



Zion Lutheran Panther Paws

Nov. 19, 2020

"Sent to Serve": Matthew 20:28

Edition #15

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

Calendar

Nov. 25-27 NO SCHOOL-
Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 30-NO SCHOOL

Contact Information

School: 635-3060
ext.1

Daycare: 635-2446
ext.2

Church: 635-2880

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Worship Opportunities

Saturdays – 5:00 pm
Sundays – 8:00 & 10:30 am

Zoom Adult Bible Study-9:30am

Children's Sunday
School: 9:30-10:15

Wednesdays – 8:30 am
Remote Weekly Chapel Service

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Zion Families,

In an effort to be proactive as opposed to reactive about the current rising numbers in our area, tomorrow a survey will be emailed out to families. The purpose of this survey is to gather information from families about their needs if Zion were to make the decision to temporarily transfer to remote education at some point before Christmas break.

The cases in our area are rising, and as we all know the 2nd grade classroom is currently quarantining and will remain so throughout the Thanksgiving holiday. We have also had families need to self isolate until test results came back. As we near the Christmas holidays, we are faced with the dilemma of continuing in-person learning, with the fact that many people will be visiting extended families for Christmas and thus possibly continuing the spread of Covid-19. It is possible that this decision will be taken out of the hands of Zion, however at this time it is still a local decision.

Tonight, we ask that parents prayerfully consider your families' thoughts and needs in the event that Zion would transition to remote learning. Tomorrow (Friday) morning, I will send out a survey via email to gather this information from families. The survey will need to be filled out and submitted by this Sunday at 5:00p.m. Whatever decision **is made, Zion's intention is to return to in-person learning** after Christmas break.

Please email me with any questions or concerns you may have in order to fill out the survey. Thank you again for your continued support of Zion!

In His Service,
Jamie Crouch
Zion Lutheran School Principal

Chapel Offering

2nd Quarter: Rev. Timothy Schnare, Mission Speaker for Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

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 Charlotte Coakley, Eva Delaney, Maddie Marburger, Charles DaGamaRose, Blakely Carlen

Happy Birthday!

Belated Birthday Wishes and **welcome to Zion's** newest PK student, Charlotte Coakley- 11/5; Eva Delaney- 11/20; Mattie Marburger- 11/22; Charles DaGamaRose-11/23

Weekly Dose of the Mission

This weekend 5 baptisms took place! Three students and two parents! What a wonderful joy to share God's gifts of faith within those families. We pray that God continues to strengthen the gift of faith in these hearts.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR-Nov. 9-22, 2020

Our Book Fair is going online this year—with a Virtual Fair! From November 9th -22nd discover new books with your kids. Bonus: Each purchase supports our school. See attachment! <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/zionlutheranschool15>

Modified Thanksgiving Feast



While this year we will not be able to have our traditional Thanksgiving Feast, we will still have a modified feast. All students will continue to eat in their classrooms and all donated items must be store bought. We will also be adding something new to our feast by asking each family to donate a \$1 to sponsor a thanksgiving dinner for a food pantry family. We have committed to sponsoring 4 turkey dinners at a cost of \$25 per family. Any additional monies collected beyond the \$100 needed will go towards our Christmas Angel project. **Your child's teacher will send out more information** on what to send in for the feast. Our Thanksgiving Feast lunch will take place on Tuesday, November 24. The kitchen will also need a few volunteer parents to help with this event. Please contact Mrs. Crouch if you can help in the kitchen on November 24.

4am Preschool- Corn
Kindergarten- Trail Mix
First Grade- Fruit Salad
Second Grade- Butter
Third and Fourth Grade- Rolls
Fifth and Sixth Grade- Dessert
Seventh and Eighth Grade- Stuffing

PTL Meetings
6:00pm

Upcoming Meetings:

January 17
March 21
May 16
July 18

Lunch Menu:
Nov-23-24

Mon., Nov. 23

Hot Dogs, French Fries, Carrots, Rice krispy treats, Milk

Tues., Nov. 24

Turkey Feast!

Wed.-Fri., Nov 25-28

No School/No Lunch

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

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights
(Third Wed. ea. Month)
Dec. 16
Jan. 20
Feb. 17
Mar. 17
Apr. 14
May 19

Videographer Needed!

Videographer Needed! This year's Christmas Program will not be able to take place in person. The teachers have been coming up with ideas for a virtual Christmas program. However, we are in need of someone with video shooting and editing skills. We will need recordings of different students and classes "stitched" together into one video. If you think you can help us out, please contact Jamie Crouch at jamie.crouch@zion-school.org

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who sent in money for the turkey dinner donations. We were able to meet our goal of providing 4 turkey dinners and will use any additional money towards the Christmas angel program.

Christmas Angel Program

Zion will once again be sponsoring Christmas gifts for families in need. We have received eight names through the Kids Cafe Program. Teachers will take individual wants and needs and shop for gifts. We are asking that parents send in a small donation to help with **this process. Please watch for an email from your child's teacher to let you know what they will be purchasing. Donations should be sent in with your child in an envelope labeled "Christmas Angel". All money should be sent in by Friday, December 4 to allow teachers time to shop. We normally try to provide a Bill's IGA gift certificate for each family with any money left over.** Thank you in advance for providing a gift for a family in need.

Midterms

Midterms for the 2nd qtr. will end 11/20 and will be emailed on 11/24.

School Calendar Reminders!

Thanksgiving Holiday
NO SCHOOL-Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Mon, Nov. 25, 26, 27, and 30th

Just a reminder to double check the updated school calendars and then update your own records! Note many early dismissals have been removed.

R & B's Restaurant
Fundraiser Nights
(Last Wed. every
other month)

Nov. 25
Jan. 27
Mar. 31
May 26

Asian Bistro
Fundraiser Nights
(Last Wed. every
other month)

Dec. 30
Feb. 24
Apr. 28

Annual Dinner
Auction, Saturday,
April 10-Save the
Date!

The 29th Annual
Zion Lutheran
Dinner Auction is
tentatively
scheduled for
Sat., April 10 at the
Crystal Ballroom.
More details to
follow.

Operation Christmas Child-Mon., 11/23 Last Day to Turn in Gifts

This year Zion Youth Group is collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. **The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child** collects shoebox gifts-filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to **demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift—filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.** Please help us fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys, such as dolls or soccer balls. National Collection Week is Nov. 16–23, 2020. Do NOT include candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items, such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans. Please drop off any donations in the church narthex or school office. Please contact Rachel Seelbach (618-604-2443) with any questions.

Support R&B's-Wed. 11/25

Mention Zion's Fundraiser when you order and you will support Zion and R & B's!

Red Cross Blood Drive



American Red Cross

Zion will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive in our gym on Monday, December 14, from 3:00 – 7:00 pm.

OLDIES BUT GOODIES!

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO

Classes continue for all ages 3 years through adults on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15. **Both children's and adults' classes** have virtual options as well for those who wish to attend from afar. **Also, don't forget to join our Facebook group for Sunday School updates and announcements.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2929378880495711/?ref=share>

Want more information? Questions or concerns? Please contact Rachel Mosser (rachel.mosser@zion-school.org) or another member of the Board of Parish Education.

LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

There's a new reformation going on. All around the world, Christians young and old are being introduced to **Luther's Small Catechism** and other Lutheran materials, translated and published by the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. People everywhere, embracing sound doctrine and the True Gospel are begging for more materials to be translated into their languages.

Our second quarter chapel offerings will be given to support the LHF. In Dec. Pastor Schnare will be with us for worship, bringing **God's Word and an introduction to the ministry of LHF.** To God be the Glory for the ministry of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

Small Change to Bad Weather Procedures

Procedures for Bad Weather Drop off

- 1.) A Yard Sign will be placed in the yard where Mrs. Crouch normally stands (we will not be sending out a text alert)
- 2.) At 7:45, Mrs. Crouch (or other staff member) will wave to the first cars in line that we are ready to start drop off. Please remain in cars until 7:45. (After this, there are no extra staff members to utilize outdoors.)
- 3.) Three cars at a time may unload.
- 4.) Students will walk inside the school. Parents may pull away keeping an extra eye out for students.
- 5.) Students will have their temperature checked in the lobby before walking up to their classroom.
- 6.) If any students record high temperatures, students will be isolated, and parents will be notified.
- 7.) At 8:00-8:10, Preschool parents may park in the drop-off lane and walk your child to the door. If K-8 Parents are late in dropping off, please wait for preschool families to pull away.

These are procedures for families who use the morning drop off lane. Morning daycare families will still check in at the daycare desk as they normally do.

Parents are asked to be extra mindful to keep an eye out for students who are walking on the sidewalks. The sidewalk and road are very close to one another. Also, drive very slowly. During a rain, Hoxsey Street collects large puddles. We would like to avoid cars splashing water up onto unsuspecting students.