



# Zion Live Life in Christ Lutheran Panther Paws

## Worship Opportunities

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am

## Contact Information

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email [office@zion-school.org](mailto:office@zion-school.org)

*The mission at Zion Lutheran School is to guide students toward academic excellence and to be Christian Leaders!*

**December 19, 2024**

### Bible Verse of the Week

"Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." Luke 2:8-10

### From the Principals Desk:

We are excited to invite all parents of Zion Lutheran School, from Preschool to 8th grade, to join us for an important PTL meeting on **Sunday, January 12, at 4:00 PM.**

This meeting will focus on the "revamping" of our PTL, and we would love your input as we work together to reimagine this vital part of our Zion Family. If you're interested in being part of this introductory planning process, we encourage you to come and share your ideas. Your voice and participation will help shape the future of our PTL!

We look forward to seeing you there!

In His Service,  
Jamie Crouch  
Zion Lutheran School  
Principal

### Announcements:



### December/January Tuition Payments

Due to Christmas Break the December 30<sup>th</sup> tuition payments will be processed on the 30<sup>th</sup> as scheduled. Those that are set up to have payments taken out January 5<sup>th</sup>, I will run those payments on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> when we return from break. If you have any questions or need to make other arrangements for tuition payments, please contact Ms. Heather in the school office as soon as possible.

**Upcoming Daycare Hours:** Daycare will be closed on December 24, 25 and December 31, January 2 for Christmas and New Years. A sign-up sheet is available on the front desk. Please be sure to sign up as soon as possible. A sack lunch and drink will be needed.



Metro-East Lutheran High School is now accepting applications for new students for the 2025-2026 school year.

Apply online by clicking on the "Admissions" tab on our website at [melhs.org](http://melhs.org). For more information, email [admissions@melhs.org](mailto:admissions@melhs.org). Apply today for your student to be a part of our growing school community!

### Important Upcoming Dates

**NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS**

**Friday 12/20:** Christmas Program 9:00am

**Monday 12/23-Monday 01/06:** Christmas Break

**Tuesday 12/24:** Christmas Eve Service 7:00

**Tuesday 12/24:** Candlelight Service 10:00pm

**Wednesday 12/25:** Christmas Service with Communion 10:00 am

**Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>:** Classes Resume

### December Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

**12/22** Peyton Eller

**12/25** Aubrey Taylor

**12/26** Amelia DeVries

### In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Peyton Eller, Aubrey Taylor, and Amelia DeVries.
- Prayers for all those traveling to be with family and loves ones this Christmas season.
- Prayers of comfort for all those who have lost a loved one or are missing someone this Christmas season.

### Lunch Bites

Ms. Tammy and Ms. Heather would like to thank all the volunteers for their help with the lunch program this year. From volunteering to help serve lunches to the students and staff, wiping down tables, helping to prepare the Thanksgiving Feast dinner and spending an hour of time engaging with the students and staff here at Zion it does not go unnoticed. We truly have amazing families and friends, and the

continued support and words of encouragement remind us just how blessed we are.

Ms. Tammy and I have both enjoyed planning the monthly menus and coming up with new snack and lunch options. We are trying to incorporate in more fresh fruits and vegetables as well as introduce new foods like yogurt parfaits, salads, and new healthier spins on school lunch favorites. As always we encourage you to take a look at the monthly menu and talk with your student about what is being offered, ask what lunch they are looking forward to and what is new on the menu and what you as a parent would like to try.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Lunch Volunteers for the week of Dec. 12- Dec. 20:

**Thurs. 12/19:** Jayne Wells

**Fri. 12/20:** Tim Seelbach

*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>

### Student Council



Student Council would like to thank all who bid on the Unique and Creative Christmas Tree Fundraiser Here are the winners:  
J. Cooper Pre-K \$20  
Ashley Mayernik Kindergarten \$25

J Cooper 1st grade \$20  
 Blessman 2nd grade \$15  
 J. Cooper 3rd grade \$20  
 Mary and Todd Volkman 4th grade \$20  
 J Cooper 5th grade \$20  
 Henke 6th grade \$40  
 Deanna Taylor 7th grade \$18  
 Karen Brown 8th grade \$10  
 We made a total of \$ 208!

Thank you again for your kindness and support.  
 Please come by, pick up your tree and pay in the office! We really appreciate your support!

Sincerely,  
 Student Council

**Mark your calendars: Choir Dates**

- “Joyful Noise” 3rd-8th grade
- “Praise Him” 4yr PreK-2nd grade
  - January 26th, “Praise Him” 10:30
  - February 2nd, “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 6th-12th 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!

**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. 2nd Quarter offerings will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Response.

**Youth group**

**January 12:** Middle school 3-5 p.m./High school 4-6 p.m. (Gathering Bible study 1)

**January 18: Winter Jam** at Enterprise Center (more details to follow!!)



**January 26:** Middle school 3-5 p.m./High school 4-6 p.m. (Gathering Bible study 2)

**Sports/Activities Schedule**

**Sports Physical:** Any student wanting to play a sport will need a sports physical. Please note 6th graders may use their health form as a sports physical.



**BASKETBALL**

**Girls**

Coach: Ryan Henke and Tim Seelbach

**Games:**

**Thurs. 12/19** Home game vs Litchfield

**Boys**

Coach: BJ Davis, Andrew Robertson

**Practices:**

**Thurs.12/19:** 3:00-5:00(A/B)

**Games:**

**Thurs. 12/19** Home game vs Litchfield

**Upcoming Games:**

**Thurs. 12/19 Home** game vs Litchfield

**6:00 - Co-ed 3rd/4th graders** (I would like for the 5th graders to dress as well, if you are able, for backup, if needed)

**7:00 - Co-ed 5th/6th graders** (3rd and 4th graders are welcome to stay, dressed, on the bench as well, for backup, as needed)

Keep an eye on the group messages and emails from the coaches for information on any practices or open gym over the Christmas break.

## **PTL**

Thank you to all the helpers for this year's Christmas Shoppe! The kids had a great time shopping for their family and friends.

**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 Fundraiser Nights**

3rd Wed. of the month

### **Asian Bistro- (dates to be announced)**

## **RaiseRight (Formally Scrip)**

Go to [RaiseRight.com](https://www.raise-right.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://www.raise-right.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 Staff of Zion Lutheran Church and School  
Wish You and Yours A Very Blessed Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!*

*For Us a Savior is Born  
Luke 2:11*

# Christmas Worship

2024

Christmas Eve: 7:00p.m.

Christmas Candlelight: 10:00p.m.

Christmas Day: 10:00a.m. with Communion

Zion Lutheran Church

311 S. Elm

Staunton, Il. 62088



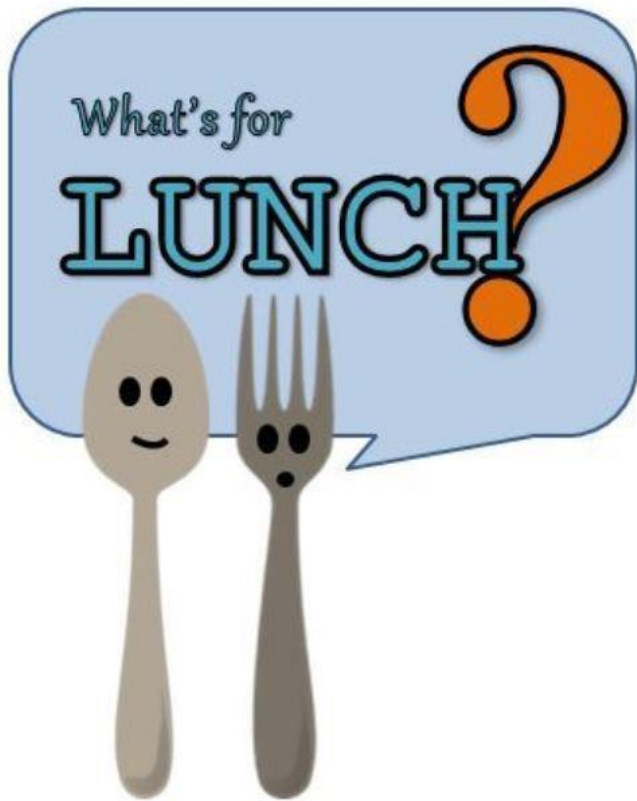
## NOTHING bundt CAKES®

*The youth group will be selling Nothing Bundt Cakes January 12 - 26 to raise money for the Youth Gathering. We will be selling white chocolate raspberry, chocolate chocolate chip, confetti, lemon, red velvet, snickerdoodle, gluten free chocolate chip for \$6 each. You can place orders through any youth member or place an order in the church or school office.*

*Thank you in advance for supporting our youth!*

*Bundt cakes will be available for pickup on Saturday, February 8.*





January's lunch menu is currently in the works. I will get it sent out once we get it finalized.

**Lunch:**

**Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>**

Breaded Pork Sandwich, Fries, Green Beans, Pears, Milk.