



Zion Live Life in Christ Lutheran Panther Paws

The mission of Zion Lutheran school is to guide students toward academic excellence and to prepare them to be Christian Leaders!

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

May 15, 2024

Bible Verse of the Week

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body. I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." -Galatians 2:20

Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS

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 12:00

Dismissal

August 5: Final Registration: 9am-2pm & 5pm-7pm

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

All families must attend both final registration and Orientation

Birthdays

Silas Paul

Colton Sharp

Please Pray For

- Birthday blessings to Silas and Colton
- Our State Bound Track Athletes and Families
- Our 8th grade students as they finish out the year and prepare for graduation.
- The teachers and staff at Zion as the 24'-25' school year comes to an end.

Announcements

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 Office Hours

There are no set hours in the office for the summer. Ms. Heather will be in and out sporadically. Please email heather.girardins@zion-school.org to make arrangements if you would like to meet. Thank you.

State Bound

Zion track athletes are state bound! Please pray for safe travels for our athletes, coaches, and families. Good luck to Anna Mosser and Aleah Wyatt.

Track Uniforms

Please turn in washed track uniforms to the school office before the end of the school year.

Tuition Payments

May invoices have been sent out. The due date is May 31. This is the last payment of the 24-25 school year.

- If you indicated on your 2025-2026 registration form you plan to be on the 12 month plan, you will receive your first invoice for next school year in June 2025. Please contact the office before the end of May, if you changed your mind about selecting the 10 mos. or 12 mos. plan.
- Those signed up for the 10 mos. plan will receive their first invoice in August. Preschool invoices will begin in August as well.

8th Grade Graduation 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.

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

K Immunizations:

- 2 Varicella
- Hep B Series (3)
- 2 MMR
- DTap series (4)
- Polio Series (3)
- Hib Series
- Pneumococcal Series

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!

- Eye Exams: Must be completed by an Optometrist. Eye exams are valid for 12 months prior to the October 15, 2025 deadline
- Dental Exam: Must be completed within 18 months prior to May 15th deadline
- If your child is playing catch up on immunizations, there must be a written note from your physician.

There are health forms in the office if you need one for your appointment.

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!

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!

Now Hiring:

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we have two teaching positions available: a part-time 2nd grade teacher and a middle school teacher(7/8). Our team of experienced staff members is capable of teaching across various grade levels, ensuring continuity and excellence in education. We look forward to welcoming new staff members for our 2025-2026 school year who can meet the needs of our school.

If interested, please reach out to Mrs. Crouch at Jamie.crouch@zion-school.org or contact our school office at 618-635-3060 ext. 1. Resumes can be sent to office@zion-school.org.

SWAP

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. and see details below.

Summer Instrumental Music Lessons:

Mr. Meador will be offering summer instrumental lessons. The following instruments will be available: Piano, Organ and any Concert Band Instrument. These lessons are perfect for middle/high school students playing a band instrument who have 1 year of playing experience and are interested in advancing their skills over

the summer! Lessons will be \$25 for a half hour lesson and will take place in the music room at MELHS. If you are interested, please email Mr. Meador at joseph.meador@melhs.org.

Staunton Sportsman Club Fishing Derby

The Staunton Sportsmans Club will be hosting their annual fishing derby on May 18. There will be food, prizes, and trophies. Every child gets a fishing derby t-shirt.

- K-2nd grades fish from 1:00-2:00pm
- 3rd -8th grades fish from 1:00-3:00



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>

Chapel Offerings:

Every Wednesday at 8:30am. Parents and friends are invited to join.

Junior Youth Group (3rd-5th gr.)

No Youth Group until next school year. Have a great summer!

Youth Group (6th-12th gr.)

Middle/High School Youth Group:

Upcoming Fellowship Events:

June 17-19: Retreat at Rustic Acres for youth entering 7-9th grades in the fall

Sports Activities/Schedule

All schedules are attached below.

Zion Panther Track



Meets:

Sat/Sun May 17-18 - STATE Meet for those who qualify @ Concordia, River Forest

PTL Dates & Fundraisers

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAAF2DA1FEC61-49243707-zion>

Ongoing Information

School Apparel Shop

Zion Lutheran School Sideline Store:

<http://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/illinois/staunton/zion-lutheran-school>

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!

Sports:

Any child playing a school sport needs to complete the concussion information sheet along with the sports handbook policy waiver before they begin their sport. This will be kept in their student file. Please stop by the office if you are in need of these.

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- Flyers are available on the school website or Facebook page

El Indio

2nd. Wed. of the month.

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

3rd Wed. of the month

Asian Bistro Fundraiser Nights

Last Wednesday of each month. No flyer needed, just mention Zion to their staff.

Zion Collects the Following Fundraiser Opportunities (Collected in school office)

- Raise Right (Formerly Scrip)

Go to RaiseRight.com or download the new Raise Right 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 or drop off at the school or church offices.

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!



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL
PREK 4 & KINDERGARTEN
CLASS OF 2025





The 7&8th grade enjoyed an afternoon at Mrs. Best House for tacos and treats. They played baseball, frisbee, bags and washers. The afternoon would not be complete without a water balloon battle. It was hot but we were cool. We had fun!



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 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)



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!

A large kangaroo stands on the left, and a koala is perched on a tree on the right. The background features a stylized map of Australia in shades of purple and orange, set against a landscape with green grass and a bright sun.

EPIC Australian Adventure

An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus

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



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S.W.A.P.

(Summer With A Purpose)



Zion Lutheran School
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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 year 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! Spots 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

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

