



# Zion Lutheran Panther Paws

May 20, 2021

"Sent to Serve": Matthew 20:28

Edition #38

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

## Contact Information

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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

## A Note from the Principal

Dear Zion Families,

What a wonderful last week of school. Zion was buzzing with joy and the anticipation of summer. We had four graduation ceremonies! We will miss our 8th graders immensely, but we are excited to see what God has in store for them.

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered this week! Game day was a huge success, along with our AR celebration.

Thank you to all of our families for making the year such a success! You truly do make our jobs easy, better, and so joyful!

In His Service,  
Jamie Crouch

## LITTLE DOSE OF THE MISSION

How bittersweet it was to see this class of 8<sup>th</sup> graders graduate Tues. evening. How enjoyable it was to see each of their personalities shine as they entered the church or when giving their speeches. What friendship and love they demonstrated as they laughed together and took last Zion photos with one another. But what really stood out was when several of them mentioned their Zion family and how important Zion was to them.

"I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together". God's blessings to each and every one of our students who make up our Zion family. Go and let your light shine!

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven....Let your light shine before men." Matthew 5:16

## Sunday School

We invite the children to join Zion Sunday School this Sun. for in-person or remote classes from 9:30-10:15! Adult classes begin at 9:30 via zoom..

### 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 all the July Birthdays (See birthday list below!) and special prayers for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates:

*Tommy Campbell  
Owen Halusan  
Logan Hannig  
Eli Henke  
Ryan Kleckner  
Sarah Lesko  
Zander Machota  
Michaela  
Martintoni  
Tyler Melchert  
Brady Seelbach  
Ethan Sharp*

Our Maintenance and Kitchen Crew  
*Tim Seelbach-  
(Maintenance)  
Patty Varwig and  
Kathy Pirok-  
(Kitchen)*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!

Congratulations to Tommy Campbell, who received the Christian Conduct Award at 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. Our valedictorians this year are Eli Henke, Sarah Lesko, Tyler Melchert, and Brady Seelbach. These 4 students had perfect 4.0 grade points for grades 7-8 and also received the President's Award for Educational Excellence. Ethan Sharp was chosen to receive the President's Award for Academic Achievement, for improvement and earning a 4.0 award for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Job well done, students!

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**(Dates in bold are new items listed or very important reminders.)**

**May 20-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! 12:00 DISMISSAL-CARLINE STARTS AT 11:45AM (Pizza and ice cream for all students!!)**

**May 22-Track Meet at Belleville East High School @ 1:00pm**

**May 31-Registration Fees due to receive \$100 discount!**

June 7-"Summer with a Purpose" 1<sup>st</sup> SWAP Camp begins! See flier attached.

June 11, 12-Chick-Fil-a details are being planned during City Wide Yard Sales

July 19-23-Zion Vacation Bible School (VBS) See attachment!

Aug. 5-Final Registration-MANDATORY PK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Aug. 13-14-First Zion Family Campout-Rustic Acres, New Douglas, IL

Aug. 16-Drop-Off Night 7:00pm

Aug. 17-1<sup>st</sup> Day of Zion Lutheran School-2021/2022

Aug. 23-1<sup>st</sup> Day of Preschool

## A/R UPDATE

Water guns were used to spray Mr. Secoy instead of silly string. As much as we wanted to use silly string, it was impossible to find! (Do we dare and blame....COVID???) Mr. Secoy will be drenched today!

And special prayers and thanksgiving for our amazing teaching staff and principal for the challenges conquered during such an unprecedented school year with Covid issues.

*Mrs. Jamie Crouch, Principal*  
*Mrs. Pam Kleckner, PK & Daycare; Mrs. Kristi Cook, Kindergarten;*  
*Mrs. Seelbach-1<sup>st</sup>*  
*Mrs. Mosser-2<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Ms. Chapman-3<sup>rd</sup>*  
*Ms. Erzen-4<sup>th</sup>*  
*Mrs. Mitteis-5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>*  
*Mr. Secoy-7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>*

### Happy Birthday!

*John Tevini-May 20*  
*Ms. Kim Pinkerton, church secretary, May 25*  
*Colton Sharp-May 30*

*Happy Birthday too to our summer/July birthdays!*

*Levi Beys-7/05*  
*J.T. Blessman-7/05*  
*Cameron Pianfetti-7/06*  
*Hazel Bono-7/07*  
*Greyson Looney 7/08*  
*Harper Wade-7/9*  
*Bennett Ward-7/9*  
*Brooklyn Ward-7/9*  
*Colby DeHerrera-7/11*

## SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

All junior and senior high youth (entering 7-12 grade) from four area congregations (Staunton, Worden, Prairietown, Hamel) are invited to the following youth events this summer at the Walther League Room in Worden (Trinity Parish Hall, 219 McGaughey St.). Starting May 23: Youth Group Meeting the 4th Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Each meeting will include a servant event or outing, use of the game room and gym, snacks, Bible study, and supper.

Starting May 26: Every Wednesday evening throughout the summer the Game room, gym, and grounds will be open for youth from 7-10 p.m. Come and go as you please and enjoy all the youth room activities (pool table, ping pong, basketball, pickleball, outdoor activities, cards, darts, etc.)

Movie Nights & Outings: At our May 23 meeting we'll look at scheduling movie nights and various outings for the rest of the summer.

## Wed., MAY 26-R&B's RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER

Support Zion as you patronize R&B's. Reminder, you must have a flyer when you order/pay. See attachment!

## ONLY 11 DAYS TO SAVE \$100 ON K-8 Registration Fees!!

Just a reminder, if you have turned in your registration forms, at least \$100 is due by May 31 and the remaining \$100.00 is due by 7/31/21.

If we have not received your registration form and payment of at least \$100 by 5/31, registration fees will be \$300.00.

We encourage you to turn in your forms early to help us plan accordingly for curriculum and class sizes and for you to reap the savings!

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. Sievers will not be in the office 5/31-June 4. Thereafter, she plans to be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. 7:30-1:30. This may change on weeks with auto-debit tuition days (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>). Contact her or Michelle Rantanen if you need scrip cards.

Easton Tuetken-  
7/13  
Kinsley Tuetken-  
7/13  
J.T.Gee-714  
Marlie Wiemers-  
7/14  
Kennedy Hemken-  
7/22  
Drayvin Bartony-  
7/23  
Tucker Heltsley-  
7/23  
Brad Yotter 7/30

### Chapel Offerings- 4<sup>TH</sup> QTR/Camp Wartburg

5/20  
Offering=\$40.99  
4<sup>th</sup> Qtr.Total as of  
5/20/21=\$466.57

### Calendar

May 20-Last Day of  
School-Early  
Dismissal 12:00pm.

May 31-Last day to  
receive \$100  
discount on  
registration fees!  
Send in at least  
\$100.00/\$200.00.

### PTL

### Meetings 6:00 pm

July 18

## CHIC-FIL-A AT ZION DURING CITY WIDE YARD SALES!

On Fri. and Sat., June 11-12 from 11:00am-1:00pm Zion will be selling Chic-Fil-A sandwiches at the school during the City-Wide Yard Sales! **Call Amber Ruehrup at 618-779-7282 by June 4 to preorder your sandwiches.** Sandwiches are \$5.00. If you'd like a sandwich, chips, and a soda, the cost is \$7.00.

**The PTL needs volunteers to work the Chic-Fil-A stands during the City-Wide Yard Sale weekend. Please contact Amber if you can help!**

## SCHEDULE YOUR DR. APPTS. EARLY IN SUMMER PRIOR TO REGISTRATION! AVOID THE BACK TO SCHOOL RUSH!



Immunizations, physicals, eye, and vision tests are required for certain grades in the fall. It's best to schedule them early in summer to avoid the back to school rush. Please note which grades need the necessary exams:

Pre-K: Health physical with up-to-date immunizations

Kindergarten: Health physical with up-to-date immunizations and lead test, dental and vision exam, and a birth certificate (may be a copy)

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Dental exam

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Health physical and dental exam

Sports Physicals: Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (6<sup>th</sup> graders may use their health exams.) Sports physicals are only for students who plan to play sports.

**Please note your doctor offices will supply the forms necessary. Return completed forms before the start of school!**

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

May 26

## PLEASE TURN IN YOUR:

Little Italy's Proof of Purchase (to qualify for end of year pizza party)  
Prairie Farm milk lids  
Coke Bottle Caps  
Box Tops for Education

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will continue in person throughout the summer. Children ages 3 and up are welcome to join us in the gym each week beginning Sunday, May 23 from 9:30-10:15am. CDC guidelines including masks and distancing will be followed. We hope to see you there!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Board of Parish Education is seeking volunteers to help with Sunday School this summer. If you would like to lead or help with the children's classes for 1-2 Sundays during the summer, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church or you may contact Rachel Mosser ([rachel.mosser@zion-school.org](mailto:rachel.mosser@zion-school.org)) with questions. Leader's guides and materials will be provided for you. Thank you!

## ZION VBS-JULY 19-23, 2021

**Save the date!** Vacation Bible School is coming to Zion July 19-23, 2021 from 9-11:30am each day. We are planning for an **in-person** VBS this summer, following CDC recommendations for safety. Vacation Bible School is open to children ages 3 thru entering 5th grade. Older children are welcome to volunteer as helpers. Registration forms are now available in the back of the church as well as electronically. They can be returned to the church or school office or directly to Rachel Mosser ([rachel.mosser@zion-school.org](mailto:rachel.mosser@zion-school.org)). We are also looking for teen and adult volunteers for the week. Please contact Rachel Mosser by email or by phone (618) 363-5700 if you would like to volunteer! Thank you!

## MANY CAMPS TO CHOOSE FROM THIS SUMMER!

SWAP (Summer with a Purpose) Sign up for Zion's various SWAP Camps...Kaleidoscope (Fun Camp), Mess Camp, Chocolate Camp, Science Camp, Basketball Camp, Art Camp, VBS, and Games Galore! See SWAP attachment!

## SUMMER CAMPS AT METRO-EAST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Several camps will be offered for boys and girls this summer at Metro East Lutheran High School, located on Center Grove Rd., Edwardsville, IL.

Boys Volleyball: 5/24-28 10:00am-12:00 Grades 5-10, \$50  
Boys Basketball: 6/14-18, 1:00-4:00pm, Grades 4-8, \$50

Girls Basketball: 5/24-28 1:00-3:00pm Grades 4-8, \$50  
Girls Volleyball: 5/31-6/4 10:00-12:00pm Grades 4-8, \$50  
1:00-3:00pm Grades 9-10

See attachment for registration forms and more info!

## IN-PERSON SIGN-UP FOR STAUNTON SOCCER CLUB (PK-8<sup>TH</sup> GR.) AT STAUNTON SOCCER COMPLEX

Thurs 6/3- 5:30-7:00pm  
Sun., 6/27 3-4:30pm

See attachment for registration form, fees, and more info!



## 2021-Staunton Bulldogs Boys Basketball Camp



Forms were sent home with the "incoming 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr. Boys" for a Staunton Bulldogs Boys Basketball camp, scheduled for June 1-4 at SHS.

Session 1: Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> gr. 8:00a.m.-9:45am.

Session 2: Incoming 7<sup>th</sup>& 8<sup>th</sup> gr. 10:00am-12:00pm

Cost is \$65.00. Masks are required and you must bring your own ball and drink.

Mail form with check payable to: Ty Laux, 128 Mill St., Bethalto, IL 62010, Checks must be received by May 14 in order to get a t-shirt. After this date, boys can still come, but they won't get a t-shirt. Extra forms are available in the office.



### IS CAMPING YOUR THING??

#### See updated attachment!

Join us for the first Zion Family Campout on Aug.13-14, 2021 at Rustic Acres Campground, New Douglas, IL. There is a sign-up sheet in the church narthex to get a headcount only. See attachment for booking arrangements.

### SCRIP ORDERS AVAILABLE THROUGH SUMMER!



Orders may be placed on line at [shopwithscrip.com](http://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 text, call or email Michelle Rantanen at (618-660-5044) or [michrant@gmail.com](mailto:michrant@gmail.com) with any orders. Mrs.

Sievers will be in the office most likely on Mon. and Wed., from 7:30-1:30.

(Occasionally she will be in the office too on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> to run auto-debits.)

