



Zion Live Life in Christ Lutheran Panther Paws

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

Worship Opportunities

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

Contact Information

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May 08, 2025

Bible Verse of the Week

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." -John 16:33

From the Principles Desk:

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came out for Family Night!

We had an amazing time together, rain and all!

Kids (and adults!) loved seeing and climbing into the bobcat, semi, dump truck, police car, Tesla, 1948 Chevy, Cybertruck, fire truck, fire side-by-side, AND the mobile medical & dental unit—what an awesome lineup!

We're so grateful to everyone who made the night special:



Face painting by our Youth Group



Pluck-a-Duck game by our Student Council



Craft station by the Board of Evangelism



Yard games thanks to Rustic Acres



Little Italies for always supporting our event nights

A special shoutout to all the parents who stayed in the rain so the kids could enjoy the dunk tank—and to everyone who helped get the tables and chairs inside when the rain came pouring down!

The dunk tank videos are posted—check them out!

And congratulations to our Hog Raffle winners:
Bianka Garde (PreK)
Stephanie Kuntz (ticket sold by Jenn Davis)
We'll be reaching out to the winners soon!

Thank you again for making it a night to remember!

Announcements:

Important Upcoming Dates:

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS

Monday 05/12: Sports Banquet 6p.m.

Tuesday 05/13: Prek-4 & K graduation 7p.m.

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

Tuesday 05/20: 8th grade Graduation 7p.m.

Wednesday 05/21: Last day of School

This Weeks Birthdays:

Mia France

Blaire Billings

In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Mia and Blaire.
- Students and staff as they end the school year strong.
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We need your help! Starting this week, we'll be posting a short video every day on our Facebook page to highlight the amazing things happening at Zion Lutheran School. We're asking our Zion Family to help us reach more families in the community by watching and commenting on each video.

A simple comment makes a big impact! Facebook loves engagement, and every comment helps more people see our posts. Feel free to share the videos too, but even just leaving a comment goes a long way!

Thank you for being part of this mission to share the good news about Zion!

8th Grade Graduate Boxes



Our 8th Grade graduates boxes have been placed in the hallway by Mrs. Best's room. If you would like to write a letter or a

note of inspiration to our graduates and place them in the boxes, please do so. It would be amazing if our Zion families and church members could do this as part of an amazing fairwell.

Keep Learning All Summer Long!

Starting now and continuing through the summer, Zion students will have access to Freckle and myON to support their learning at home.

- Freckle is an online program that provides personalized practice in math, reading, science, and social studies, helping students strengthen their skills across subjects.
- myON is a digital library that gives students access to thousands of books across all interests and reading levels, encouraging a love of reading.

Students can log in through their normal AR portal to access both programs.

If you do not have your child's username or password, please email Mrs. Crouch for assistance. We encourage you to have your child explore and practice with these tools this summer to help them start strong in the fall!

The Little White Table



Wednesday afternoon a group of ladies from the American Legion of Bunker Hill came and provided a

presentation to the staff and students about the Ceremony of the Little White Table. The table symbolizes those veterans who are missing in action and are prisoners of war. Each child received an American flag to remember. Thank you Ladies of the American Legion of Bunker Hill for your commitment and dedication to honoring veterans.

Zion Field Day

Zion Field Day will be on May 20. This is a day of fun for our students to celebrate the school year coming to an end. We are in need of some

volunteers, if we do not get enough help we will have to cancel. If you are willing to help, even for a little bit on Tuesday, May 20, please contact heather.girardin@zion-school.org
Veterans Display



The 7&8 grade students had the honor of interviewing three brave veterans from our community, Mr. Jim Denny, Mr. Dennis Poehler, and Mr. Earl Gill. All three men spoke to the students

about their experiences. The students were then charged with the task to write an article about the man that their group interviewed. We have created a Veterans display at the Staunton Public Library for all to enjoy and learn about these great American local heroes. We hope you can take the time to enjoy and learn too!

Staunton Sportsman Club Fishing Derby

The Staunton Sportsman Club will be hosting their annual fishing derby on Sunday, May 18. There will be food, prizes, and trophies.

K-2nd grades fish from 1:00-2:00pm

3rd -8th grades fish from 1:00-3:00pm

2025-2026 School Year Documentation

Please Schedule Necessary Health Exams for Next Fall Now! All exams must be completed by final registration on August 5, 2025. If your child is not able to get their exam before final registration due to insurance timeframes, please bring the scheduled date of the next exam during final registration.

Preschoolers need: Birth Certificate (may be a copy), Current health physical form and proof of immunizations.

Kindergarten: Birth Certificate (may be a copy), Health physical, proof of up to date immunizations, Lead level test, Eye Exam, and Dental Exam

2nd grade: Dental Exam

6th grade: Health exam with up-to-date immunizations, Dental Form

Grades 3-8-if playing sports: Sports Physical Sixth graders health physical will count as a sports physical, but a sports physical will not count as a health exam!

Financial Aid Applications Open

Zion is now accepting applications for financial aid for the upcoming school year. The deadline to apply is May 31st

Visit <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/42LBJ> to complete your application today!

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.

Wednesday May 14: 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



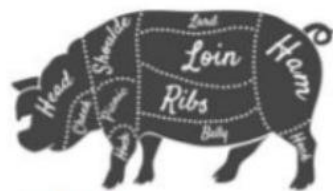
VBS

Join us for an Epic Australian Adventure June 9-13! This summer, we're going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you're invited! We'll encounter amazing

animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness. And most importantly, we'll be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who tells us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" in our theme verse, John 14:6.

Register here or sign up to volunteer!

<https://vbsmate.com/.../ZionLutheranChurchStauntonIL/30611>



PTL Hog Raffle-

We sold a total of 1,568 hog raffle tickets!! You helped the students at Zion unlock 9 sales milestones including

an ice cream sandwich treat, pancake breakfast, glow party and mystery grab bags.

The Hog Raffle Winners were: Bianka Garde (PreK) and Stephanie Kuntz (sold by Jenn Davis)

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.

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

End of the Year Youth Dates

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 6th graders may use their health form as a sports physical.



Zion Panther Track Track Meets

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.

- Fish Stand - Wednesday June 25th-Sunday June 29th- 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
 - o <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAAF2DA1FEC61-49243707-zion>

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

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](https://www.raise-right.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!

School Apparel Shop Your NEW 24/7 Zion

Lutheran School Sideline Store is officially up and

8th "Grad" Star of the Week



My name is Aleah Grace Wyatt. My parents are Elisabeth and Scott Wyatt. I love to play sports, sing, hang out with friends, watch TV, and listen to music. I plan on attending MELS to continue my education. My favorite memory at Zion is going on the field trip to the St. Louis Art Museum and playing at the Airplane Park in Edwardsville. I will miss the wonderful friends I have made here at Zion.

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The hallways of Zion were transformed into an art gallery for family night Wednesday May 7th. Friends and family were able to wander through the halls and view art projects that the students have been working on throughout the year.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE REMINDER

2025 Middle School Youth
Retreat registration

ENDS TOMORROW, MAY 9!

Register before it's too late!!



Be a Light 2025

Be a Light

3rd Annual Youth Retreat



June 17-19

Starts at 4:30 the 17th
Ends at noon on the 19th

Join us for a 2 night retreat at Rustic Acres! Our YouthLead team will be leading Bible study sessions, fun team building activities, servant event, and some time to relax at the pool and by the bonfire. Space is limited! Registration will be first come first serve.

Who:

Youth entering 7th-9th grades in the fall

Where:

Rustic Acres
Jellystone Park

REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL MAY 9



ZION PTL FISH STAND VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

We need your help! Please scan the QR code below to sign up to volunteer at the Zion PTL Fish Stand. Your time and support are greatly appreciated!



You're Invited!

Join us on an epic adventure at VBS this summer!



JUNE 9-13

Zion Lutheran Church & School in Staunton IL

BIBLE LESSONS

GAMES

ARTS & CRAFTS

Register Online at

<https://vbsmate.com/events/ZionLutheranChurchStauntonIL/30611>

Paper registration forms are also available in the school office or narthex of
the church



Zion Lutheran

2025-2026 School Calendar

August 5	Final Registration (All families need to attend)
August 12	Orientation Night
August 13	First Day of School
August 18	First Day of 4-year-old PreK
August 19	First Day of 3-year-old PreK
August 29	No School-LESA PD Day
September 1	No school-Labor Day
October 2	12:00 Dismissal
October 3	No School-LEA Conference
October 13	No School-Columbus Day
October 17	<i>(End of 1st Quarter)</i>
October 29	2:00 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 30	2:00 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 31	No School
November 11	No School-Veterans' Day
November 24- 28	No School-Thanksgiving Holiday
December 19	<i>(End of 2nd Quarter)</i>
Dec 22-Jan 5	Christmas Break
January 6	School Resumes
January 19	No School-Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 16	No School-Presidents' Day
Feb 23-Feb 27	IOWA Testing Week
March 6	12:00 Dismissal-Special Friends' Day <i>(End of 3rd Quarter)</i>
March 13	<i>(End of 3rd Quarter)</i>
March 30- April 6	No School-Easter Break
April 7	School Resumes
April 29-30	Parent-Teacher Conferences (no change to the day)
May 1	No School
May 22	12:00 Dismissal-Last day of school (if no emergency days are needed)

May 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 "Brown Bag Lunch" Picnic Lunch Reward!	2 NO SCHOOL
5 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Corn Cinnamon Applesauce Milk	6 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans Chocolate Pudding Milk	7 Chicken Enchiladas Corn Pudding Side Salad Churro Dessert Milk	8 Sloppy Joes Tater Tots Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	9 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Carrots Peaches Milk
12 Hot Dogs Garlic Buttered Noodles Mixed Vegetables Fruit Cocktail Milk	13 Bacon Lettuce and Tomato Sandwiches Pasta Salad Apple Slices Milk	14 Beef Nachos w/ Corn Chips Black Bean and Corn Salsa Lettuce Salad Pineapple Milk	15 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green Beans Jello Poke Cake Milk	16 Chicken Patty. Sandwich Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower Fresh Fruit Orange Sherbert Milk
19 Chef's Choice	20 Subway Chips Cut Up Vegetables Cookie Milk	21 Last Day of School! Pizza Day Watermelon Ice Cream Milk	Summer Break! 	ENTRÉE ALTERNATE: Peanut Butter & Jelly





The S.W.A.P. Program at Zion is open to all area children. You do not have to be a student at Zion Lutheran School or a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

For more information regarding the S.W.A.P. Program, please contact Mrs. Pam Kleckner at 635-3060 or email pam.kleckner@zion-school.org.



S.W.A.P.

(Summer With A Purpose)



Zion Lutheran School
220 W. Henry Street
Staunton, IL 62088
618-635-3060

FUN CAMP June 02-05

Ages: Entering Kindergarten-11 years of age
Monday-Thursday 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Join us this summer at Fun Camp, where every day is packed with exciting activities and unforgettable memories! Campers will get creative with hands-on crafts, learn tasty recipes during cooking time, and stay active with a variety of fun games. One of the highlights of the week is our Outdoor Fun Day, filled with water, laughter, and plenty of sunshine. Whether your child loves art, food, or just having a blast with friends, Fun Camp has something for everyone!
Cost: \$45.00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Epic Australian Adventure June 9-13

Ages: Preschool-entering 5th grade
Older students may be helpers.
Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-11:45 am
Join us as we learn about Jesus through stories, music, crafts, and more.
*Separate registration form required.

COLOR WONDER (Formerly Mess Camp) June 16-19

Ages: Entering Kindergarten-11 years of age
Mon.-Thurs. 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Get ready for a vibrant week of discovery as we dive into the dazzling world of color! Campers will explore the science behind rainbows, color, and light through exciting experiments and get creative with messy, colorful art projects that blend fun and learning. From mixing potions to splatter painting masterpieces, this camp will keep kids' hands dirty and their imaginations bright.
Cost: \$45.00

SUMMER STEM June 23-26

Ages: Entering Kindergarten-11 years of age
Monday-Thursday 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Get ready for an exciting week of discovery at our STEM Summer Camp! Campers will dive into hands-on learning as they build with LEGOs, marshmallows and other everyday items while explore science, technology, engineering, and math. We'll also be using a fun and engaging program called MAP MATS to foster joyful, meaningful, and play based learning. With a perfect blend of creativity, exploration, and learning, this camp is the perfect place for curious minds to have fun and grow.
Cost \$45.00

SPORTS MANIA June 30-July 3

Ages: Entering Kindergarten-11 years of age
Monday-Thursday 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Get moving and have a blast during this action-packed camp for kids who love to run, play, and try new things. Each day will feature a mix of skill-building drills and games from sports like volleyball and basketball and more—plus a variety of classic PE favorites that keep everyone active and smiling. Whether your camper is a seasoned athlete or just loves to play, this camp will offer fun and encouragement for everyone.
Cost \$45.00

CAMP HOLLY JOLLY July 7-10

Ages: Entering Kindergarten-11 years of age
Monday-Thursday 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Get ready to swap your sandals for Santa hats! At Camp Holly Jolly, we're bringing the magic of the holidays to the middle of summer. Campers will dive into festive cheer with hands-on activities, delicious treats, and classic Christmas fun—all under the summer sun! Seats are limited, so sign up now to reserve your sleigh!
Cost \$45.00

Registration is due one week prior to the start of camp. Payment must accompany registration. No refunds will be issued unless the camp or event is cancelled. Registration fee can be transferred to another camp

SWAP 2024 REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ Phone Number: _____
Age: _____ Parent's Name: _____
Year of school completed: _____ Birth Date: _____
Please list any allergies: _____ Emergency Contact: _____
Please Mark Appropriate Activity

*STEM Camp: June 23-26 \$45.00
*Sports Mania Camp: June 30-July 3 \$45.00
*Camp Holly Jolly July 07-10 \$45.00

Fun Camp: June 02-05 \$45.00
VBS: June 09-12 Free*
Color Wonder Camp: June 16-19 \$45.00

*(Separate Registration Form Required for VBS)

SUMMERTIME

hold it...feel it...see it...smell it...taste it...
Keep it...love it...remember it...



**Zion Lutheran
School**

WE ARE HIRING!

Are you passionate about sharing your love of Christ and inspiring young minds? Join our dedicated team at Zion Lutheran School!

JOIN OUR TEAM

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree in Education (or related field).

Teaching Certification Preferred.

Love for working with children in a Christ-centered environment.

Strong communication and teamwork skills.



OPEN POSITIONS

Part-Time 2nd Grade Teacher

*Teach reading, math, and spelling subjects

*Hours: morning schedule, approx. 5 days /week.

Middle School Teacher (Grades 7-8)

*Teach 2-3 core subjects

*Morning or afternoon schedule (candidate preference)


WHY JOIN ZION?


Supportive, Christ-centered community.

Small class sizes and caring families.

Opportunity to make a meaningful difference

FOR MORE INFORMATION

 (618)635-3060

 **SUBMIT YOUR RESUME TO**
office@zion-school.org

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Metro-East Lutheran High School Summer Activity Camps 2025



Girls Basketball

- May 27th - May 30th, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.
- Grades 4-8
- Cost: \$50, includes T-shirt

Lady Knights Coach Rob Stock directs this camp, which features fun contests, group competition, offensive and defensive skill development and more.



Boys Basketball

- May 27th-30th - 4:30-6:30 pm
- Grades 4-8
- Cost: \$50, includes T-shirt

Coach Anthony Smith, the boys basketball coaching staff and members of the Knights team work athletes through a fun but intense camp.



Boys Volleyball

- June 9th- 12th- 1:00-2:30 pm
- Grades 5-9
- Cost: \$50, includes T-shirt

Coach Jason Batty will lead this camp focused on learning the fundamentals of volleyball in a fun, energetic way.



Girls Volleyball

- June 9th- 12th
- 4:00-5:30 grades 4th-6th
- 6:00-7:30 grades 7th-9th
- Cost: \$50, includes T-shirt

The MELHS volleyball coaches will lead this camp to help players learn new skills and develop their game.



Cheer Camp

- June 16th-19th- 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- Grades 1-8
- Cost: \$50, includes T-shirt and bow

This camp will be focused on learning skills for cheers, a routine, jumps, tumbling and fun games. A closing performance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the last day.



Engineering Adventure Camp

- July 7th - 11th - 4:30-6:30pm
- Grades 5-8
- Cost: \$75 per camper — includes all materials and a camp T-shirt!

Get ready to design, build, and innovate! At our hands-on Engineering Camp, students dive into exciting challenges that combine creativity with real-world problem-solving. Campers will explore core engineering principles through fun, age-appropriate projects—from constructing simple machines to coding and programming robots!



Dance Camp

- July 14th-17th- 4:30-6:30 pm
- Grades K-8
- Cost: \$50, includes bow

This camp will teach the fundamentals of dance and help students improve their skills through fun dance and activities.

TO REGISTER FOR CAMP: Go to www.melhs.org and click on the Summer Camp link on the Athletics tab. Payment can be dropped off in advance at the school office or on the first day of camp. Checks should be payable to MELHS. **Please note: grades listed are for students entering those grades for the 2025-2026 school year.**

NEW STUDENT
FAMILY
WELCOME
- NIGHT -

25
JUNE



20
25

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE 5PM-7PM

FOOD & FUN

MEET OTHER NEW FAMILIES



6305 CENTER GROVE ROAD