



# 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  
Church 618-635-2880  
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!*

March 06, 2025

### Bible Verse of the Week

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”  
-Hebrews 12:1-3

### From the Desk of the Principal:

#### Share Your Zion Story!

We know life is busy, and taking time to fill out another form might feel like just one more thing on your to-do list. But your words matter! The best way for Zion to grow is through word-of-mouth, and your story could be the reason a new family chooses to become part of our Zion Family. Zion is updating our marketing materials and website, and we need your help.

If Zion Lutheran School or Early Childhood Center has made an impact on your family, we would love to hear your personal testimony. Your words help future families see what makes our school so special!

We are also creating staff appreciation sections and would love to include kind

words and powerful stories about our amazing teachers and staff. If a staff member has made a difference in your child's life, let us know!

Please use the link below to share your testimonials and staff stories or email them to [office@zion-school.org](mailto:office@zion-school.org). Fill out some or all of the survey...your choice

Thank you for helping us share the joy and mission of Zion!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd-eMG4aP3Jt5bSVO2PI9mXUO3-45jp-BglqiM9WmrGsOmXg/viewform?usp=sharing>

In His Service,  
Jamie Crouch  
Zion Lutheran School  
Principal

### Announcements: Important Upcoming Dates:

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS  
Friday 03/07: Special Friends Day  
Friday 03/07: Early Dismissal 12:00  
Wednesday 03/12: Lenten Service  
3:30/7:00  
Tuesday 03/18: Pre-k and Kindergarten  
open house 7pm  
Thursday 04/03: New Student Registration

### This Weeks Birthdays:

Gryffin Hardesty  
Sophia Neuhaus

## In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Gryffin and Sophia.
- Prayers for our youth attending the Youth Lead event this weekend in St. Louis.



### End of the Year Dates:

May 7: Family Fun Night

May 13: Prek-4 &

Kindergarten Graduation

May 20: Field Day (Morning)

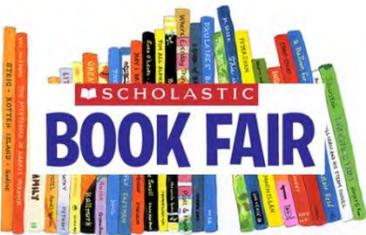
May 20: AR End of the Year Prizes  
(Afternoon)

May 20: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

May 21: Last Day of School

### Student Registration Open Enrollment:

Registration forms for our current K-7<sup>th</sup> grade students are being sent home today. The prek-4 class will bring home registration forms Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be sent back at any time.



There is still time to grab a new book and shop at our annual book fair. Come and take a look tomorrow Friday

3/7 during "Special Friends Day".

### Kindergarten Open House

Kindergarten Open house for Zion will take place on Tuesday, March 18 at 7pm. This will also be an open house for NEW preschool students. If your child is already attending 3-year-old preschool, they do not need to attend this open house.

## Join Our Team!



Zion Lutheran School is searching for a head cook to join our team. The Head Cook is responsible for planning, preparing, and serving nutritious, balanced meals to

students and staff, while maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming kitchen environment. Previous experience in food preparation, kitchen management, or similar roles preferred but not required. Applications can be picked at Zion Lutheran School in the main office, or you can email your resume and cover letter to [office@zion-school.org](mailto:office@zion-school.org) by March 7, 2025



### **Join the Zion Scholar Bowl Team!**

Do you have a passion for trivia? Are you quick on your feet when it comes to answering questions about history, math, science, literature, or pop culture? Then the **Zion Scholar Bowl**

**Team** might be just what you're looking for!

**What is Scholar Bowl?** Scholar Bowl is an exciting competition where teams of students face off in quick-thinking trivia matches. It's all about teamwork, knowledge, and a love for learning! Whether you're a history buff or a science whiz, there's a place for you on the team.

**Who Can Join?** This team is open to all **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders** who are eager to test their knowledge and represent Zion School. It's the perfect opportunity to sharpen your mind, meet new friends, and have fun while learning!

**Practices and Matches** We will have a **short season**, with only a couple of practices, so make sure to come ready to compete and improve your trivia skills!

### Practice Dates:

- o Tuesday, March 11 from 3:00-4:00 pm
- o Tuesday, March 18 from 3:00-4:00 pm

### Match Dates:

- **Thursday, March 20 at Zion Bethalto**
  - o 4:30 pm vs. Zion Bethalto
  - o 5:30 pm vs. Trinity "A"
- **Thursday, March 27 at St. Paul, Hamel**
  - o 4:30 pm vs. Trinity "B"
- **Tuesday, April 1 at Zion Staunton**
  - o 4:30 pm vs. Holy Cross Collinsville
  - o 5:30 pm vs. St. Paul
- **Saturday, April 5 at Holy Cross Collinsville**
  - o **Conference Tournament** (starts at 9:00 am, last match ends by 11:30 am)

**How Do You Join?** Interested in being part of this awesome team? Simply attend one of the practices on March 11 or 18, and you'll get all the details you need to join the fun. We can't wait to see you there and help you shine in this exciting competition!

If you have any questions or need more info, feel free to reach out to Rachel Seelbach at [rachel.seelbach@zion-school.org](mailto:rachel.seelbach@zion-school.org)

### Lunch Bites:

During Lent there will be a fish or non- meat alternative available on Ash Wednesday (03-05) and on Fridays beginning 03/07.

Lunch Volunteers for the week of March 07- March 15

Thurs. 03/06: Gary Hagarty  
Fri. 3/07: Special Friends Day  
Mon. 03/10:  
Tues. 03/11:  
Weds.03/12:  
Thurs. 03/14:  
Friday 03/15:

*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>

### 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.

### Mark your calendars: Choir Dates

- "Joyful Noise" 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- "Praise Him" 4yr PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade
  - March 23<sup>rd</sup> "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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

March youth dates:

March 8-11: Youth Lead

March 9: MS youth 3-5 p.m./HS youth 4-6 p.m.

March 23: MS youth 3-5 p.m./HS youth 4-6 p.m.

### Sports/Activities Schedule

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

### Zion Panther Track

The Zion track season is just around the corner. Track at Zion is open to boys and girls in grades 4-8. If your child is interested in joining the team, please contact Rachel Mosser if you haven't done so already. Uniforms are in the works and practices will officially begin the week of March 17. The track team will be coached this year by Greg Brunnworth, Jennifer Davis, and Rachel Mosser.

### Currently Scheduled Track Meets

Saturday, April 5 - Nashville Invitational @ Nashville Community High School  
Saturday, April 12 - Belleville Invitational @ Belleville East  
Saturday, April 26 - Good Shepherd Invitational @ Collinsville High School  
Saturday, May 3 - Conference Track Meet @ Belleville East  
Tuesday, May 6 - Staunton Jr. High Meet @ Staunton High School  
Saturday, May 10 - District Track Meet @ Belleville East  
Sat/Sun May 17-18 - STATE Meet for those who qualify @ Concordia, River Forest

### Fall Sports Pictures

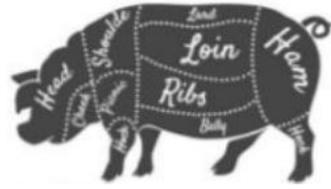
If your student played basketball or cheered this fall please hold on to their uniforms until Spring pictures in April. More information to come.

### 25'-26' Athletic Director

Zion Lutheran School is looking for an Athletic Director for the 2025-2026 school year. The athletic director is responsible for managing the school's sports programs, including schedules, assisting the coaching staff, assigning coaches, referee schedules and helping to set up volunteer schedule. They also ensure that the school complies with athletic regulations and responsibilities. Please contact Jamie Crouch through the school office with any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with the position.

### PTL:

Save the Date Spring Fundraiser: More information to come.



### PTL Hog Raffle-

Details are as follows:

- 2 winners will receive ½ a

hog processed by Korte Meats.

- Cost: 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20
- Drawing will be Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- Winner need not be present to win.
- Proceeds directly benefit the students at Zion Lutheran School.

### 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

### Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month

Asian Bistro- (dates to be announced)

## RaiseRight (Formally Scrip)

Go to [RaiseRight.com](https://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](https://RaiseRight.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!

## *8th "Grad" Star of the Week*



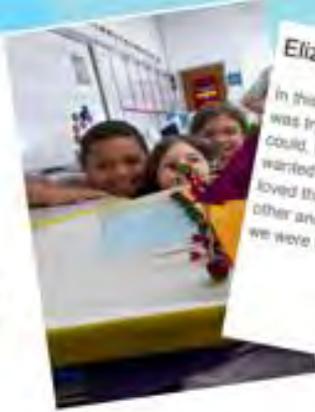
My name is Lucas Allen Cook. My parents are Kristi and Kevin Cook. I love to play basketball and video games. I plan on attending MEIS in the fall to start my high school career. My favorite memory is of Zion is going to Mrs. Best' house to eat tacos and playing outside at her house. My friends are what I will miss most about Zion.

*"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

*Romans 8:31*

Emma

This is how I learned to fix my eyes on Jesus, by helping my friends and working together to get the job done. Teamwork we used teamwork to figure out how to build a bridge over the water. That's how I fixed my eyes on Jesus.



Elizabeth

In this photo, I was having fun and I was trying to be as helpful as I could. I was doing that because I wanted to be helpful to Jesus. I loved that we got to help each other and got to show Jesus that we were fixing our eyes on Jesus.



4th Grade  
2025

I have my eyes on Jesus...



Hazel



I fix my eyes on Jesus because we are going to Glenwood to hand out flowers and love notes. That is how we fixed our eyes on Jesus.

Kaiden

I can show kindness to my friends and family. And I show respect to my teacher every day. Also we pray every day to keep our eyes on Jesus.



Lilly

Teamwork. That is how I am fixing my eyes on Jesus. I am using teamwork with my friend Elizabeth. How? We and my friend Elizabeth are making a bridge and if we did not use teamwork it would not of worked. That is how I fixed my eyes on Jesus.







*families*  
**FUN  
NIGHT**

AT ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH**  
**6:00-8:00**

Bring the whole family for a night filled with laughter, and unforgettable memories.

*Event Highlights*

**TOUCH A TRUCK, DUNK TANK  
GAMES & ACTIVITIES  
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS  
FACE PAINTING, CHUCK A DUCK AND  
MORE!**

Invite A friend that is not a student at ZLS and be entered into a drawing for a gift card!



# Zion Lutheran School Preschool and Kindergarten

## Open House

On Tuesday, March 18 at 7pm Zion Lutheran School will host an open house for parents interested in learning about Zion's Preschool and Kindergarten programs. Please consider attending to learn about the Christian education Zion has to offer.

**TUESDAY MARCH 18 @ 7P.M.**

### What we offer:

- **3-year-old preschool:** Meets from 12:30-3 on Tuesday and Thursdays.
- **4-year-old preschool:** Meets Monday-Friday from 8-11:20am.
- **Full day Kindergarten:** Child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2025.
- **Daycare:** Full and part time daycare are also available for preschool age students.

If you have any questions regarding open house or registration please email Pam Kleckner at [pam.kleckner@zion-school.org](mailto:pam.kleckner@zion-school.org) or call the school office at 635-3060.

Thank you,  
Pam Kleckner  
Preschool Teacher/Daycare Director  
Kristi Cook  
Kindergarten Teacher



Staunton Area Girl Scouts Present:

# Disney Trivia



Saturday, March 15, 2025  
Zion Lutheran School Gym  
Staunton, IL

Doors Open at 5:15 pm  
Trivia Begins at 6 pm

Concessions Available. Outside Food Welcome.

Mini  
Games!

Prize for Best  
Decorated Table!

Silent  
Auction!

6 people minimum, 8 people maximum per table.

\$12 per person early registration

\$15 per person arrival registration

All proceeds go  
to fund local  
Girl Scout  
experiences.

To reserve your table today, complete  
the registration form here:

[Disney Trivia  
Table Registration](#)



March 22, 2025

# Trivia Night

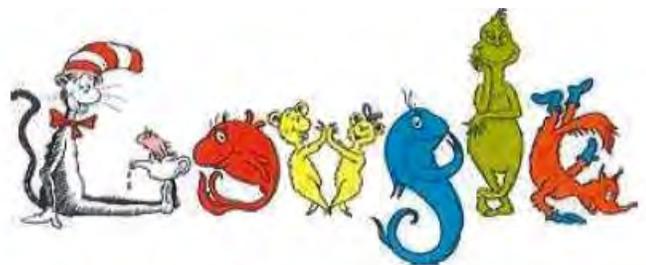


Prizes  
to be  
Awarded

**WHERE:** Staunton Country Club  
**TIME:** 6pm Doors Open | 7pm Trivia Begins  
**COST:** \$20 Per Person  
Maximum 10 People Per Table

**RESERVE A TABLE:**  
Contact Angela Best at 618.303.6870

All proceeds benefit Staunton School District & Staunton Zion Lutheran School



## DR. SEUSS PARTY

AT THE STAUNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WITH A STORY

AN ART ACTIVITY

PRIZES

GAMES

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

4:00 P.M.



CREATIVE COMMONS

2025

All 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lutheran Middle School Students are invited to attend a...

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Dance

Head to your favorite thrift shop and find the perfect formal attire!

The dance will take place in the school gym at Metro-East Lutheran High School on **Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6-9pm**. Admission is **\$5** and your name will be entered to win the attendance prize! The fun includes: DJ, drinks, snacks, photo booth, games, contests, and prizes!

### Games

Best Dressed Boy  
Best Dressed Girl  
Limbo  
Dance Off  
Bags Competition  
Hula-hoop Competition

### Prizes

We are looking forward to a great night of fun for the middle school students!  
For more information, text Dana McQuade (740) 438-6000.



Metro-East Lutheran High School  
6305 Center Grove Road  
Edwardsville, IL 62025



LUTHERAN HERITAGE HOME

# March 2025



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Chicken Nachos Lettuce Salad Corn Pears Milk	4 Ham Steaks Ham & Beans Carrots Cornbread Muffin Applesauce Milk	5 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Green Beans Apple Slices Milk  <b>Edisons Trip Prek4-8th</b>	6 Beef & Noodles Bread & Butter Peas Peaches Jello Milk	7 Grilled Cheese Veggie Sticks Mandarin Oranges Cookie Milk <b>Special Friends Day: Early Dismissal</b>
10 Chicken Patty sandwich Sun Chips Carrots Apples Milk	11 Pizza Garlic Green Beans Pears Milk	12 Macaroni & Cheese W/Smoked Sausage Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Milk	13 Loaded Tater- Tots Bowl Sweet Peppers Peaches Milk	14 Chicken Crisпитos Mexican Rice Lettuce Salad Pineapple Leprechaun Treat Milk
17 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Dinner Roll Corn Apple Sauce Milk	18 Toasted Ravioli W/Marinera Sauce Side Salad Cheese Stick Pears Milk	19 Pulled Pork Baked Potato Broccoli Pineapple Milk	20 Riblet Sandwich Potato Wedges Green Beans Peaches Pudding Milk	21 Egg & Cheese Omelet Sausage Patty Sweet Potato Fries Fruit W/Yogurt Milk
24 Breaded Pork Sandwich Buttered Garlic Noodles Corn Fruit Cocktail Milk	25 Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce Breadstick Carrots Pears Pudding Milk	26 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger Tater Tots Cut-Up Veggies Mandarin Oranges Milk	27 Tacos Lettuce Cucumber Salad Pineapple Milk	28 Chef Salad Breadstick Cottage Cheese Peaches Milk
31 Mini Corn Dog Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Cheese Stick Apple Slices Milk	<b>ENTRÉE ALTERNATE: Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly with a Mozzarella Cheese Stick</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday as well as Fridays During Lent a Fish or Meat Free Entrée will be available.</b>		

