

Zion Announcer

A Newsletter for Parents

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Principal's Corner:

Songs of Praise

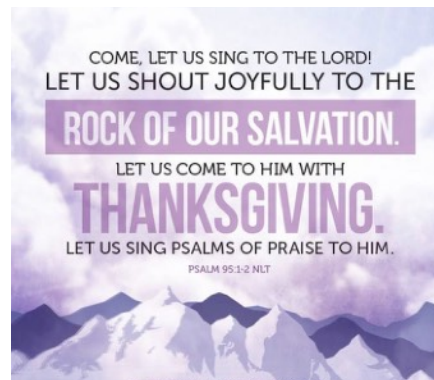
At worship this week in our K-8 Chapel, the students were able to reflect on Easter and sing praises. We had the traditional order of our chapel worship, but had the students choose hymns and praise songs. What a beautiful sound that filled the walls of our sanctuary!

The children truly praised the Lord with song.

We have been given an opportunity to worship together at school. Listening to the voices of our students sing praises to the Lord is a wonderful experience.

They worship and praise God with their heart.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the Easter season!



Did You Know?

- This month's chapel offerings will go toward our Scholarship Program. Thank you for sharing with others in need.
- Thank you to those collecting Box Tops! Please continue to support Zion by saving your Box Tops. Send them in with your child to school or drop off in the front office.
- This month's "\$ Jean's Day" will be a little different. It falls on April 30th and will be a Pajama Day.
- Non-Uniform Day is April 20th.

Registration for 2018-2019:

Excellent education in a Christian environment is a priority at Zion. Building a strong foundation for our children is a priority as we raise them up in our world. At Zion, we are able to offer this for all of our students and families. If you are still considering where to have your students enrolled for next year, come by the school office and let us help you.

Be sure to complete your registration information for the 2018-2019 school year. These forms can be turned into the school office. If you have any questions about registration for next year, please stop by the school office or see Mrs. Sombke. We are here to serve you.

Zion is excited to continue our **Referral Reimbursement** program for enrolled families who refer new families to Zion for school enrollment. Current families receive a discount on tuition during the last month of the school year.

Community Congregation Scholarship is available for families who attend a community Christian church in the New Palestine area. K-8 students receive discounted rate on tuition.

Zion will be enrolling in the State Choice Scholarship Program this month. This offers new opportunities to families who qualify. See Kristie Sombke or Lindsay Ruth for details.

School Highlight:

- * **Congratulations Zion Students** - Prior to Spring Break, we welcomed the NED show. The presentation on Kindness and Character was another way to share with our students the importance of having great character. At the end of the presentation and again before leaving, the presenter complimented our student body. He shared that the Zion students were the best group he has performed for all year. What a great group of students we have here at Zion.
- * **Character Celebration** - On Thursday afternoon, the K-8th students celebrated their outstanding Character. Students who displayed great character during the third quarter celebrated with special activities on Thursday, March 29. Congratulations to our students of Great Character.
- * **Spaghetti Dinner** - Thank you for supporting our 7th and 8th grade students during their Spaghetti Dinner. The students enjoyed serving all of their guests that evening. The funds raised will help defer the costs of their class trip to Washington D.C. in May.
- * **NWEA Testing** - The last round of NWEA testing will take place April 9th - 24. We are excited to see the outstanding results of our students.
- * **Art Fair** - Students art work will be displayed for everyone to see on Wednesday, April 18th in the hallways of Zion. We are proud of the artist abilities in our students and want to share that with families as they walk through the hallways.
- * **Bump Up Day** - Thursday, May 3rd all of our students will Bump Up to their next Class for the upcoming new school year. Students will get to meet the teachers, explore the classroom, and learn a few new things.
- * **7th and 8th Grade Trip** - Our 7th and 8th graders will travel to Washington D.C. during the first week in May. The students will have a great time exploring, learning about, and seeing new things.
- * **Welcome Lindsay Ruth** - Zion is honored to welcome Lindsay Ruth as our new Admissions Director. Mrs. Ruth is excited to begin welcoming new families and reaching out to our community with many new ideas. Stop by and welcome Mrs. Ruth in the main hallway next to Mrs. Sombke's office.

Preschool Highlight:

- * **LEAP** - Our LEAP program has grown by "LEAPs" and bounds this year. We are excited to have 16 students enrolled in an extended program for our PreK students. This past month, the students created their own types of bridge and built a computer.



Reminders:

- * **As we come to the last quarter of the school year, it is good to remember some of the things we learned at the beginning of the school year. Thank you for being aware of these things at Zion.**

Uniforms at Zion - Please be sure your child is wearing the proper attire for school. K-8 students may look through the parent handbooks for details or definitions. All skirts, jumpers, skirts, skorts, and shorts must be within 4 inches of the bend of the back of the knee. This is with or without leggings underneath. Students may be asked to look for another uniform piece from the closet if the clothing is not according to uniform guidelines as stated in our handbooks. Embroidered shirts and embroidered sweatshirts may be worn Mondays-Thursdays. Spirit-wear may be worn on the top on Fridays.

Safety First

Speed Limit - Please remember that the speed limit in our Parking Lot is 9 MPH or less. Please take a look at your speedometer the next time you pass through our parking lot. We want to keep our students and families safe.

No Passing - Our parking lot, pick up lines, or drop off lines do not allow for any "passing" When dropping off or picking up a student, you may not pass the car in front of you. This is extremely important as the children are moving across the parking lot. Please be patient for those who may need more time. Please allow extra time for yourself as you make the drop-off or pick-up at Zion.

Check -In at the School Office

All guests of Zion are to check in at the school office and receive a name tag to wear during your visit. All guest should enter Door #2 by the school office. The other doors are not for entry during the school hours of 7:00 - 3:30. Thank you for making safety a priority at Zion.

Early Pick Up

We do ask that all families are a part of the Drop-Off and Pick-Up Lines. This allows us to carefully dismiss our students and get them out in a timely and safe manner. Parents should only pick up inside if there are extenuating circumstances or are attending a meeting at school. Families utilizing Extended Care should be sure students are picked up prior to 6:00 p.m.

Tardies

Now is the best time to practice being prompt. Our children need to practice being on time or early. Please make sure you arrive at school during the appropriate times for drop off, pick up, events, and activities. Thank you for setting a good example for our students.

PTL News:**2018 Zion CelebraZion**

What is it? - The third Annual Dinner and Auction at Zion will be on Friday, April 20th. “*Commemorating our Legacy*” will be the focus at the Dinner and Auction this year. During the past 160 years, Zion Lutheran has offered Christian education to families in our community. This year we will commemorate the blessing of education and ministry offered here at Zion throughout the evening. We invite you to join us to commemorate, celebrate, and continue the opportunity to educate children and families at Zion. CelebraZion is an opportunity for adults to spend an evening celebrating, sharing, and supporting Zion.

How do I get my tickets? - Have you purchased your table or tickets for the Dinner and Auction at Zion. This event is a friend and fund raiser for Zion. We raise up friends who sponsor and support Christian education. We raise funds for those extras that we would love to have in our school. Your attendance and invitation to guests is an important part of what we do.

The meal will be served by Texas Roadhouse with the options of steak or chicken, including sides and salad. Tickets can be purchased in the school office.

What is the cause? - Proceeds from the dinner and auction will benefit our school and students in our Zion Mission Advancement and Flexible Seating. Funding our Mission Advancement will provide an opportunity for others to be a part of Christian Education at Zion by opening our doors with activities and events, promoting Christian education, and welcoming others. Flexible Seating/Alternative Seating A change in classroom set up with flexible seating allows students an opportunity to be more involved, active, and focused during their learning.

Class Baskets - Thank you to the parents and teachers for organizing the class baskets. Most of them have already been turned in to the office. We have some outstanding baskets for you to bid on this year.

Class Projects - The teachers, students, and some room parents have been busy creating a special project to auction off during the CelebraZion. Wind Chimes, wall hangings, pottery, photos, patio drink container, and many more great pieces of work by our very artists at Zion.

How can I help? - Would you like to get your name or business name out to our Zion community? Sponsorships are still available for the Dinner and Auction evening. Would you like to sponsor a table for our teachers? Would you like to purchase a table and invite your friends to the dinner and auction. Help make a difference for our students by getting your sponsorship turned in soon.

Delicious Deserts - Do you have a decadent recipe that you would like to present at the Dessert Dash? Help us line our sparkling table with a variety of 40 different dessert. Contact the school office if you would like to add your dessert to the Dessert Dash.

Keep Your Fork. What is for Dessert? - The annual Dessert Dash will offer a variety of options for your table. A beautiful display of delicious desserts will be available. Each table puts together a table bid for dessert. The tables then “dash” for their dessert, with the highest bidders getting first pick. Be sure to have your runner ready to dash. Will your table get the triple layered chocolate cake or the box of pop tarts?

What Else? - Can you give a few hours? Pulling off a big event like CelebraZion takes many hours, many helping hands, and many volunteers. Would you be willing to help?

*Set up begins on Wednesday and Thursday, April 18th and 19th.

*Tables and chairs are picked up from other locations on Wednesday, April 18th.

*Baskets get put together, Auction items need cataloged, printing and preparing materials happens starting April 9th.

*Desserts and appetizers prepared and presented on April 20

*Runners needed during the closing of the auction to get baskets and award winners.

*Clean up takes place following the Dinner and Auction from 10-12 pm

**Coming Soon**

Spring Fling - Join us as we welcome spring with some fun and excitement at Zion. On Thursday, May 3rd from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., Zion will offer an evening of fun and entertainment.

We will welcome the Indianapolis Children’s Museum as they present their Beyond Spaceship Earth. Learn about life in space and discover what it is like on the International Space Station. Work with robotics and circuitry to solve challenges, all while experiencing a little bit of outer space here on Earth.

*Enjoy outdoor fun as children enjoy games, face painting, and a bounce house

*Enjoy dinner as we welcome Food Trucks to Zion for dinner

*Explore our school as we host an Open House

*Prizes will be handed out throughout the evening

Secretary Appreciation Week - Mark your calendars for April 23-27 as we celebrate our Secretaries here at Zion. What a blessing they are to us!

Volunteer Appreciation Dessert - We are blessed by the many volunteers at Zion. We would like to take an evening to Thank You for making a difference at our school, for our students, and for our teachers. A special Dessert Evening will be on Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Teacher Appreciation Week - will be celebrated May 7th - May 11th. This is a week later than usual since our 7th and 8th graders are out of town the week prior.

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Mission Statement
We teach the message of salvation in Jesus Christ to children in our community within an environment of high academic standards, equipping them to server Church and society.

Lunch Menu and Servers:

April 9 - April 30

We need volunteers to fill the empty serving spots. Can you help?

4/9 Mon-Salisbury Steak or Chicken Nuggets	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>
4/10 Tues- Ckn Nugget Cntry Bowl or Ham/ChBurger	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>
4/11 Wed-Mac & Cheese or Chicken Patty	Server: <i>Greene</i>
4/12 Thurs-Max Pizza Sticks or Popcorn Chicken	Server: <i>Althaus</i>
4/13 Fri- Cheese Pizza or Grilled Cheese	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>
4/16 Mon-Crispitos or Chicken Nuggets	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>
4/17 Tues- Hot Dog or Ham/ChBurger	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>
4/18 Wed-Pizza Burger or Chicken Patty	Server: <i>Greene</i>
4/19 Thurs-Popcorn Chicken Bowl or Popcorn Chicken	Server: <i>Althaus</i>
4/20 Fri- Cheese Pizza or Grilled Cheese	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>
4/23 Mon- Country Fried Steak or Chicken Nuggets	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>
4/24 Tues- Beef Nachos or Cheese/Hamburger	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>
4/25 Wed- Chili Mac or Chicken Patty	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>
4/26 Thurs- Roasted Turkey or Popcorn Chicken	Server: <i>Althaus</i>
4/27 Fri- Cheese Pizza or Grilled Cheese	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>
4/30 Mon- Fish Sticks or Chicken Nuggets	Server: <i>Can you help?</i>

Menu options are subject to change. Check your Fast Direct Cafeteria Menu for the most up-to-date options.

All Hot Lunches are served with a fruit, vegetable, and milk

Also available daily: Peanut butter & Jelly Sandwich, Chef Salad, Pretzel/Fruit Plate, or Pizza Bagel

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The Zion Lutheran School Lunch Program will be under annual review in the month of October.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteer lunch servers!

Zion Music:

BELLS OF GOLD & SCHOOL CHOIR

April 27, 2018 - Fine Arts Festival



Summer Sports Camps – June 2018

LHS will offer summer sports camps for boys and girls who in grade school during June. Camps will be held for Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Cross Country, Boys/Girls Soccer, Boys Wrestling, and Boys/Girls Tennis. For information and to register, visit lhsi.org (choose Summer Sports Camps menu item) or call 317-787-5474.

Zion Church:

Confirmation

On Saturday, April 7th, our Confirmands will share their public beliefs during the 6:00 p.m. worship service.

On Sunday, April 8th, the 8th graders will confirm their faith in Jesus Christ at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Congratulations to our confirmands!



Screen Time is rapidly replacing Family Time in our homes and throughout our families. The lies that technology teaches our young people as they walk into this unknown world can be scary. Technology doesn't have to be scary, but parents need to know what is happening around them.

Come and learn some Biblical guidelines and helpful practices that you can implement in your home. It is time for us to make sure we are setting up our children for success in our technical world. Working together and understanding our children and their developmental needs is important. This Bible Class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:20 from April 15 - June 3. Contact Kristie Sombke for details.