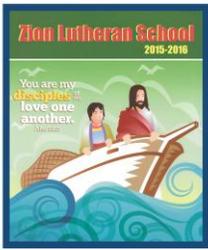




Zion Lutheran School

You are My Disciples if You Love One Another

February 23 – 29, 2016



<u>Tues., Feb. 23</u>	<u>Wed., Feb. 24</u>	<u>Thurs., Feb. 25</u>	<u>Friday, Feb. 26</u>	<u>Sat., Feb. 27</u>	<u>Sun., Feb. 28</u>	<u>Mon., Feb. 29</u>
	Chapel, 8:15 2:45 Dismissal Lenten Dinner, 5:30pm Lenten Service, 7pm		7th & 8th to Science Center, 12:15pm 1st & 2nd to Police Station, 1:00pm		Sunday School, 9:15 Church, 10:30	

February Memory Verse: “Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the Lord, who makes you holy.” Leviticus 20:7-8

From the Principal

This is the last full week in February. Time sure flies when you are having fun. Counting today, there are only 13 school days left in the 3rd quarter. The end of the 3rd quarter is on Thursday, March 10. This date is also the last day we are in school before Spring Break. This time of the year things go by very quickly, so you will be here before you know it.

State assessments are coming up. Students in grades 3-8 will begin some of these assessments before we let out before Spring Break. We are working on a schedule for dates for these assessments. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

I hope that you have a wonderful week in the Lord.

Communication Tips For Parents – American Psychology Association

Parents, do you have problems communicating with your children. Is the time for a talk never right, or is there just not enough time to talk period? The following are some strategies that can help enhance communication with your children?

Be available for your children

- Notice times when your kids are most likely to talk — for example, at bedtime, before dinner, in the car — and be available.

- Start the conversation; this lets your kids know you care about what's happening in their lives.
- Find time each week for a one-on-one activity with each child, and avoid scheduling other activities during that time.
- Learn about your children's interests — for example, favorite music and activities — and show interest in them.
- Initiate conversations by sharing what you have been thinking about rather than beginning a conversation with a question.

Respond in a way your children will hear

- Soften strong reactions; kids will tune you out if you appear angry or defensive.
- Express your opinion without putting down theirs; acknowledge that it's okay to disagree.
- Resist arguing about who is right. Instead say, "I know you disagree with me, but this is what I think."
- Focus on your child's feelings rather than your own during your conversation.

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Remember:

- Ask your children what they may want or need from you in a conversation, such as advice,

simply listening, help in dealing with feelings or help solving a problem.

- Kids learn by imitating. Most often, they will follow your lead in how they deal with anger, solve problems and work through difficult feelings.
- Talk to your children — don't lecture, criticize, threaten or say hurtful things.
- Kids learn from their own choices. As long as the consequences are not dangerous, don't feel you have to step in.
- Realize your children may test you by telling you a small part of what is bothering them. Listen carefully to what they say, encourage them to talk and they may share the rest of the story.

A Lenten Invitation

If you do not have a church home we would like to invite you to attend the Lenten services at Zion Lutheran Church. Each Wednesday we have a meal that is prepared before the church service. The meal begins at 5:30 p.m. and lasts until approximately 6:45 p.m. There is not a set time in which you have to arrive. You may join us for dinner at any point from 5:30 until 6:45 p.m. Our Lenten service begins at 7:00p.m.

Zion Lutheran Youth

The 5-8 grade youth group will not have any youth activities until after Easter because of the Lenten Season.

Chicken Noodle/Chili Dinner is Huge Success!

A huge Thank You from the PTL goes to all who volunteered, contributed and participated in the Chicken Noodle/ Chili Dinner on Sunday. It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without you! We hit our technology goal with the dinner, so the kids can expect to see some great things coming their way.

2015 – 2016 Yearbook

Don't miss getting your copy of this 32-page, full color memory of the school year. The cost is \$18.00. You also have the option, at extra cost, of getting a personalized cover. **Orders and payment need to be turned in to the school office by this Friday, February 19.** Checks should be made payable to Zion Lutheran School. Orders may also be placed on-line at www.inter-state.com/yearbook. The code for our school is 03755Z.

Please note the deadline! We must place our order by March 3, in order to receive the finished books before the end of the school year.

Science Fair – Monday, March 7

PTL will be serving a free will dinner at 5:30pm. Science Fair winners for entries in 5th through 8th grade will be announced at 6:00pm. Come and enjoy the good food, and fellowship, and check out all the students' projects!

Lenten & Holy Week Worship Schedule

Feb 24 Lenten Service, 7pm
Mar 2 Lenten Service, 7pm
Mar 9 Lenten Service, 7pm
Mar 16 Lenten Service, 7pm
Mar 20 Palm Sunday Service, 10:30am
Mar 24 Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm
Mar 25 Good Friday Service, 7pm
Mar 27 Easter Sunrise Service, 7am, Lutheran Cemetery
Easter Service, 10:30 am

Free will dinners will be served before each Wednesday service, beginning at 5:30pm. This week's dinner will be chicken casserole, served by the 7th & 8th grade class. Proceeds will go toward their class trip in May. Please join us!

Important Dates

Feb 24 Lenten Dinner, 5:30pm
Lenten Service, 7:00pm
Feb 26 5th-6th to Science Center, 12:15pm
1st-2nd to Police Station, 1:00pm
Mar 2 Lenten Dinner, 5:30pm
Lenten Service, 7:00pm
Mar 7 Science Fair, 5:30pm
Mar 9 Birthday Lunch
Lenten Dinner, 5:30pm
Lenten Service, 7:00pm
Mar 10 End of 3rd quarter
Mar 11 NO SCHOOL
Mar 14-18 SPRING BREAK
Mar 20 Palm Sunday
Mar 24 Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm
Mar 25 Good Friday, NO SCHOOL, worship service, 7pm
Mar 27 Easter: services at 7am (Lutheran Cemetery) & 10:30am