



Zion Live Life in Christ Lutheran Panther Paws

Worship Opportunities

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

Contact Information

School 618-635-3060 ext 1
Daycare 618-635-3060 ext 2
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email office@zion-school.org

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

January 23, 2025

Bible Verse of the Week

“Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be afraid, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you; I will help you;
I will hold on to you with My righteous right
hand” -Isaiah 41:10

From the Desk of the Principal:

Dear Zion Family,
As we embrace the snowy and very cold weather this January, our students are also warming their hearts by learning about this month's character word: *Comfort*. Through daily announcements and Faith Family lessons, students are discovering how God comforts us in times of trouble and how we, in turn, can share His love and peace with others.

In their Faith Families, students have been exploring ways to provide comfort—whether by offering a kind word, being a good listener, or praying for someone in need. Our daily announcements have encouraged them to reflect on scripture and simple acts of kindness that can bring comfort to those around them.

Just as a cozy blanket or a warm cup of cocoa brings physical comfort in the winter months, we pray that our students continue to find and share the comfort that comes from God's never-ending love. We encourage you to talk with your children about what they are learning and find ways to practice offering comfort at home, in school, in church and for our community members.

Stay warm and may God's comfort be with you always!

In Christ,
Jamie Crouch

Announcements:

Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS
Sunday 01/26: “Praise Him” Sings at 8:00
Sunday 01/26: Zion New Member Class/Bible Study 9:30
Sunday 01/26: Youth Group Fundraiser
Nothing Bundt Cakes orders due.
Friday 01/31: 7th/8th grade field trip
Sunday 02/02: Zion Sausage Supper 11:00-5:00
Saturday 02/08: Nothing Bundt Cake fundraiser order pick up
Monday 02/10: Board of Education Meeting

January Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

Bryson Welburn 1/26

In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Bryson!
- Ms. Tammy and her family.

Choir Performance Schedule Update

The “Praise Him” choir will be singing Sunday, January 26th at the 8:00 service and not the 10:30 service as was previously posted. Due to the Zion sausage supper and so not to have the choirs singing back to back there has been a change in dates. “Joyful Noise” choir will sing Sunday, February 9th at 10:30.

Board of Education

Zion's Board of Education would like to introduce their members for 2025.
Amber Da Gama Rose -Board Chair
Stuart Fraser-Board Vice Chair
Jim Blessman-Treasurer
David Wells-Secretary
Robert France France
Angie Schulmeister

As the Board of Education, we are here to support our administration, staff, parents and children and to help provide a safe, loving and Christian environment. Our meetings are open to attend for parents and the next meeting is on Monday 2/10/2025 in the Parish Center.

ZECEC Families:

Zion Early Childhood Education Center is proud to provide our community with quality childcare for both preschool and school age children. As the Illinois minimum wage has increased over the last few years and is now at \$15 per hour and the state has instituted mandatory Paid Time Off (we are paying the employee for their time off and a substitute to do the job), the overall cost to operate our program has increased exponentially. Therefore, the school board of Zion has made the tough decision to increase our rates in order to sustain our program for the future.

Beginning on Monday, February 3, 2025, our rates will increase as follows:

Full time daycare- \$150 per week (increase of \$2 per day or \$10 per week) This option does still include lunch and preschool.

Part time daycare- Under 4 hours \$18 (\$1 per day increase), Over 4 hours \$36 (\$2 per day increase) This option does not include lunch or preschool.

Extended Care- Before OR After only \$12 (increase of \$2)

Both Before and After \$14 (increase of \$2)

Extended care rates on days off revert to the daycare rates. Early out days would be \$18 per day (\$1 per day increase)

School age care for No School Days (holidays, snow day, etc.)

\$36 over 4 hours of care (\$2 per day increase)

\$18 under 4 hours of care (\$1 per day increase)

Thank you,

Mrs. Kleckner-ZECEC Director
Zion Lutheran School Board

Tax Documents

Ms. Heather and Mrs. Kleckner are currently working on completing the tax documents for educational expenses and getting them to Zion families. Please be patient as we work on complete the forms. They will be available no later than **January 31st**. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

New Member/Adult Confirmation Class

The life of faith at Zion Lutheran Church and School is the most significant aspect of who we are. It informs everything about us. Our identity, firmly set in Jesus Christ, becomes the driving force of everything we do and teach. Yet there is more. How do we understand who Jesus is? Is Jesus still present today? How do we know what is right, and what is wrong? These are real life questions that all of us struggle with.

Zion is starting a new members class on January 12th at 9:30, and you're invited. Don't get scared- you don't have to join, but this class will give you the unique opportunity to hear what it is that we are teaching your students that are given into our care. It will also give you the opportunity to join us as we confess our faith in Jesus Christ and walk together. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Phil at pastorphil@zion-school.org. We look forward to seeing you there

Save the Date: Zion Sausage Supper

Zion Ladies Aid and Men's Club will be hosting the 66th Annual Sausage Supper on Sunday February 2nd, beginning at 11:00 a.m. till 5:00 pm. The dinner will again be drive thru only.

Meat Sales: Fresh and fried pork sausage, blood and liver sausage and summer sausage.

Thursday 01/30

Friday 01/31

Saturday 02/01

SAUSAGE BULK	2 Pounds	\$11.00
SAUSAGE LINKS	2 Pounds(5 Links per bag)	\$11.00
SAUSAGE LINKS	5 Pounds	\$26.00
LIVER SAUSAGE	1 Pound	\$5.50
BLOOD SAUSAGE	1 Pound	\$5.50
SUMMER SAUSAGE		\$16.00
FRIED LINKS. EACH		\$1.25
DINNER TICKETS EACH		\$14.00

If possible, please contact us for orders of fried links over 40 pieces.

Tim Seelbach (618)604-3436 or Ron Williams (217)652-5011

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Please make checks payable to: ZION MEN'S CLUB

MELHS News:



You're Invited! Please come to Metro East Lutheran High School for our Open House on Sunday, February 2nd from 1pm-3pm. Come

tour our school, meet our faculty, and find out why MELHS is a wonderful place to be!

MELHS is Hiring!

Metro-East Lutheran High School is seeking qualified candidates to join our rapidly growing school. For the 25/26 school year we are accepting resumes for an English position as well as a Spanish position. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, at jay.krause@melhs.org." For more information on these positions you can also contact him at school at 618-656-0043.

Lunch Bites

During the month of January Ms. Tammy will be having "sample" days to allow the students to try new items to see if they should be added as full entree or sides in the months to come.

Lunch Volunteers for the week of Jan.16- Jan.23:

Thurs. 01/23:

Fri. 01/24:

Mon. 01/27: Dave Wells

Tues. 01/28: Nicki Blessman

Weds.01/29: Heather France

Thurs. 01/30:

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

Snowman Contest Announcement



Don't forget to build you snowman and get them turned.

Winners to be announced Monday January 27th!

Challenge: Build your most imaginative

snowman using any materials you have at home! Think outside the box—paper, socks, cotton, recyclables, or even snacks! Let your creativity shine.

Prizes: The most creative, funniest, and most original snowmen will win awesome prizes!

**Winners will be announced on Monday
January 27.**

So, let it snow—in your own unique way—and
show us your best snowman!

We can't wait to see what you create! Let's
get building!

~ Your Student Council

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

Mark your calendars: Choir Dates

“Joyful Noise” 3rd-8th grade

“Praise Him” 4yr PreK-2nd grade

- January 26th, “Praise Him” 8:00
- February 9nd, “Joyful Noise” 10:30
- March 2nd “Praise Him” 10:30
- March 23rd “Joyful Noise” 8:00

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!

Youth group MS/HS

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

January 26: Nothing Bundt Cakes orders are
due.

God's Kids (3rd-5th youth group)

Sunday, January 26 from 1-3pm. You do
not need to bring anything. A snack and
drink will be provided during our meeting.

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

Practices:

TBA

Games:

Thurs. 01/23 Home vs. Our Savior
Springfield C/A 6:00/7:00

Mon. 01/27 Home vs. St. Paul
Hamel C 5:00

Tues. 01/28 Conference Tournament@ Holy
Cross Collinsville A 4:30

Boys

Coach: BJ Davis, Andrew Robertson

Practices:

Mon 01/27: 3:00-5:00

Games:

Thurs. 01/23-Sun. 01/25 ALT @ St. John, Red
Bud

Co-Ed

Practices:

TBA

Games:

Mon. 01/27@Home vs. Litchfield
3rd-4th/5th-6th 6:00/7:00



Cheerleading

Practices:

TBD

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 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 or you may also call Michelle (618-660-5044) or e-mail her at

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!

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.



66th Annual Country

SAUSAGE SUPPER

Sponsored by ZION MEN'S CLUB and LADIES' AID

Sunday, FEB 2, 2025
11:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL
220 W. Henry St., Staunton IL

FULL MEAL CARRYOUTS -DRIVE THRU ONLY
ALL CARRY OUTS - \$14.00

MEAT SALES

ZION SCHOOL (Downstairs At Concession Stand)
JAN 30 & JAN 31: 9 AM - 5 PM AND FEB 1: 9 AM - 1 PM

**FRESH AND FRIED PORK SAUSAGE, BLOOD AND
LIVER SAUSAGE, AND SUMMER SAUSAGE**

COME WORSHIP WITH US.
SAT. - 5:00 p.m. or SUN. - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Zion Youth Group Presents

 **Trivia Night** 

Tables of 8-10 \$15 per person
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**When:** Friday, Feb 21

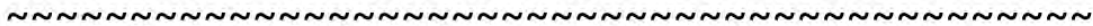
Doors open @ 6pm,  
starts @ 7pm

**Where:**

Staunton  
Country Club

**50/50 RAFFLE- SILENT AUCTION**

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS! WATER AND SODA WILL  
BE PROVIDED (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST) ALL OTHER  
BEVERAGES MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE  
COUNTRY CLUB.



**RESERVE A TABLE BY CONTACTING KRISTI AT**

*Kristi.Cook@zion-school.org or 618-972-5239*



PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS SENDING 15 YOUTH  
TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW  
ORLEANS THIS SUMMER





## JANUARY 2025

| Monday                                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                                                                         | Thursday                                                                                                      | Friday                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>ENTRÉE</b><br><b>ALTERNATE:</b><br><b>Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly</b>                                 | 7<br>No School;<br>SNOW DAY!!<br> | 8<br>Breaded Pork Sandwich<br>French Fries<br>Pork and Beans<br>Pears<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Gary Hagarty</b>                       | 8<br>Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce<br>Garlic Bread<br>Corn<br>Jello<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Gary Hagarty</b>            | 10<br>No School;<br>SNOW DAY!!<br>          |
| 13<br>Pizza<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Peaches<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: James Blessman</b>                        | 14<br>Corn Dogs<br>Fries<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Chocolate Pudding<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Pam Hagarty</b>             | 15<br>Biscuit & Gravy<br>Bacon<br>Tater Tots<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Heather France</b>                          | 16<br>BBQ Pork Sandwich<br>Sweet Potato Fries<br>Green Beans<br>Applesauce<br>Milk<br><br><b>V:</b>           | 17<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Buttered Noodles<br>Peas<br>Fruit Cocktail<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Jennifer Davis</b>                    |
| 20<br>NO SCHOOL<br> | 21<br>Tacos<br>Refried Beans<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Peaches<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Pam Hagarty</b>                      | 22<br>Hamburger or Cheeseburger<br>Potato Wedges<br>Carrots<br>Pineapple Upside Down Cake<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Shelly Manning</b> | 23<br>Toasted Ravioli/Marinara<br>Cut Up Vegetables<br>Apples<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Jennifer Davis</b>         | 24<br>Sausage Mc-Griddle<br>Hash brown Patty<br>Cottage Cheese<br>Peaches and Blueberries<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Pastor Phil</b> |
| 27<br>Hot Dog<br>Macaroni and Cheese<br>Broccoli<br>Fruit Cocktail<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Dave Wells</b> | 28<br>Chicken Parmesan<br>Bread Stick<br>Side Salad<br>Brownie<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Nicki Blessman</b>             | 29<br>Meatloaf<br>Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy<br>Green Beans<br>Cinnamon Apples<br>Milk<br><br><b>V: Heather France</b>               | 30<br>Chicken and Cheese Enchiladas<br>Corn Pudding<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Churro Bites<br>Milk<br><br><b>V:</b> | 31<br>Chicken Noodle Soup w/Crackers<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich<br>Vanilla Pudding<br>Milk<br><br><b>V:</b>                    |

