



# 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  
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!*

August 21, 2025

### Bible Verse of the Week

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

### School News



### Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS  
Fri. 8/29:-NO SCHOOL-LESA PD Day  
Mon. 9/1:- NO SCHOOL-Labor Day  
Wed. 9/3: Monthly Alternate Service at Zion 6pm  
Sun.9/07:Praise Him Choir 10:30

### August Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

Kennedy Biney  
Emma Brunnworth  
Ray Hunt  
Brooke Davis  
Elly Hunt

### In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Kennedy, Emma, Yay, Brooke and Elly.
- All of the student athletes, coaches and athletic directors as the school sports season is in full swing.

### 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

Reminder: Unless using daycare, students can not enter the building before 7:45am. We ask that students Pre-K4-8<sup>th</sup> be dropped off in car line and parents not walk their students to class.

### 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.
- 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



#### Photographer Needed

Calling all photographers! If you are a photographer or know someone who is and would be willing to help us with a project please let Heather in the office know. We are looking

for someone that would be able to take photos and provide the pictures to us for a collage that we would like to make. So if you have a camera, some time email or call the office for more info.

### Lunch Bites

(Monthly Lunch Menu Attached Below)

#### 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.

#### YOUTH GROUP (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr.)

August 24 :Middle School 4-5 p.m.

August 24:HS Youth group 5-6 p.m.

Youth group meets at Zion School unless otherwise noted.

#### 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.



#### Girls VOLLEYBALL

Coaches Heather France and Sam Hunt

#### Games:

**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

#### Volunteers Needed:

To help keep the sports program running smoothly we ask that parents and families sign up to help with concessions or working the gate or scorers table. Please click the link below for available times and dates to help with upcoming games. If you do not have a student athlete but would like to help out we would love to have you. Thank you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45AAA82BA7FD0-57727712-volleyball>

The combined Zion (Staunton + Bethalto) volleyball B team saw their first game action tonight and brought home a win!



### 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!



# RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

*The holidays are just around the corner. As you begin to do your holiday shopping consider purchasing gift cards to your favorite stores, restaurants and entertainment spots. There are many local businesses that are a part of this program as well such as Mayfields, Blackbird Bakery, Bills IGA, Cavataios and R&B's Family Restaurant to name a few. You can help Zion PTL raise money and receive money off of tuition all while using your scrip cards for your everyday spending. Don't forget birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and any special occasion that comes your way! Plenty of travel scrip cards available as well.*

### What is Scrip?

Scrip is just another term for gift cards. Scrip fundraising is an easy, no-selling program that allows families to raise money by purchasing scrip cards at face value. Then Zion PTL purchases them for less than face value through Great Lakes Scrip Center. Retailers offer different rebate amounts on scrip cards. Half of the rebate amount goes back to the Zion PTL. **The other HALF of the rebate can be applied toward school tuition, preschool tuition, or daycare payments!** There is also the option to have all of the rebate amount return to the Zion PTL.

### Get Started

Go to **RaiseRight.com** on your computer or download the new **RaiseRight** app on your phone to get started. Enroll your family by following the prompts on the screen. **You will need Zions enrollment code: FC3ALE174778** There is no cost to sign up.

There are three kinds of scrip:

**Physical Scrip Cards:** Many cards are available in the school office or they can be ordered.

**eGift Cards:** Perfect for last-minute purchases and available to print from home or pull up on your phone.

**Reload Existing Card:** Add funds on the spot to a card that has already been purchased from ShopWithScrip.

### Payments Made Easy

**RaiseRight** offers three ways to pay:

**\*Cash or Check:** You can send cash or check to the school, daycare, or church office.

**\*Bank Account:** Securely link your account. There is a \$0.15 convenience fee per transaction.

**\*Credit Card:** Securely link your card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) with a 2.60% credit card fee per transaction.

**\*\*Online Payments** are for a more convenient, on-the-go way to pay. By making online payments, your eGift cards will be immediately ready to print from home, you will be able to instantly add money to your reloadable cards, and you can shop wherever, whenever on your phone!

### How Do I Order?

Orders can be placed and received anyday, anytime. You can call, text, email or send an order form to the school, daycare or church office or contact **Michelle Rantanen: call/text (618)660-5044 or email [michrant@gmail.com](mailto:michrant@gmail.com)** Orders can be placed online at **RaiseRight.com** or from your phone with the **RaiseRight** app. There are many scrip cards available for immediate purchase in the school office. For any order not readily available, as long as your order is received by 10am on Monday, it should be ready for pick up on Thursday. Orders may be picked up at the school, daycare or church office. Let us know your preference. Watch for updates in the school Panther Paws. Family and friends can purchase as well. Contact Michelle with any orders or questions.



**\*\*Be sure to check the website/app weekly for bonus rebates on your favorite brands!\*\***





## 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

# 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)