



# Zion Live Life in Christ Lutheran

## Panther Paws

### Worship Opportunities

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

### Contact Information

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

April 11, 2025

### Bible Verse of the Week

*"Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."*-Matthew 6:34

### From the Desk of the Principal:

Share Your Zion Story!

Zion Lutheran School has been shaping young hearts and minds for generations, and we know many of our church members—whether alumni, parents of alumni, or longtime supporters—have powerful stories to tell. As we update our marketing materials and website, we need your help!

The best way for Zion to grow is through word-of-mouth, and your testimony could be the reason a new family chooses to become part of our Zion Family. If Zion Lutheran School or Early Childhood Center has made a difference in your life or your **child's life**, we would love to hear your story!

We are also creating staff appreciation sections and would love to include kind words and meaningful stories about our incredible teachers and staff. If a staff **member made an impact on your child's faith, education, or personal growth**, we'd love to highlight their dedication!

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). You can fill out

as much or as little of the survey as you'd like—every story helps!

Thank you for being part of Zion's legacy and helping us share the joy and mission of our school!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd-eMG4aP3Jt5bSVO2PI9mXUQ3-45jp-BglqiM9WmrGsOmXg/viewform?usp=sharing>

### Announcements:

### Important Upcoming Dates:

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS

Saturday 04/12: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Examination 5pm

Sunday 04/13: Confirmation Sunday 10am

Monday 14-Monday 04/21: Easter Break

Tuesday 04/22: School Resumes

**Sunday 04/27: " Joyful Noise: 10:30 Service**

Wednesday 05/07: Family Fun Night

Monday 05/12: Sports Banquet

Tuesday 05/13: Prek-4 & K graduation

Tuesday 05/20: Field Day (AM) AR end of the year Prizes afternoon.

Tuesday 05/20: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

Wednesday 05/21: Last day of School

### This Weeks Birthdays:

Lilly Hunt

### In our prayers this week

- Birthday Blessings to Lilly Hunt
- Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands as they prepare for questioning and confirmation this weekend,
- All those traveling during Easter Break

Wednesday May 14: 5 - 6 p.m.

The school office will be closed during Easter Break. Should you need something over break please email Ms. Heather at [heather.girardin@zion-school.org](mailto:heather.girardin@zion-school.org) to make arrangements to meet. Daycare is open during Easter Break except for Good Friday. Please sign up at the daycare desk for your daycare needs during Easter Break if you have not already done so.

Summer Camp Opportunities  
Dive into fun this summer at our Underwater Adventure at Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Center!

### [Make a splash with us this summer!](#)

Are you ready for an unforgettable summer filled with exploration, creativity, and excitement? Join us at our Underwater Adventure, where every day is an exciting journey beneath the waves.

#### What's in store?

Engaging activities: From arts and crafts to interactive STEM activities, your child will explore the wonders of the deep sea!

Fun games & challenges: Dive into treasure hunts, obstacle courses, water play games - every activity is an adventure!

Ocean-inspired learning: Learn about marine life, create ocean murals, and dive into stories of the deep blue sea.

Why choose us? Experienced staff

Safe, friendly environment  
age-appropriate activities designed to inspire creativity and teamwork

Spots are limited - sign up today and let your child's summer be an underwater adventure they'll never forget!

Registration dates: Monday, May 5: 4 - 5 p.m.

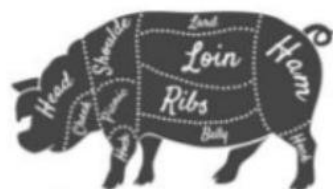
Thursday, May 8: 5 - 6 p.m.

Full time: Children are charged \$150 each week of summer. Lunch is included in this price. You will also qualify for one week of vacation in which your child will not be charged. The week must be a Monday - Friday of the same week and the director will need one week's notice that you will be using your vacation week. Your child may not be in attendance for any part of your vacation week. There will be a \$25 registration fee on your first summer bill for all school aged children (entering 1st grade and older).

Part time: Each child is charged for a minimum of 2 days per week. This will be charged EVERY week of summer at the price of \$36 per day. You may attend up to 5 days for the week. You will also qualify for one week of vacation in which your child will not be charged. The week must be a Monday - Friday of the same week **and the director will need one week's notice that you will be using your vacation week.** Your child may not be in attendance for any part of your vacation week. Lunch is an additional fee of \$3 per day and will be included in your weekly bill. There will be a \$25 registration fee on your first summer bill for all school aged children (entering 1st grade and older)

There WILL BE NO DROP IN services at Zion this summer.

Mrs. Pamela Kleckner  
Zion Early Childhood Education Center  
Director/Preschool Teacher



[PTL Hog Raffle- Update!](#)

We have sold 1,004 Raffle tickets as of

Thursday 04/09. That means that students

have unlocked milestone 5-7! Pancake Breakfast with PJ Day will take place Tuesday April 22 when we return to school following Easter Break, Level 6: Picnic Lunch and Level 7: Glow Party dates are to come. We are ½ way to our goal of 2000 tickets sold. Get those tickets turned in so we can see how close we are to reaching those milestones.

Keep selling and turning in those raffle tickets. The sooner you can get them turned in the faster we hit those milestones. If you will not be able to sell the tickets that you have, please return them to the office so that we can get them distributed out to families that are needing more.

### [Aerial Drone Competition Coming to St. Louis in 2026](#)

We are excited to announce the upcoming **\*\*[Aerial Drone Competition](#)\*\*** coming to the St. Louis area! CCLS will host a drone tournament on Saturday, February 28th, 2026. This thrilling event will bring together students to compete in a series of high-flying challenges, designed to push the limits of innovation, technology, and creativity. Winners of the competition will have an invitation to the national competition for 2026.

Date: Saturday, Feb 28, 2026

Location: Christ Community Lutheran School Kirkwood, MO

2026 National Competition: TBD

Benefits of Students Participating

1. Skill Development: This competition offers students a hands-on opportunity to enhance their technical skills in drone piloting, programming, and engineering. They'll have the chance to work with cutting-edge technology and learn valuable skills that are highly sought after in today's rapidly evolving tech world.

2. Teamwork and Collaboration: Students will collaborate with peers, fostering a spirit of teamwork and problem-solving. These

experiences are invaluable as they prepare for careers in STEM fields.

3. Networking Opportunities: Participants will meet industry professionals, educators, and potential employers who are excited to mentor the next generation of tech innovators.

4. Recognition & Prizes: Students will be recognized for their achievements, with opportunities to win exciting prizes and scholarships to further their education in STEM disciplines.

5. Inspiration for Future Careers: By participating, students will gain insight into drone technology and its many applications, potentially sparking an interest in aerospace, robotics, engineering, or computer science careers.

This is more than just a competition – it's a gateway to future opportunities, personal growth, and an unforgettable experience. We invite you to encourage students to take part in this exciting event and show off their skills, creativity, and passion for technology.

For more details, contact Dee Leible at [dleible@ccls-stlouis.org](mailto:dleible@ccls-stlouis.org) for an virtual informational meeting on Monday, April 28th at 11:30-12:30 to learn more about the competition and steps your school can take to participate. **We can't wait to see the incredible talent from the St. Louis area soar.**

### Lunch Bites:

*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>

Tuesday 4/22:

Wednesday 4/23: Heather France

Thursday 4/24:

Friday 4/25:

Monday 4/28:

Tuesday 4/28:

Wednesday 4/29:

Thursday 4/30:

## 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

- April 27<sup>th</sup> "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 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

### End of the Year Youth Dates

April 11: SID senior youth retreat at Camp Wartburg

April 27: MS 3-5/HS 4-6

May 4: Middle school 4-5 pm

\*Mandatory youth/parent meeting for gathering participants 5-6 pm (bring copies of insurance cards)

\*High school: potluck 6-7 pm

June 17-19: Middle school retreat for youth entering 7-9th grades at Rustic Acres

July 17-24: Youth Gathering

## 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

### April Practices

Thurs. 4/3: 4-5:30@SHS  
30@SHS

Thurs.4/10: 4-5:30@SHS

### Track Meets

Saturday, April 12 - Belleville Invitational @ Belleville East

Saturday, April 26 - Good Shepherd Invitational @ Collinsville High School

Wednesday, April 30 - Conference Relays @ Civic Memorial 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

## PTL:

Volunteers Needed! Please Sign-up to help make these events successful.

- Teacher Appreciation Week Lunch Hour supervisors: Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> during the lunch hour we will be providing lunch for all staff members. Volunteers will monitor lunch and the lunch recess period.

◦ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAAF2DA1FEC61-56146419-staff>

- Fish Stand - Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>- Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>- We have slots for set up and clean up and then frying fish and serving/prepping etc for Friday and Saturday. We shortened shifts this year from 4 hours down to 2 and 2.5 hours in hopes this will be more flexible for people.



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## 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

3rd Wed. of the month

Asian Bistro: Dates to be Announced

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 WAY OF THE CROSS

March 5th - Ash Wednesday  
Jesus in the Garden

March 19  
Jesus Judged

March 30  
Simon of Cyrene

April 17  
Jesus Speaks to Mary and John

March 9  
Jesus Betrayed

March 23  
Jesus Scourged and Crowned,

April 2  
Jesus and the Women

April 18  
Jesus Dies

March 12  
Jesus Condemned

March 26  
Jesus Bears the Cross

April 6  
Jesus Crucified

April 18  
Jesus placed in the Tomb

March 16  
Jesus Denied

April 13  
Jesus and the Thief

March 5, 2025 - April 18, 2025

## 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

## 8th "Grad" Star of the Week



My name is Anna Colleen Mosser. Danny and Rachael Mosser are my parents. I love to play Volleyball, basketball, and track. I like to sing, go to Youth Group, watch movies, and spend time with family and friends. One of my favorite times at Zion was playing at the Edwardsville Township Community Park/ Airplane Park like little kids after going to the Ar seum in St. Louis. I have attended Zion for basically my whole life so it's going to be hard for me when I attend MELHS in the fall. I will miss all the wonderful people and the close relationships I have formed while at Zion.

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# APRIL 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Carrots Pears Milk	<b>2</b> BBQ Pork Sandwich Sweetpotato Fries Corn Peaches Milk	<b>3</b> Chicken Parm w/spaghetti Green Beans Mixed fruit Milk	<b>4</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Cinnamon Apples Milk
<b>7</b> Sweet & Sour Meatballs Rice Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Milk	<b>8</b> Chicken Enchiladas Corn Pudding Lettuce Salad Pineapple Milk	<b>9</b> Chicken Strips w/ Country Gravy Fries Corn Sliced Apples Milk	<b>10 Easter Dinner:</b> Baked Ham Steak Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Green Beans Apple Crisp Roll Milk	<b>11</b> Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Peaches Milk
<b>14</b> No School Easter Break	<b>15</b> No School Easter Break	<b>16</b> No School Easter Break	<b>17</b> No School Easter Break	<b>18</b> No School Easter Break
<b>21</b> No School Easter Break	<b>22</b> Smoked Sausage Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Banana Pudding Milk	<b>23</b> Chicken & Bacon Wraps Cut Up Vegetables Peaches Milk	<b>24</b> Loaded Breakfast Bowl (Sausage, Tater Tots, Eggs, Country Gravy) Sweet Peppers Apple sauce Milk	<b>25</b> Hot Dogs Macaroni & Cheese Peas Pears Milk
<b>28</b> Tamale Pie Lettuce salad Cut up vegetables Pineapple Milk	<b>29</b> Chicken and Noodles French Bread Corn Apple Slices Milk	<b>30</b> Sausage Egg & Cheese Biscuit Hashbrowns Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>ENTRÉE</b> <b>ALTERNATE:</b> <b>Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly</b>	

