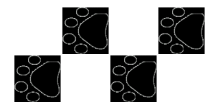




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LOVE ONE ANOTHER...

May 19, 2017

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

NEXT WEEK AT ZION

- Sat. 5-20 State Track Meet
6:00 Worship Service w/ Communion
- Sun. 5-21 8:00 Worship Service w/ Communion
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service w/ Communion
12:00 Mrs. Satterlee Retirement Celebration
Joyful Noise/Thursday Choirs Sing
- Mon. 5-22 5th – 8th City Museum Field Trip
7:00 Preschool/Kindergarten Graduation
- Tues. 5-23
- Wed. 5-24 8:30 Chapel
12:00 Dismissal – Last Day of School!
- Thurs. 5-25
- Fri. 5-26

LUNCH MENU May 22 - 24

MONDAY: Smoked Turkey Sandwich, Potato Chips, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Rice Krispy Treat, and Milk

TUESDAY: Popcorn Chicken, Buttered Noodles, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, and Milk

WEDNESDAY: Little Italy's Pizza, Dilly Bars, and Soda or Milk

*Whole wheat bread is available each day as well.

FROM THE KITCHEN

Please check your child's folder today for any slips from the kitchen. Please pay any outstanding lunch/snack fees prior to the last day of school. Thank you, Cheryl and Sarah

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR SINGS ON SUNDAY!

The Joyful Noise Choir (3rd – 8th grade) and the "Thursday" choir (4th – 8th grade participants) will both sing at the 10:30 church service this Sunday, May 21, in honor of Mrs. Satterlee's retirement. Please be sure to arrive on time. The students will sing shortly after the service begins.

MAY TUITION

Please pay May and any past due tuition by Wednesday, May 31.

STUDENT AWARDS

Awards/certificates for the 1st – 7th grade students will be handed out at 8:30 am during closing chapel on May 24. Parents are welcome to attend chapel. Tickets for Six Flags will also go home on the last day for all students who completed their reading logs and received these tickets. Kindergarteners and 8th graders will receive their awards and tickets at their graduations.

TRACK UNIFORMS NEED RETURNED!

Please return any track uniforms you have at home before the end of the school year. Please make sure they are clean and in a bag with your name on it. The t-shirts do not need to be returned. They are yours to keep. Thank you!

KIDS CAFÉ COLLECTION DRIVE

Zion Lutheran Church and School will be participating in a food collection drive for the Kids Café in Staunton. The Kids Café provides summer time meals for students in the Staunton school district that normally receive free and reduced lunches. The extra financial burden of providing meals during the summer can be hard on many families and this organization helps to reduce some of that burden. We will be collecting items from now until May 24 at the school. We will collect items at church until Sunday, May 28. Please prayerfully consider donating to this program.

The Kids Café is in need of the following items:

Peanut Butter, Cereal, Breakfast Cereal Bars, Fruit Cups, Mac and Cheese (box or microwave cups), and Canned Pasta

GOOD LUCK JOE AND GRACE!!!

Eighth graders, Joe Haenel and Grace Pfeiffer, have qualified to participate in the Lutheran School Association State Track Meet! They will be traveling to Concordia Chicago this weekend to compete. Joe will compete in the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, and long jump and Grace will compete in shotput and discus. Best of luck and God's blessings to you Joe and Grace!! Your Zion family is very proud of you both!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Leah Moore 5-23 Preschool
Miss Kim Pinkerton 5-25 Church Secretary
Kate Wineburner 5-27 7th grade
Jordan Cozad 5-29 3rd grade
Colton Sharp 5-30 Preschool

SUMMER NEWS AND SCHEDULE

SCRIP NEWS

Summer scrip purchases: Scrip will continue to be filled out of the school office this summer which will provide similar scrip service as we provide during the school year. During the months of June and July, scrip orders should be placed by noon on Monday to ensure we order the necessary scrip to fill your order. Orders can be placed on line at shopwithscrip.com or you may drop off scrip orders and payments at the daycare or church office during their regular hours. You may also call or email Jessica (618-210-3542; jessica.meade@zion-school.org) or Melanie (618-779-7427; melanie.wineburner@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. Scrip orders may be picked up at the daycare or church office during regular hours. For immediate purchases, scrip will be available while Jessica is in the school office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings each week. We continue to carry our local retailers and our most popular national retailers in inventory.

SUMMER SCRIP CREDITS

If you choose the 12 month tuition payment plan, your scrip credits from your scrip purchases in May & June will be credited to your June and July statements respectively. If you choose to stay on the 10 month payment plan, all summer scrip credits (from purchases May through July) will be credited to your August tuition statement.

REPORT CARDS

Fourth quarter report cards will be mailed home the first week of June. Remember, report cards may also be accessed on ParentsWeb at any time.

LITTLE ITALY'S POPS

Be sure to save all of your Little Italy's POPS over the summer and turn them in to the office after school starts in August!

R & B'S FUNDRAISER DAY

On Wednesday, May 31, R & B's Family Restaurant and Zion PTL are teaming up for a fundraiser day! Have a meal (dine in or take out) at R & B's anytime on May 31, give your server a Zion flyer and 10 percent of your total sale will come back to the PTL! Flyers will be emailed and sent home today. They will also be available in the back of church and in the school and daycare office. Thank you for supporting the students of Zion!

UPCOMING 8TH GRADE EVENTS!

The 8th grade confirmands will be questioned on Saturday evening, May 27, during the 6:00 pm worship service. On Sunday, June 4, during the 10:30 service they will then be given the Rite of Confirmation. On Saturday, June 3, at 4:00 pm, please join us as we honor Jonah, Joe, and Grace during their graduation ceremony. All three events will be held in the church.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION

The class of 2017 will graduate Saturday afternoon, June 3, at 4:00 pm in the church. Congratulations to:

*Jonah David Cooke Claussen
Joseph Allan Jackie Haenel
Grace Elizabeth Pfeiffer*

God's blessings to you, Jonah, Joe, and Grace, and best of luck in high school. We will miss you, Your Zion Family

MEDICINE IN THE OFFICE

If your child currently has medicine in the office, please pick it up on or before the last day of school. Any medicine that is left and expired will be discarded. If your child needs to continue taking medication next school year, a new form will be filled out at registration in August.

SUMMER PTL MEETING

There will be a PTL Meeting on Sunday, July 16, at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria to discuss summer projects and the golf tournament. Please put this date on your calendar to attend!

PTL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The PTL Golf Tournament will be held August 26, 2017. Please watch the church news and notes during the summer for more information regarding the tournament.

ZION SUMMER PARADE INFORMATION

We have the opportunity to have our Zion School float in two upcoming summer parades. We need adults and children that can walk or ride on the float. We will be passing out candy and items with our Zion logo! You can help by coming to one or both of these dates! The more, the merrier! Wear your Zion colors and come out on these days and times:

**Mt. Olive June 17th at 6pm (meet by 5:30-5:45)
Staunton June 25th at 4pm (meet by 3:30-3:45)**

PTL FISH STAND

It is that time of year again - time to sign up to work the PTL Fish Stand!

Each year the PTL has a stand at the Staunton Fireman's Homecoming. We sell fish sandwiches, fries and onion rings along with soda and water. The stand helps raise money for the PTL to use on many important projects throughout the year that benefit your children in so many ways. The stand also helps get our name out in the community. We are in need of workers to help with the stand over the course of the weekend (June 23-25) and help with set up on Thursday, June 22.

It takes all of our parents to make this stand possible.

The sign-up sheet will be available at many of the upcoming events in May. You can also sign up for a shift by contacting Amber Ruehrup (618-779-7282), Stephanie Martintoni (217-851-4719), or Danielle Campbell (217-556-0886).

These are the shifts available:

Set up - Thursday, June 22 - time to be determined

Friday, June 23 4-8 pm

Friday, June 23 8-12 pm

Saturday, June 24 1-5 pm

Saturday, June 24 4-8 pm

Saturday, June 24 8-12 pm

Sunday, June 25 3-6 pm

Sunday, June 25 5-8 pm

Sunday, June 25 7-10 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ZION!

Registration forms for the 2017 Zion Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School, *Dive In*, are available in the church, school, or daycare offices. VBS will be held June 12 – 16 from 9:00 – 11:30 am daily and all children 3 years old through those entering 5th grade are invited to attend. Older children are welcome to volunteer and help. Please return registration forms to the church, school, or daycare office or to Mrs. Mitteis. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Mitteis.

S.W.A.P. REGISTRATION FORMS

Don't forget to turn in your 2017 SWAP Registration forms. There are lots of fun camps to choose from this summer. Please turn in registration forms and payments to the school office anytime between now and the end of the school year. You may also mail them to the school (220 W. Henry) or drop them off with daycare. Please call the office with any questions or if you need another form.

2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2017-2018 school year calendar is being sent home today in both paper form and by email. This calendar will be available again at registration in August.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS

2017-2018 school year pre-registration forms for K – 8th grade are now being accepted. **Registration fees for K – 8 are \$195 per child if registered on or before May 31.** Fees are \$275 per child if registered on or after June 1. At least 50% of the \$195 registration fee must be paid with the submittal of each registration form. The remainder of the registration fee must then be paid by July 31. If you have any questions or you need another form, please contact the office.

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

Zion is blessed to currently have a scholarship fund available to families in need. If you are interested in seeing if you qualify for financial aid for next school year, please visit the FACTS grant and tuition management website to fill out an application. The direct link for our school is <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/42LBJ>. *Please note that if you are currently receiving assistance for this school year, you will still need to reapply for next school year. All applications must be received by July 1.*

SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT SPL

A summer reading program will be held at the Staunton Public Library every Friday in June for children ages 3 years up to 5th grade. Registration starts soon. Call the library for more details at 635-3852.

SPORTS CAMPS AT METRO EAST LUTHERAN

Sports camps at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville are posted on their website. Camps are available for students entering grades 4-8 for the 2017-2018 school year. Some of the camps available are boys and girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, dance camp, and boys wrestling. Please visit www.melhs.org/athletics to view and register for the available camps.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP AT STAUNTON PUBLIC

Staunton Junior High will host a volleyball camp June 5 – 8 for all girls entering 5th – 8th grade next school year. Cost is \$25.00. Registration forms are attached to the email today or may be picked up in the school office.

STAUNTON SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration will be held at the Staunton Soccer Complex on May 20, June 3, June 24, and July 15. Questions, call Lucinda Fulton at 637-1135 or Heather Ondes at 635-2703.

Registration forms are attached to the email today or may be picked up in the school office. (My apologies about the condition of the form in the attachment. That's how it was sent to me.)

RAGING A'S DAYS AT RAGING RIVERS

Raging Rivers has a new way to honor students' hard work at school in 2017. If a student receives at least one A on their 2016-2017 report card, there are 2 ways to play: Receive one day free admission from June 17 – 30, 2017 or receive \$10 off regular admission price any other day of the 2017 season. Students in grades K – 12 are eligible for this incentive. A flyer explaining the program has been attached to the email today as well.

2017 SUMMER AR PROGRAM

Let's keep reading throughout the summer! Students should read books and log on to the AR website at <https://hosted298.renlearn.com/185068/> to take tests the same way they have all school year. For every point students earn, their name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 gift card. The more you read the more chances you get to win! Top reader awards and the drawing will take place during Open House on August 14. For students entering Kindergarten at Zion, every two book titles logged on their form will earn an entry into the drawing. (The form will be sent home with those students today!) This form must be turned in during registration on August 3 or 4. If you have questions about the summer reading program please call or email the office or Mrs. Crouch at jamie.crouch@zion-school.org.

ZION CHURCH PICNIC

Zion will hold its annual outdoor church service and picnic at Fireman's Park on Sunday, June 11, 2017. The worship service will begin at 10:00 am. Please bring a lawn chair for the service. The E Street Band will provide music for our worship service.

A potluck meal will follow the service. Hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwurst will be provided by the Men's Club and Board of Evangelism. Each family attending is asked to bring a side dish and or dessert to share. Table service and drinks will be provided.

A time of fun and fellowship will also take place following the potluck. The Board of Stewardship will be sponsoring lawn games along with a softball game. Please be sure to bring a glove if you plan to play softball.

K – 8th FINAL REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

The dates for final registration have been set for: **Thursday, August 3, 1:00 – 3:00 and 6:00 – 8:00 pm and Friday, August 4, 9:00 – Noon.**

It is very important that all parents attend this final registration, as additional forms need to be signed and lunch/snack cards purchased for the beginning of school. If you cannot attend registration at these times, call the school office.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 16.

SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| June 3 | 8 th Grade Graduation |
| June 4 | 8 th Grade Confirmation |
| June 5 | Dairy Queen Night |
| June 11 | Zion Church Picnic |
| June 12-16 | Vacation Bible School |
| June 17 | Zion in Mt. Olive Parade |
| June 23 – 25 | Fish Stand |
| June 25 | Zion in Staunton Parade |
| July 3 | Dairy Queen Night |
| July 16 | PTL Meeting |
| August 3-4 | Registration |
| August 7 | Dairy Queen Night |
| August 16 | First Day of School |

HEALTH FORMS NECESSARY FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Here is a list of medical forms required by the State of Illinois that need to be filled out and returned at registration in August. All doctors' offices should have these forms, but if you need copies, please contact the office.

Kindergarten:

Legal Birth Certificate with seal (no copies)

Current Immunization Record

Physical Exam Form

(This form MUST include a lead level – done at any age)

Dental Exam Form

Vision Exam Form

2nd grade: Dental Exam Form

6th grade: Current Immunization Record

Physical Exam Form

Dental Exam Form

4th – 8th grade: Sports Physical Form (if participating in sports next school year)

Please note: the sports physical form cannot be used in place of the 6th grade Physical Form.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

The Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 22, at 7:00 pm. The following 4 year old students will be going into Kindergarten next year. Congratulations to:

| | 4 AM Class | 4 PM Class |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Chandler Barker | Stephanie Herbeck | JT Blessman |
| Ethan Brown | Madaline Home | Chloe Damm |
| Dominic Bunn | Logan Land | Olive Diveley |
| Brooke Coalson | Haydn Leaser | Sophia Ems |
| Canon Corbin | Conner Melvin | Josiah Heigert |
| Noah Cozad | Kate Rizzi | Lucas Lang |
| Katelyn Davin | Tyler Robertson | Lydia Marsh |
| Addyson Gulley | Colton Sharp | Ella Roundcount |
| Brooke Hemken | Sophie Sigafos | Ethan Wagener |
| | Erin Turner | |

**CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO THE
KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2017**

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Lucas Cook</i> | <i>Anna Mosser</i> |
| <i>Landon DeVries</i> | <i>Wyatt Nganga</i> |
| <i>Garrett Feeley</i> | <i>Kolbe Pfeiffer</i> |
| <i>Marlee Hebenstreit</i> | <i>Harper Wade</i> |
| <i>Brodie Knoche</i> | <i>Weston Washburn</i> |
| <i>Chase Martintoni</i> | <i>Aleah Wyatt</i> |
| <i>Alyssa Meyer</i> | |

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Summer "vacation" is almost here! This is the last newsletter of the 2016-17 school year. Why is the word vacation in quotes? There is a great reason! While the students of Zion will be burning off some calories and having summer fun, Zion leadership will be feverishly preparing for this fall. Here is a short version of the long list that we will be working on:

Classrooms - We will be adding one classroom on the 3rd floor. This will assist the middle school program especially. The room has been used for storage the last few years and will get an overhaul in preparation for our larger numbers this fall. Other classrooms will be refitted, including the current Art room. That room will be used for lower level "breakout" classes and will be the homeroom of our new part-time teacher. The school will see some new furniture this fall as well. Both teachers and students are excited about using our new desks.

Courses - Staff meets for a week and a half after classes conclude. We will be discussing curriculum tweaks and replacements. We spend a great deal of time on what worked well and what we can do to make it better.

New Staffing – Mrs. Jamie Crouch will be moving from part time to full time status. A contract has also been extended to Mrs. Julie Cox for a part time teaching position in the elementary.

Technology - The middle school will be revamping the iPad Initiative and will be adding Chromebooks into the program this year. This will mean there will be more iPad units available for our classrooms. Our tech in the school has been 1:1 in middle school for 5 years now. With this expansion, we will be closer to 1:1 throughout our entire K-8 program.

PLEASE be on the lookout for postings about workdays. WE NEED A LOT of muscle this summer. We will be moving desks and cleaning out the third floor. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Keep a look out on Facebook for our summer posts. Keep this Blue Sheet handy, as it will serve as a great reference throughout your summer.

In Christ,
Mr. Manning

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Ryan Kleckner 4th | 3 Chandlor Barker PS |
| 6 Brady Seelbach 4th | 8 Hailee Henke 2nd |
| 10 Adam Baker 1st | 10 Ella Roundcount PS |
| 15 Brian Steinmeyer PS | 17 Ethan Rantanen 5th |
| 17 Claire Rantanen 5th | 20 Logan Land PS |
| 22 Logan Hannig 4th | 24 Mark Leezy 3rd |
| 26 Eli Henke 4th | 26 Lexi Pfeiffer 6th |
| 26 Camden Scroggins PS | 28 McKenna Miller PS |
| 29 Madeline Oller- Vornberg 2nd | 29 Landon DeVries K |

JULY

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Adrienne Meade 5th | 3 Erin Turner PS |
| 5 James Blessman PS | 5 Sean McCleery PS |
| 6 Jacob Wineburner 3rd | 6 Stephanie Herbeck PS |
| 8 Alivia Taylor 7th | 9 Harper Wade K |
| 9 Ava Fernandez 4th | 10 Emma LaRosa PS |
| 11 Aiden Watters PS | 12 Braeden Cook 6th |
| 17 Lucy Taylor 5th | 18 Grace Pfeiffer 8th |
| 19 Luke Buffington PS | |

AUGUST

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 Livia Crouch 2nd | 5 Kolbi Carlen 2nd |
| 7 Cody Ellis 3rd | 7 Katie Ellis 3rd |
| 7 Jacob Staggs PS | 13 Nick Harbison 7th |
| 14 Sam Sigafos PS | 18 Conner Melvin PS |
| 19 Aaron Wyatt 3rd | 24 Ashley Ellis 7th |
| 29 Izabella Claussen 7th | 30 Isabelle Grandidier 6th |
| 30 Tyler Melchert 4th | |

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER VACATION!

