



# Zion Lutheran

Live Life in Christ

## Panther Paws

### Worship Opportunities

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

### Contact Information

School 618-635-3060 ext 1  
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*The mission at Zion Lutheran School is to guide students toward academic excellence and to be Christian Leaders!*

**August 16, 2025**

### Bible Verse of the Week

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth:  
make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.  
Psalm 93:8

### School News



What a great start to the 2025-2026 school year! Thank you to everyone who joined us last week to celebrate the start of the school year at our Blessing of the Backpack Service and Open House! It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and welcome new ones as we kicked off the new academic year together. The excitement that filled the sanctuary and halls was truly infectious.

We are so thankful for your participation in our first PTL restaurant fundraiser at Calderas. It was so amazing to see so many families, friends, students and members of the community Wednesday night. Thank you for supporting the students and teachers at ZLS and for supporting a great local business. Thank you to the Zion PTL for putting together this fun way to celebrate the first day of school, you guys rock!

Together, we are building a strong and supportive student focused and faith-based community. Excitement is building for the new school year, and we look forward to taking on this adventure together...Zion Lutheran School and Church as one.

Blessings,

ZLS Teachers and Staff

### Important Upcoming Dates

**NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS**

**Mon. 8/18**-First Day of 4 yr. Preschool

**Tues. 8/19**-First Day of 3 yr. Preschool

**Fri. 8/29**- NO SCHOOL-LESA PD Day

**Mon. 9/1**- NO SCHOOL-Labor Day

### August Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

Lucas Cooper

Jayda Hunt

Olivia Vannoy

Debbie Newbold

Elijah Blessman

### In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Lucas Cooper, Jayda Hunt, Olivia Vannoy, Debbie Newbold and Elijah Blessman
- Students, teachers and staff as they start the new school year.

### Announcements

**ZECEC- Daycare will be open on Friday, August 29**

(no school due to a staff professional development day) but all Zion students in attendance will need to provide a sack lunch and drink. There is **NO HOT LUNCH** service on Friday, August 29.

**ZECEC- Daycare will be closed on Monday, September 1st Labor Day.** ZECEC will reopen on Tuesday, September 2nd at 6am.

### **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

**September 7** 10:30am Praise Him

**September 21** 10:30 am Joyful Noise

**October 18** 5pm Joyful Noise

**October 26** 10:30am Praise Him

**November 9** 10am PreK-8 Sing for Better Together Sunday

**December 14** 1:30pm Christmas Program Pre-8

**December 19** 9:00am Christmas Program Pre-8

**January 25** 8am Joyful Noise

**January 31** 5:00pm Praise Him

**March 1** 8:00am Praise Him

**March 8** 8:00am Joyful Noise

**April 12** 10:30am Praise Him

**April 19** 10:30am Joyful Noise

### **School Arrival**

- K-8: Please arrive between 7:45-7:55am after 8:05 your child will be marked as Tardy
- 4 yr Pre-K: Please arrive between 8:00-8:05, after 8:10 your child will be marked as Tardy. You may walk your child to the classroom for the first week of school.
- 3yr Pre-K: Please arrive between 12:30-12:35pm, after 12:40 your child will be marked as Tardy. You may walk your child to the classroom for the first two weeks of school.

### **Dismissal:**

- K-8 will dismiss at 3:00 this year with car line pick up being from 3:00-3:10.
- Pre-K4 will begin car line at 11:20-11:30
- Pre-K3 will begin carline at 3:10-3:15

### **Zion Welcomes our newest Staff Member**

Mrs. Cheryl Best came out of retirement to join us for one more year to teach ELA and Social Studies to our 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Mr.David Manning is joining us as the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade Math and Scince teacher.

Mrs.King is with us again this year teaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.

### **WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!**

#### **3PK Students**

Bagaglio, Charles

Bagaglio,Leonardo

Biney, Raegan

Benjamin Brewer

Hadley Bruhm

Kalia Carroll

Lucas Cooper

Grady Donaldson

Madilyn Gamboe

Cooper Hartwig

Maevin Hosto

James Mclaughin

Leah Schmollinger

Adalyn Tomlinsom

#### **4PK Students**

Calum Albrecht

Peyton DeWerff

Elliana Haustein

Benjamin Marburger

Riley Morgan

Jack Sullivan

#### **1st Grade**

Finley Stinnett

#### **3rd Grade**

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### **Lunch Bites**

#### **(Monthly Lunch Menu Attached Below)**

Please welcome Sarah DalPozzo to the ZLS kitchen as she joined us over the summer as the head cook. Sarah has previously worked in the Zion kitchen as an assistant cook and is excited to be returning this year. Sarah has a lot of great ideas and looks forward to preparing tasty lunch and snacks for Zion students and staff.

#### **Lunch Prices:**

Hot Lunch: 3.00

Snacks: .55

Milk: .55

#### **Lunch Changes:**

This year in an attempt to reduce waste and to make prepping for making meals students will be able to request a second entrée when ordering lunch in the morning. For example if lunch for the day is a hot dog, when ordering your student can let their teacher know that they would like to order a second hot dog. They can only order one additional entrée and the cost for that item will be charged as a snack.

### **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 through 1st grade), Elementary (2nd- 5th grade), and Youth Bible study (6th-12th grade). Please consider joining us!

**More information to come with location and teachers.**

### **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. This quarters offerings will be collected for Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dogs.

### **Band Students**

A permission form to ride the Macoupin County Transit Bus will be going home with the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade bus students Monday. Parents, please complete, sign, and return by the next day.

### **Schedule Your Health Exams for 2025-2026**

If you have not turned in your health forms, please do so ASAP.

See below what tests are needed for certain grades entering 2025-2026 school year.

**PreK:** Health form w/updated immunizations & Birth Certificate

**Kindergarten:** Health form with updated immunizations, Dental Exam, Eye exam, Lead Level Test, and Birth Certificate

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** Dental Exam

**6<sup>th</sup> grade:** Health Form, Dental Exam,

**Sports Physical: As some 3<sup>rd</sup> graders may play sports next year, we encourage them to receive a sports physical as well.** Grades 4-8 (Any student wanting to play a sport) Please note 6<sup>th</sup> graders may use their health form as a sports physical.

### **Sports/Activities Schedule**

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.



### **BASEBALL**

#### **Games:**

**Mon., Aug. 18** @ Holy Cross  
Collinsville (played at MELHS)  
**Mon., Aug. 26** @ Zion Belleville  
**Wed., Aug. 27** Home vs Unity  
East St. Louis



### **Girls VOLLEYBALL**

Coaches Heather France and  
Sam Hunt

#### **Games:**

**Tuesday, August 19** @ Zion, Litchfield  
B 7:00

**Thursday, August 21** Home vs Good  
Shepherd, Collinsville C/B/A 5:00/6:00/7:00

**Thursday, August 28** @ Bethalto vs Trinity,  
Edwardsville D/A 5:00/7:00

**Tuesday, September 2** Home vs Zion, Litchfield  
D/B 6:00/7:00

### **Raise Right (Formerly 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!**



## Girls Volleyball 2025

Tuesday, August 19 @ Zion, Litchfield	B	7:00
Thursday, August 21 Home vs Good Shepherd, Collinsville	C/B/A	5:00/6:00/7:00
Thursday, August 28 @ Bethalto vs Trinity, Edwardsville	D/A	5:00/7:00
Tuesday, September 2 Home vs Zion, Litchfield	D/B	6:00/7:00
Thursday, September 4 Home vs Trinity Springfield	C/A	5:00/6:00
September 5/6 B Team Tournament Zion, Belleville	B	TBA
Monday, September 8 Home (C vs Bethalto, A vs Litchfield Christian)		6:00/7:00
Tuesday, September 9 @ Zion, Belleville	D/A	5:00/7:00
September 12/13 Holly Reeb A Team Tourney in Belleville	A	TBA
Thursday, September 18 @ Bethalto vs Holy Cross	D/A	5:00/7:00
September 19/20 C Team Tournament Zion, Belleville	C	TBA
Tuesday, September 23 @ Good Shepherd	B/A	6:00/7:00
September 26/27 A Team Tournament Good Shepherd	A	TBA
September 25/26/27 D Team Tournament Zion, Belleville	D	TBA
Monday, September 29 @ Bethalto vs Litchfield	B	7:00
Tuesday, September 30 Home vs Trinity, Edwardsville	D/A	5:00/7:00
Tuesday, October 7 @ Bethalto vs Zion, Belleville	D/A	5:00/7:00
October 10/11/12 Metro-East VB Classic A Team Tournament	A	TBA
Tuesday, October 14 Home vs. Zion, Belleville	C/B	6:00/7:00
Thursday, October 16 @ Holy Cross, Collinsville	D/A	5:00/7:00
October 21/25 Conference Tournament A Team	A	TBA
Thursday, October 23 @ Trinity, Edwardsville	C/B	6:00/7:00
November 7-9 STATE A Team Tournament for teams who qualify	A	TBA



## Boys Baseball 2025

Practice start date: Monday, August 4th  
Unless noted, game time is 4:30pm

Mon., Aug. 18 @ Holy Cross Collinsville (played at MELHS)

Mon., Aug. 26 @ Zion Belleville

Wed., Aug. 27 Home vs Unity East St. Louis

Wed., Sept. 3 @ Home vs Good Shepherd

Fri/Sat. Sept. 5-6 Trinity Edwardsville Baseball Tournament TBA

Mon., Sept. 8 @ Trinity, Edwardsville (played at MELHS)

Wed., Sept. 10 Home vs Holy Cross Collinsville

Fri., Sept. 12 Home vs Zion Belleville

Mon., Sept. 15 @ Unity, East St. Louis (played at JJK)

Wed., Sept. 17 @ Good Shepherd Collinsville

Fri., Sept. 19 Home vs Trinity, Edwardsville

Conference Tournament: September 24, 25, and 26 @ TBD

# AUGUST 2025



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>ENTRÉE</b> <b>ALTERNATE:</b> <b>Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly w/cheese stick</b>				
		<b>13</b> Nachos w/Beef Lettuce Salad Pineapple Milk	<b>14</b> Grilled Cheese Pasta Salad Fruit Cocktail Milk	<b>15</b> Chicken Sandwich Tater Tots Green Beans Applesauce Milk
<b>18</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Carrots Pears Milk	<b>19</b> Sausage Biscuit w/Egg Tater Tots Mandarin Oranges Milk	<b>20</b> Chicken Crisпитos Mexican Rice Lettuce Salad Pineapple Milk	<b>21</b> BBQ Pork Sandwich French Fries Baked Beans Peaches Milk	<b>22</b> Spaghetti w/Bread Stick Side Salad Blueberry Crisp Milk
<b>25</b> Corn Dog Macaroni and Cheese Corn Peaches Milk	<b>26</b> Hamburger or Cheeseburger Fries Carrot Brownies Milk	<b>27</b> Baked Pancakes Bacon Hash Browns Cinnamon Apples Milk	<b>28</b> Pizza Side Salad Cookie Bar Milk	<b>29</b> No School

**Welcome Back**





## 2025-2026 School Calendar

August 5	Final Registration (All families need to attend)
August 10	Blessing of the Backpacks/Back to School Service
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)</i>
March 13	<i>(End of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)