



Zion Lutheran School Panther Paws

November 30, 2018

Real. Present. God. Psalm 46:1

Edition #15

"The mission of Zion Lutheran School is to prepare today's young learners to be tomorrow's Christian leaders."

Calendar

12-1 Snack with Santa
Boys BB Tourney in Litchfield
12-3 5-9pm Dairy Queen Night
Boys BB 3:00 – 5:00
Girls BB 5:00 – 7:00
12-4 Girls BB 5:00 – 7:00
12-5 Advent 1:00 & 7:00
Boys BB 3:00 – 5:00
Girls BB 5:00 – 6:30
12-6 BB at Litchfield
Girls A 6:30; Boys A 7:30
12-7 **12:15 Early Dismissal**

Worship Opportunities

Saturdays – 5:00 pm
Sundays – 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday School & Bible
Study – 9:15 am
Wednesdays – 8:30 am
Weekly Chapel Service

Contact Information

School: 635-3060 ext.01
Daycare: 635-2446 ext. 02
Church: 635-2880
Email: office@zion-school.org
www.zion-luth.org

Red Cross Blood Drive

Zion will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive in our gym on Monday, December 17, from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. To schedule an appointment please visit the website: www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: StauntonComm. You may also call 1-800-REDCROSS or download the Blood Donor App to your smart phone. The ARC also uses RapidPass, which allows donors to save time the day of the drive. Please visit their website for more details. If you have any questions, please call the school office, 635-3060 ext. 01.



American Red Cross

Joyful Noise Choir Updates - NOT singing!

The Joyful Noise Choir will **NOT** sing tonight at the Christmas Holiday Walk on Main Street. Due to the basketball tournament in Litchfield and other events, we will not have enough students there to participate. The Joyful Noise Choir also will **NOT** sing this Sunday, Dec. 2, during the 10:30 worship service as was originally scheduled. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Christmas Cookie Sale Pickup

Please remember to pick-up your Christmas cookie orders on Saturday, December 1, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm in the school kitchen. Any questions, you may call Mrs. Mosser at 618-363-5700.

Zion Apparel Orders - Creative Flair



The Zion apparel online store is open once again! The website is through Creative Flair in Litchfield. Here is the link to our school's very own website:

www.creativeflaironline.com/zion

T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, polos, jackets, and hats are all available! Orders may be placed from now through Dec. 9 for a Dec. 19-20 pickup – just in time for Christmas!

Early Dismissal next Friday

School will dismiss at 12:15 pm next Friday, December 7. Please let daycare know if your child plans to attend that afternoon.

Happy Birthday!

Mrs. Kleckner 12-2
Mrs. Weindel 12-2
Mrs. Brackman 12-4
Avery Brunsworth 12-5 K
Knox Lenihan 12-5 PreK

Chapel Offering

2nd quarter Chapel offerings will be going to support Lutheran missionary, Ben Vanderhyde, in Sri Lanka. 2nd quarter total: \$192.55.

We are Praying For You

Every morning, before school, the staff meets for devotions. At that time they pray for various students, staff and concerns. This week we will be praying for: *Avery Brunsworth, Knox Lenihan, Mrs. Kleckner, Mrs. Weindel, and Mrs. Brackman*

Lunch Menu Dec. 3-7

Mon: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Green Beans, Vanilla Pudding, and Milk

Tues: Chef Salad, Crackers, Mandarin Oranges, and Milk

Wed: French Toast, Sausage Patty, Applesauce, and Milk

Thurs: Chicken Noodle Soup, Breaded Mozzarella Sticks, Crackers, Peaches, and Milk

Fri: Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Grapes, and Milk

*Whole wheat bread is available each day as well.

Midterms

Midterm reports are being sent home today with 1st – 8th grade students. Please watch for these to come home. Remember, you can always check your students' grades on RenWeb.

Christmas Program Information



Zion Lutheran School will be presenting two different Children's Christmas Programs on Sunday, December 16. The Praise Him Choir (4 year old Preschool – 3rd grade) will present their Christmas program at 2:30 pm. The Joyful Noise Choir (4th – 8th grade) will present their Christmas program at 4:00 pm. Both programs will be held in the church sanctuary. The Praise Him Choir will present their program for a second time on Friday, December 21, at 9:00 am and the Joyful Noise Choir will present their program for a second time at approx. 9:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Snack with Santa

The Staunton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Snack with Santa on Saturday, December 1, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Zion gym. Admission is free and includes a visit with Santa, a huge inflatable slide, the Children's Gift Shoppe, face painting, and cookies!

Gift Shoppe Payments

Payments for the Children's Gift Shoppe should be made payable to Zion PTL and should be turned in at the Gift Shoppe through Saturday at 2:00 pm. Remaining payments should be sent to the school office no later than Monday, Dec. 3.

Daycare Holiday Closings

ZECEC will be closed Dec. 24 & 25 for Christmas and Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday. Daycare will be open their normal hours all other days. Please remember that your child will need a sack lunch from Dec. 26 – Jan. 4. Please sign up at the daycare desk for the days your child will be there.

Kids Café Christmas Gifts Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who donated money and/or items for the Kids Café Christmas gifts. The teachers will be able to purchase new clothes, shoes, toys, and personal items for all of the children we adopted. The teachers all thank you so much for your generosity!

Sunday School Bible Study

Please see the attached flyer about the Bible Study beginning this Sunday, Dec. 2nd, and continuing the 9th and 16th during the 9:15 Sunday School hour. The title of the study is: **Working For the Man Upstairs - Your Job... Your Calling... Your Life!** Join us in the school gym for this uplifting Bible study each week.

Looking Ahead...

Christmas Programs – Dec. 16
Blood Drive – Dec. 17
PTL Trivia Night – Jan. 19

PTL Meetings

All meetings are held at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Babysitting is provided by Zion 8th graders. A \$25 gift card is given as an attendance prize at each meeting!

Upcoming Meetings:

January 20

March 17

May 19

Dec. Monthly Calendar

Dec. 7 – 12:15 Dismissal

Dec. 21 – 1:45 Dismissal

Dec. 24 – Jan. 4 - No School

Praise Him Choir Singing Schedule (PK 4 - 3rd grade)

Dec. 16 – 2:30 pm
(Christmas Program)

Dec. 21 – 9:00 am
(Christmas Program encore)

Feb. 24 – 10:30 am

Apr. 7 – 10:30 am

Joyful Noise Choir Singing Schedule (4th - 8th grade)

Dec. 16 – 4:00 pm
(Christmas Program)

December 21 – 9:30 am
(Christmas Program encore)

Dairy Queen Fundraiser Nights

1st Monday of Every Month
Flyers are available on the school website or Facebook page.

Zion Special Worship Services

Wed., Dec. 5 – Advent Worship Service 1:00 and 7:00 pm

Wed., Dec. 12 – Advent Worship Service 1:00 and 7:00 pm

Wed., Dec. 19 – Advent Worship Service 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Sun., Dec. 23 – Christmas Service of Carols & Readings 10:00 am

Mon., Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship 6:00 and 11:00 pm

Tues., Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Worship 10:00 am

Mon., Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Worship 7:00 pm

Zion Live Nativity Invite

Zion will be hosting a Live Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 5:30-7:30. The Live Nativity will face the school along Henry Street. Please join us as we celebrate the holiday season. Characters will reenact the stable scene and angels will sing carols.

Zion Lutheran Church Live Nativity Volunteers

Thank you all for volunteering to be part of Zion's Live Nativity this year. Here is the schedule for the Live Nativity. Please be there 15 minutes before your shift if you are a character so that you have time to dress. Meet in the Parish Center basement. Dress accordingly depending on the weather!

5:30-6:30 shift

Mary w/child: Kim Meyer

Joseph at the Inn: Allen Meyer

Innkeeper: Rich Henry

Mary sitting: Mariya Bartony

Joseph: Quenton Bartony

King I: Joe Haenel

King II: Jacob Futrell

King III: Seth Kleckner

Shepherd: Drayvin Bartony

Shepherd: McLean Bartony

Angels: Anna Mosser, Abigail Mosser, Kendall Meyer, Grace Pfeiffer, Lauren

Mathis and Kaylee Seelbach

Shepherds: Kolbe Pfeiffer, Ryan Kleckner, Jace Sharp, and Ethan Sharp

Carolers: Mary Ann Mitteis, Pam Kleckner, Karen Fjardo, Glenn Fjardo,

Allan Haenel, Deanna Taylor, Rachel Mosser

Help dress: Krissy Pfeiffer, Janet Crouch

6:30-7:30

Mary w/child: Susan Cisler

Joseph at the Inn: Dave Cisler

Innkeeper: Danny Mosser

Mary sitting: Carol Bond

Joseph: Brian Bond

King I: Matthew Cisler

King II: Andrew Cisler

King III: Joseph Cisler

Shepherd: Brady Seelbach

Shepherd: Jake Wineburner

Angels: Adrienne Meade, Katelyn Meade, Lexi Carlen, Sarah Lesko, Kate

Wineburner, Sophie Bond, Stephanie Martintoni, Michaela Martintoni

Shepherds: Ryan Kleckner, Kolbi Carlen, Chase Martintoni

Carolers: Pam Kleckner, Christopher Secoy, Leslie Ann Lesko, Allan

Haenel, Lisa Haenel

Help dress: Janice Williams and Lisa Haenel

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

Jan. 17
Feb. 21
Mar. 21
Apr. 18
Dec. 20
May 16

Asian Bistro Fundraiser Dates

Feb. 26
Apr. 30
Dec. 18

R & B's Fundraiser Dates

Mar. 27
May 29
Jan. 30

Scrip News - Weekly Drawing Opportunity!



Do you typically purchase gift cards for Christmas presents? Or do you prefer picking out those perfect Christmas presents at specific stores? If you answered yes to either question, then using the school's Scrip program is the solution for your Christmas shopping needs!! Scrip gift cards are super easy to order and purchase! An up to

date order form of some of our most popular retailers is included on the email today! However, there are hundreds of other options on the website as well - www.shopwithscrip.com. **All retailers give back an average of 5 - 10% (some as much as 20%!) to the school which then gets credited to both the PTL and your tuition!** Be sure to check out all of these great gift card options!

As a special thank you for your order, we will have four drawings for the chance to win a \$25 gift card of your choice! For every order that you place during the four weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, your name will be entered into these drawings, which will take place on **Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Dec. 21**. What a great way to reward yourself by purchasing gift cards for others!

Orders may be placed on line at shopwithscrip.com or you may drop off scrip orders and payments at the school, daycare, or church office during their regular hours. **You may also call or email Jessica (618-635-3060 ext. 01; jessica.meade@zion-school.org) with any orders.** 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.

Please call the school office with any questions!

Congratulations to our first scrip drawing winner:

Mrs. Kristi Cook


From the Desk of the Principal

Happy New Year! This week we start a new liturgical year. What does that mean? The "church year" begins with Advent each year. During Advent, we focus on the next coming of Christ. You will see a great number of verses from Revelation. Advent culminates with Christmas. It is a reminder of the coming of Christ to fulfill the prophesies of the Messiah.

For schools, this is an incredibly busy time. Factor in curriculum and then top it off with Christmas programs with a helping of overly excited (and distracted) students on the side, and for teachers it feels like we are pulling plow behind us. It is great to be at a school where we can openly share the JOY of Christmas every day!

A Personal Note from Mr. Manning:

I will be having surgery on December 6th. Ms. Karla Smith, an educational veteran, will be covering for me in the classroom. As for the surgery, I will be having a bariatric procedure to assist weight loss. Let's face it, I'm not getting younger and the pace of my life has anything but slowed down. The loss of my father this summer was the icing on the cake for this



journey. I want to be in the best shape that I can be to minister to the children here at Zion and to be there to love and cherish my family. I ask for your prayers over the next several weeks. I hope to be around school as soon as possible, but don't plan on taking my teaching duties back until after the new year.

Oh, and for you that have been asking.... The JOY sign goes up this weekend!

In Christ,

Mr. Manning