



# 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!*

**March 27, 2025**

### Bible Verse of the Week

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". -Philippians 4:13

### From the Desk of the Principal:

#### Share Your Zion Story!

Zion Lutheran School has been shaping young hearts and minds for generations, and we know many of our church members—whether alumni, parents of alumni, or longtime supporters—have powerful stories to tell. As we update our marketing materials and website, we need your help!

The best way for Zion to grow is through word-of-mouth, and your testimony could be the reason a new family chooses to become part of our Zion Family. If Zion Lutheran School or Early Childhood Center has made a difference in your life or your child's life, we would love to hear your story!

We are also creating staff appreciation sections and would love to include kind words and meaningful stories about our incredible teachers and staff. If a staff member made an impact on your child's faith, education, or personal growth, we'd love to highlight their dedication!

Please use the link below to share your testimonials and staff stories, or email them to [office@zion-school.org](mailto:office@zion-school.org). You can fill out as much or as little of the survey as you'd like—every story helps!

Thank you for being part of Zion's legacy and helping us share the joy and mission of our school!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd-eMG4aP3Jt5bSVQ2PI9mXUQ3-45jp-BglqiM9WmrGsOmXg/viewform?usp=sharing>

### Announcements:

### Important Upcoming Dates:

#### NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS

**Monday 03/31:** Student registration Forms Due to receive early registration fee discount.

**Wednesday 04/02:** Lenten Services 3:30 and 7:00

**Thursday 04/03:** New Student Registration

**Saturday 04/05:** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance dance

**Sunday 04/06:** PTL meeting 12:00

**Tuesday 04/08:** Picture Day

**Saturday 04/12:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Examination 5pm

**Sunday 04/13:** Confirmation Sunday 10am

**Monday 14-Monday 04/21:** Easter Break

**Tuesday 04/22:** School Resumes

#### This Weeks Birthdays:

Evelyn Heltsley

#### In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Evelyn



#### End of the Year Dates:

**May 7:** Family Fun Night

**May 13:** Prek-4 & Kindergarten Graduation

**May 20:** Field Day (Morning)

**May 20:** AR End of the Year Prizes (Afternoon)

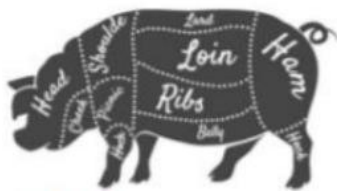
**May 20:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

**May 21:** Last Day of School

**Student Registration Open Enrollment:**

The deadline to receive the early registration fee discount is Monday 3/31.

Registration forms can be sent back at any time. Please return your registration forms ASAP even if you are not able to pay the registration fee at this time so that we can begin planning 25'-26' school year.



**PTL Hog Raffle-**

Details are as follows:

- 2 winners will receive ½ a

hog processed by Korte Meats.

- Cost: 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20
- Drawing will be Wednesday, May 7th @ 7pm
- Winner need not be present to win.
- Proceeds directly benefit the students at Zion Lutheran School.

Get those tickets sold and turned in as soon as possible so we can see what prize milestones we have hit! We are off to a great start. Remember If you need more tickets to contact Ms. Heather in the school office. If you will not be able to sell the tickets that you have, please return them to the office so that we know how many we have available to sell.



May 7th will be Family Fun Night here at Zion. We are looking for big trucks, vehicles, classic cars and

hotrods, farming equipment, construction vehicles, emergency service vehicles and more for our "touch a truck" event, If you have a vehicle that you would like to bring over to family night or

the company that you work for would like to have a vehicle participate (free advertising) please email me at [heather.girardin@zion-school.org](mailto:heather.girardin@zion-school.org)



**Save the Date**

The ZLS sports banquet will be held on Monday May 12<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.



**Spring Picture Day**

Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> will be Spring candid and sports photos. Forms will be sent home on Friday 3/28.

**Middle School 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Dance**

We are still looking for parent volunteers who are interested in helping with planning, chaperoning, or contributing funds for snacks, drinks, prizes, etc. We need a few more men to help chaperone the event. We are also looking for someone to take pictures of the students at the dance. If you would like to help with that let us know.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EAC\\_A929A6F5CF8-55628649-2ndchance#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EAC_A929A6F5CF8-55628649-2ndchance#/)

**Lunch Bites:**

During Lent there will be a fish or non- meat alternative available on Fridays beginning 03/07. Please have your student let their teacher know when ordering lunch if they would like fish on Fridays during Lent.

**Lunch Volunteers for the week of March 27- April 02.**

**Thurs. 03/27:** Pam Hagarty

**Fri. 03/28:** Gary Hagarty

**Mon. 03/31:** Jayne Wells

**Tues. 04/01:** Pam Hagarty

**Weds. 04/02:** Ashley Sanks

**Thurs. 04/03**

**Friday 04/04**

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>

## 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.

## 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

- April 6<sup>th</sup> "Praise Him" 10:30
- April 27<sup>th</sup> "Joyful Noise" 10:30

## 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 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!

## Youth Group MS/HS

Looking ahead...

**Sunday, May 4: Mandatory** meeting for youth and parents of gathering participants 5 p.m.

**June 17-19:** Middle school youth retreat

## Sports/Activities Schedule

**Sports Physical:** 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.



### Zion Panther Track March Practices

**Thursday 3/27** @ SHS  
4:00-5:30

**Monday 3/31** @ SHS  
3:15-5:00

### Track Meets

**Saturday, April 5** - Nashville Invitational @ Nashville Community High School

**Saturday, April 12** - Belleville Invitational @ Belleville East

**Saturday, April 26** - Good Shepherd Invitational @ Collinsville High School

**Wednesday, April 30** - Conference Relays @ Civic Memorial High School

**Saturday, May 3** - Conference Track Meet @ Belleville East

**Tuesday, May 6** - Staunton Jr. High Meet @ Staunton High School

**Saturday, May 10** - District Track Meet @ Belleville East

**Sat/Sun May 17-18** - STATE Meet for those who qualify @ Concordia, River Forest



### Zion Panther Scholar Bowl Match Dates:

• **Thursday, March 20** at Zion Bethalto

○ 4:30 pm vs. Zion Bethalto

○ 5:30 pm vs. Trinity "A"

• **Thursday, March 27** at St.

**Paul, Hamel**

○ 4:30 pm vs. Trinity "B"

• **Tuesday, April 1** at Zion Staunton

○ 4:30 pm vs. Holy Cross Collinsville

○ 5:30 pm vs. St. Paul

• **Saturday, April 5** at Holy Cross Collinsville Conference Tournament (starts at 9:00 am, last match ends by 11:30 am)



The scholar bowl team had their debut match Thursday 3/20 and they won over Zion Bethalto and Trinity Edwardsville "A" team. Great way to start the season, Panthers!

**PTL:**

**The Next PTL Meeting will be Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the school.**

**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**

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](https://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!**

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

March 5th - Ash Wednesday Jesus in the Garden	March 19 Jesus Judged		March 30 Simon of Cyrene	April 17 Jesus Speaks to Mary and John
March 9 Jesus Betrayed	March 23 Jesus Scourged and Crowned.		April 2 Jesus and the Women	April 18 Jesus Dies
March 12 Jesus Condemned	March 26 Jesus Bears the Cross		April 6 Jesus Crucified	April 18 Jesus placed in the Tomb
March 16 Jesus Denied			April 13 Jesus and the Thief	

**March 5, 2025 - April 18, 2025**

## 8th "Grad" Star of the Week



My name is Chase Isiah Martintoni. My parents are Stephanie Sweeney and Michael Martintoni. I love to play basketball, go to the gym, hang out with my friends and chill while listening to music and eating. I plan to attend Staunton High School in the fall. My favorite memory at Zion is playing football outside with my friends. I will miss the connection everyone has here at Zion. Zion School is something special.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".-Philippians 4:13



family

# FUN NIGHT

AT ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH**

**6:00-8:00**

Bring the whole family for a night filled with laughter, and unforgettable memories.

### *Event Highlights*

**TOUCH A TRUCK, DUNK TANK  
GAMES & ACTIVITIES  
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS  
FACE PAINTING, CHUCK A DUCK AND  
MORE!**

Invite A friend that is not a student at ZLS and be entered into a drawing for a gift card!



# March 2025



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> Chicken Nachos Lettuce Salad Corn Pears Milk	<b>4</b> Ham Steaks Ham & Beans Carrots Cornbread Muffin Applesauce Milk	<b>5</b> Chicken Nuggets French Fries Green Beans Apple Slices Milk  <i>Edisons Trip Prek4-8th</i>	<b>6</b> Beef & Noodles Bread & Butter Peas Peaches Jello Milk	<b>7</b> Grilled Cheese Veggie Sticks Mandarin Oranges Cookie Milk <i>Special Friends Day: Early Dismissal</i>
<b>10</b> Chicken Patty sandwich Sun Chips Carrots Apples Milk	<b>11</b> Pizza Garlic Green Beans Pears Milk	<b>12</b> Macaroni & Cheese W/Smoked Sausage Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Milk	<b>13</b> Loaded Tater-Tots Bowl Sweet Peppers Peaches Milk	<b>14</b> Chicken Crisпитos Mexican Rice Lettuce Salad Pineapple Leprechaun Treat Milk
<b>17</b> Popcorn Chicken Bowl Dinner Roll Corn Apple Sauce Milk	<b>18</b> Toasted Ravioli W/Marinera Sauce Side Salad Cheese Stick Pears Milk	<b>19</b> Pulled Pork Baked Potato Broccoli Pineapple Milk	<b>20</b> Riblet Sandwich Potato Wedges Green Beans Peaches Pudding Milk	<b>21</b> Egg & Cheese Omelet Sausage Patty Sweet Potato Fries Fruit W/Yogurt Milk
<b>24</b> Breaded Pork Sandwich Buttered Garlic Noodles Corn Fruit Cocktail Milk	<b>25</b> Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce Breadstick Carrots Pears Pudding Milk	<b>26</b> Hamburger/ Cheeseburger Tater Tots Cut-Up Veggies Mandarin Oranges Milk	<b>27</b> Tacos Lettuce Cucumber Salad Pineapple Milk	<b>28</b> Chef Salad Breadstick Cottage Cheese Peaches Milk
<b>31</b> Mini Corn Dog Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Cheese Stick Apple Slices Milk	<b>ENTRÉE ALTERNATE:</b> Peanut Butter & Jelly with a Mozzarella Cheese Stick	Ash Wednesday as well as Fridays During Lent a Fish or Meat Free Entrée will be available.		

# APRIL 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Carrots Pears Milk	<b>2</b> BBQ Pork Sandwich Sweetpotato Fries Corn Peaches Milk	<b>3</b> Chicken Parm w/spaghetti Green Beans Mixed fruit Milk	<b>4</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Cinnamon Apples Milk
<b>7</b> Sweet & Sour Meatballs Rice Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Milk	<b>8</b> Chicken Enchiladas Corn Pudding Lettuce Salad Pineapple Milk	<b>9</b> Chicken Strips w/ Country Gravy Fries Corn Sliced Apples Milk	<b>10 Easter Dinner:</b> Baked Ham Steak Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Green Beans Apple Crisp Roll Milk	<b>11</b> Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Peaches Milk
<b>14</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Easter Break</b>	<b>15</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Easter Break</b>	<b>16</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Easter Break</b>	<b>17</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Easter Break</b>	<b>18</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Easter Break</b>
<b>21</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Easter Break</b>	<b>22</b> Smoked Sausage Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Banana Pudding Milk	<b>23</b> Chicken & Bacon Wraps Cut Up Vegetables Peaches Milk	<b>24</b> Loaded Breakfast Bowl (Sausage, Tater Tots, Eggs, Country Gravy) Sweet Peppers Apple sauce Milk	<b>25</b> Hot Dogs Macaroni & Cheese Peas Pears Milk
<b>28</b> Tamale Pie Lettuce salad Cut up vegetables Pineapple Milk	<b>29</b> Chicken and Noodles French Bread Corn Apple Slices Milk	<b>30</b> Sausage Egg & Cheese Biscuit Hashbrowns Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>ENTRÉE</b> <b>ALTERNATE:</b> <b>Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly</b>	

