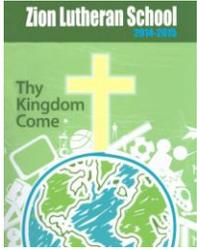




Zion Lutheran School

Ablaze to Share God's Love
November 18 – 24, 2014



<u>Tues., Nov. 18</u>	<u>Wed., Nov. 19</u>	<u>Thurs., Nov. 20</u>	<u>Friday, Nov. 21</u>	<u>Sat., Nov. 22</u>	<u>Sun., Nov. 23</u>	<u>Mon., Nov. 24</u>
Mid-quarter grades go home!	Chapel, 8:15 Birthday Lunch 2:45 Dismissal	Family Fun Night, Chili Cook off, 5:30pm			Sunday School, 9:15 Church, 10:30 Christmas Parade, 5:30	Health & Wellness Committee Meets, 4:00pm

November Memory Verse: Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: ... “I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for He is the living God, enduring forever; His Kingdom shall never be destroyed, and His dominion shall be to the end.” Daniel 6:25-26

From the Principal

We have quite a few things going on at school before Thanksgiving Break next week. Last Friday was the mid-point of the second quarter. Mid-quarter grades will be going home with the students on Tuesday. On Wednesday evening there will be 5-8 grade youth starting at 6:30 p.m. On Thursday we will be having a Family Fun Night Chili Cook-off starting at 5:30 p.m. Please see additional information regarding Family Fun Night later in this newsletter. And finally, next week on Tuesday we will be having the school Volunteer Thanksgiving Meal. We have a lot to do in the next seven days before Thanksgiving Break.

Have a wonderful week in the Lord.

Bringing Out The Best In Your Kids --- By Tim Elmore...Continued from Last Week

2. If we got whatever we wanted but did not feel loved, we became *superficial*.

There's another scenario I see in homes. It's the family whose kids enjoy all the new "stuff" available in stores but still question whether they are really loved. It's often found in two-income homes, where both mom and dad work, are busy all the time, and come home tired. As a result, they compensate for their lack of time and energy by simply buying the latest clothes and technology for their kids. This is a classic "Baby Boomer" scene, where mom and dad simply throw money at the problem. It's tempting, especially if you have the money.

Unfortunately, while the children enjoy the latest gadgets, they often wonder if mom or dad wants to spend time with them or even loves them. They see time as more valuable than money, as you can always get more money, but you can never get more time. Because life has become about owning "things", they want to win at that game and often become superficial with their relationships. They don't know how to go deep and stick to the surface, whether it's Facebook or face-to-face conversations

3. If we did not get whatever we wanted but still felt loved, we became *secure*.

It may seem ironic, but the healthiest scenario for kids is when parents both find authentic ways to communicate they love their children *and* deny them every little thing they want. Over time, this wonderful scenario communicates to the child that mom and dad love them so much, they have set parameters to guide their child's development. Security is the result of consistent leadership and boundaries in the home. Instead of throwing money and products at them, parents invest time, energy and wisdom in conversation. Memorable experiences replace superficial entertainment. Saying "no" actually convinces those children of love instead of the opposite. More often than not, those kids mature into healthy adults who can set boundaries for themselves. Life is about more than things and pleasure and stimulation. It's about love and trust.

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The Balance We Must Strike

The truth is: Leading kids is a balancing act. In fact, all good leadership is a balancing act. It is providing two sides of a coin: both the tough and tender side of it all. We must be both strong and sensitive. I love the [*Habitude*](#) that summarizes our role. Young people need their leaders to be Velvet-Covered Bricks: Velvet on the outside — responsive, accepting and supportive — and Brick on the inside — leading by principles, boundaries and holding them to standards. We must be both responsive and demanding. It's the best way to prepare kids to become healthy adults. This will likely require us to start slow and small (no huge, overnight change), but if we are consistent, I believe we can lead this positive change.

Family Fun Night

This week on Thursday, November 20 we will be having a Family Fun Night at Zion. This event will begin at 5:30 p.m. We want to invite all our families to a chili cook off. Please bring a crock pot of chili. Make sure to have enough chili for your family to eat, plus a little extra for the judges. Drinks, desserts, and other chili condiments will be provided.

While the chili is being judged we will have activities for the families. After the official judging we will eat and announce the chili winners. Please RSVP at the school office if you plan to attend next Thursday. We hope that your family will be able to be a part of this event.

Zion Lutheran Youth

We would like to invite all students a Zion Lutheran in grades 5th – 8th to join us for our next youth meeting. The 5th – 8th grade youth will be meeting on Wednesday, November 19. We will be meeting at Zion Lutheran School in the gym beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will have games, snacks, and a Bible study. Please plan to join us on the November 19.

Kids with Courage

Tomorrow (Wed., Nov. 19) is the deadline for donating items for Kids with Courage. Our 2nd quarter chapel offerings will also be sent to Kids with Courage.

Family Fun Night - Chili Cook-off

Don't miss the fun! Join us Thursday, November 20, 5:30 pm. Bring a crock pot of chili. Drinks, desserts, and other chili condiments will be provided.

Christmas Parade – Zion Float

Sunday, November 23, at 5:30pm. Participants need to be at the float, at the corner of Penn and Locust, by 5:10.

Student-Prepared Thanksgiving Meal

Kindergarten through eighth grade students will be preparing a Thanksgiving meal to share with the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church. We will serve this meal on Tuesday, Nov. 25. A permission slip went home last week. Students eating the meal will be charged \$3.50 to the family account. They also have the option of bringing a cold lunch from home. There will NOT be any food service lunch that day.

Women of Zion Thank You!

This message to you begins with the words of the apostle Paul as he wrote his letter to the church of God in Corinth: **"I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."** It is with thanksgiving we say "Thank You" to God for the beautiful day He gave us Saturday. We give thanks for the many talented members of the congregation and school that donated beautiful items to sell, the great cooks of the PTL for the breakfast and lunch served, and the many workers that helped set up and display, worked during the day, and the cleanup crew that helped move tables and put things away. Because of the efforts of all of you, God blessed us with another successful bazaar. It was a great day of fellowship with each other and witness to the community.

God's blessings to you for helping with our "Christmas Wonderland" bazaar.

Women of Zion & Marcia Bosse, chairman

PTL Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the food at the Bazaar, from those of you who staffed the kitchen, to those of you who made casseroles, desserts, soups and baked potatoes. A special Thank You goes to Karin Stoner who was my right hand lady! If you were unable to work or provide a food item, we are still accepting donations toward the food items we had to purchase (no more than \$5 per child is expected). We would appreciate any and all donations.

Thanks,
Liz Pralle

(keep reading – more news follows!)

Children's Christmas Service

This year's Children's Christmas Service will be Thursday, December 18, 7:00pm. All students, preschool through eighth grade are encouraged to participate. Very soon we will be learning songs, assigning costume parts, and working on the seating arrangement. **Please see the permission slip below.**

Students: Earn Library Bucks for Reading!

Independence Public Library

For every library book or school book children ages 5-17 read from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30 they can earn a Christmas Library Buck. A teacher or parent must confirm they have read the book by signing the form. The children can bring their bucks to the library to purchase gifts for friends and family at the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival Friday, December 12 from 6-8pm. Forms are available in the school office or at the library.

Important Dates

Nov 19 Birthday Lunch

Nov 20 Family Fun Night

Nov 23 Christmas Parade, 5:30

Nov 25 Thanksgiving meal prepared by students

Nov 26-28 **NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving break**

Dec 2 practice for Christmas Service, 1pm

Dec 4 practice for Christmas Service, 1pm

Dec 9 practice for Christmas Service, 8:15am

Dec 12 practice for Christmas Service, 8:15am

Dec 14 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Service, 9:00am, Church Sanctuary

Dec 17 practice for Christmas Service after chapel, if needed

Birthday Lunch

Dec 18 Children's Christmas Service, 7:00pm

Dec 19 End of 2nd quarter, dismissal at NOON

Dec 22-Jan 5 **Christmas Break**

Jan 6 School Resumes

Don't miss the next page!

We need to know if your child will be participating in the Children's Christmas Service on Thursday, December 18.

November 18, 2014

Dear Parents of Preschool – 8th Grade,

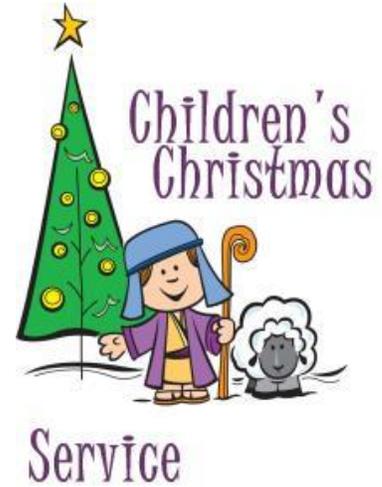
The Children's Christmas Service at Zion Lutheran Church will be Thursday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. We would like to have all our students, preschool through 8th grade, participate.

We need to know by Friday, November 21, whether or not your child/children will be participating. We will be working on our seating arrangement and assigning speaking parts and costumes very soon.

We will practice several days in December during school hours. In addition, Sunday School classes will be working on the songs during their Sunday morning class time, which is 9:15-10:15am. There will be a special Dress Rehearsal on Sunday, December 14, from 9:00 to 10:00 am in the church sanctuary. **We really need all participants to be there.**

PLEASE return this note or call the school office at 332-3331 by Friday, November 21. You can also reach us by EMAIL at lutheranschool@zionindy.com.

Thank you!



Child's name

_____ will be participating in the Children's Christmas Service

_____ will NOT be participating Children's Christmas Service

Parent's signature