicken Noodle Soup w/Crackers<br>Grilled Cheese<br>Sandwich<br>Vanilla Pudding<br>Milk<br><br><b>V:</b>                 |



