



# Zion Live Life in Christ Lutheran 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!*

**October 17, 2025**

### Bible Verse of the Week

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” -John 3:16

### School News



### Important Upcoming Dates

**NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS**

**Sat. 10/18:** Joyful Noise Choir 5:00pm

**Weds. 10/22:** Comfort Dogs Visit

**Weds. 10/22:** PreK-2nd Family Fun Night

**Sun. 10/26:** Praise Him Choir 10:30am

**Sun. 10/26:** Trunk-or-Treat 4:00-6:00

**Weds. 10/29:** Parent-Teacher Conferences 2pm Dismissal

**Thurs. 10/30:** Parent-Teacher Conferences 2pm Dismissal

**Fri. 10/31:** No School

### October Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

Mrs. Lisa Coan  
Mrs. Cheryl Best  
Adalyn Tomlinson  
Kanon Maroney

Charlotte Williams

### In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Mrs. Lisa Coan, Adalyn, Kanon, Charlotte and Mrs. Best.
- Prayer of thanks to Mrs. Mosser and her family for all they do for the student athletes at Zion.

### Announcements.

#### **Help us “Trick” Hunger and “Treat” the Food Pantry**

Zion Early Childhood Education Center will host its annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 26 from 4-6pm on the lot behind the school. We will be collecting donations for the local food pantry this year as we work together to “Trick” Hunger and “Treat” the Food Pantry.

We will need families to enter cars and also provide candy or other treats to be passed out. If you can help by entering a car or providing treats, please email Mrs. Kleckner at [pam.kleckner@zion-school.org](mailto:pam.kleckner@zion-school.org)

### Family Fun Night

On Wednesday, October 22 from 6pm-7pm we will host a family night for Preschool-2nd grade. Please RSVP by Friday, October 10 in order for us to plan accordingly.

### Zion Student Council

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this mission, we organized a food drive to support our local food pantry. Our initial goal was to collect 95 cans of food, and thanks to your generosity and involvement, we succeeded in gathering 345 cans. We sincerely appreciate your donations and support, as each can make a meaningful impact in the lives of those in our community.

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We are truly grateful for your support and donations. Every contribution makes a difference, and together, we have shown our commitment to helping others and remembering important moments in history. Thank you for making this food drive a success!

Our next project is to honor the Veterans in our community. Please be on the lookout for more information on how you can purchase a flag to honor a Veteran in your life for \$1.00. All of those proceeds will benefit DAV: Disabled American Veterans. Thank you.

*Zion Student Council*

### **PTL Christmas Shoppe**



Volunteers & donations are needed for the Christmas Shoppe. Please contact Nikki Fraser or drop donation items off in the school office - really need men/boys/teen boy items!

### **MELHS NEWS & Events:**



### **MELHS Cheer Camp**

**Camp Date:** Friday, October 17th, from 4:30-6:00 pm at MELHS in the Gym

**Details:** Campers will learn a band dance, sideline cheers, and crowd cheers to perform at the MELHS football game that evening at 7:00 pm.

**Cost:** \$40 includes a bow and t-shirt (register by 10/1 to get a t-shirt). Payment is due when registering via Venmo at @Sarah-Koch-26 or a check to the MELHS office.

**To sign up please complete [this form](#).** Contact Sarah Koch with any questions regarding the camp at [skoch326@gmail.com](mailto:skoch326@gmail.com).

**MELHS Open House:** Sunday October 26 1:00-3:00. Come take a tour of MELHS and meet with Teachers to find out what it takes to be a Knight.

### **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

**October 18** 5pm Joyful Noise

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

### **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.

### Youth Group:

**Sunday 10/19:** 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 4-6 Zion Lutheran School. Please bring a snack to share.

### 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 quarter's offerings will be collected for Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dogs.

**Wednesday, October 22,** Comfort Dogs Esther and Jordan will be joining us at our 8:30 chapel service. Following service Esther, Jordan and their team will meet with students in their classrooms.

### 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

### Practice

TBD

### Games

**October 21/25:**

Conference Tournament A Team

**Thursday, October 23** @ Trinity,  
Edwardsville C/B 6:00/7:00

**November 7-9** :STATE A Team

Tournament for teams who  
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### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Coaches BJ Davis and Josh Crouch

### Practice

TBD

### Games

**Tues. October 21** HOME with conference  
games at 4:15pm and 6:15pm

**Sat. October 25** - Conference Tournament  
MELHS - games at 9:00am, 10:30am, and  
12:45pm

**Tues. October 28** HOME vs Edwardsville  
Middle Schools - games at 6pm and 7pm

**Fri. November 7** - Sun. November 9 - STATE  
Tournament for teams who qualify

**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>

## Zion PTL

We had a great meeting with lively discussion about the future of PTL and upcoming events (be on the lookout for more information about this year's Christmas Shoppe event, December 12th!)

PTL board is short a member, we need a Vice President. If interested or have questions on what this role is please reach out to Nikki Fraser, Heather France, or BJ Davis.

**Next PTL meeting is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm at Caldera's in Staunton.**

### **Raise Right (Formerly Scrip)**

Go to [RaiseRight.com](http://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](http://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!**



Formerly ShopWithScrip

*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!\*\***



## Boys Volleyball 2025

**Sat. September 27** - Opening Day Tourney Zion, Belleville - games at 1:45pm and 3:15pm plus one more TBD

**Mon. October 6** @ Lincoln Middle School (Edwardsville) - games at 6pm and 7pm

**Tues. October 7** @ Holy Cross, Collinsville - games at 4:15pm and 6:15pm

**Thurs. October 16** @ Trinity, Edwardsville - games at 4:15pm and 6:15pm

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## Girls Volleyball 2025

**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

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6:00/7:00

**November 7-9** STATE A Team Tournament for teams who qualify A TBA

**Zion Early Childhood  
Education Center**

**TRUNK**

**OR**

**TREAT**

**Sunday, October  
26**

**4:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Zion Lutheran School  
220 West Henry St.  
Staunton, IL**





# Thank You

## Student Council Food Drive and Reformation Remembrance

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## October Lunch Menu

<p><b>ALTERNATE ENTRÉE</b>  <b>Peanut butter and Jelly &amp; Mozzarella Cheese stick</b></p>		<p>1            Chicken &amp; Cheese Enchiladas            Lettuce Salad            Pineapple            Milk</p>	<p>2            NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>3            NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>6            Ham &amp; Cheese Sliders            Chicken            Noodle Soup            Carrots            Apple Slices            Milk</p>	<p>7            Smoked Sausage            Roasted Baby Potatoes            Steamed Broccoli            Peaches            Milk</p>	<p>8            Beef Nachos w/Cheese Sauce            Corn Chips, Salsa,            Sour Cream            Lettuce Salad            Applesauce            Milk</p>	<p>9            French Toast Sticks            Bacon            Eggs            Mandarin Oranges            Milk</p>	<p>10            Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza            Side Salad            Pineapple            Milk</p>
<p>13            No School</p>	<p>14            Corn Dog Nuggets            Buttered Noodles            Green beans            Strawberry            Applesauce            Milk</p>	<p>15            Chicken Doritos Taco Salad            Pinto Beans            Peaches            Milk</p>	<p>16            Chili Mac.            Carrots            Cornbread            Mixed Fruit            Milk</p>	<p>17            Gnocchi w/Meat Sauce            Steamed Mixed Vegetables            Pears            Garlic Bread</p>
<p>20            Grilled Cheese Sandwiches            Tomato Soup            Apples w/Peanut Butter            Milk</p>	<p>21            Popcorn Chicken Bowls w/Mashed Potatoes and gravy, cheese and corn.            Mandarin Oranges            Milk</p>	<p>22            Beef Tacos            Mexican Rice            Corn            Pineapple            Milk</p>	<p>23            Sausage Egg &amp; Cheese Biscuit            Hashbrown Casserole            "Fried" Apples            Milk</p>	<p>24            Chicken and Dumplings            Peas and Carrots            Peaches            Milk</p>
<p>27            Fish Sticks            Macaroni &amp; Cheese            Peas            Pineapple            Jello            Milk</p>	<p>28            Hamburger or Cheeseburger            Fries            Corn            Mixed Fruit            Milk</p>	<p>29            Chicken Quesadilla            Refried Beans            Side Salad            Mandarin Oranges            Milk</p>	<p>30            Mummy Dogs            Chips w/Dip            Cut up Veggies            Rice Krispy Treat            Milk</p>	<p>31            No School</p>



# Zion Lutheran

## 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)