



Zion Lutheran School
The Fruit of the Spirit
 November 21 – 27, 2017



<u>Tues., Nov. 21</u>	<u>Wed., Nov. 22</u>	<u>Thurs., Nov. 23</u>	<u>Friday, Nov. 24</u>	<u>Sat., Nov. 25</u>	<u>Sun., Nov. 26</u>	<u>Mon., Nov. 27</u>
Friends of Zion Thanksgiving Meal, 11:45am	Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL				Sunday School, 9:15 Church, 10:30	<u>Blue & Gold orders & money due!</u>

November Memory Verse: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15

From the Principal

On Monday Mid-Quarter grades for the second quarter went home with the students. If you have not seen these grades please ask your child for them. If you have questions please contact your child's teacher. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding your child's progress in the second quarter of the school year.

Tuesday is Zion's Annual Friends of Zion Thanksgiving Meal. It is a great opportunity for our students to celebrate with those who are part of the Zion Family.

After the school day on Tuesday we are out of school the rest of the week in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We pray that those of you who are traveling, or who have friends and family traveling have a safe trip to and from your destinations.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy some time away from school.

Why is it Important to be Thankful – *Thanksgiving: A Holiday or a Way of Life* – Ben Sharp

My family, like many others in the US, has a Thanksgiving Day tradition of going around the dinner table and having each of us reveal one thing we are thankful for. The responses usually include such things as family, health, talents and abilities, and freedom.

Blessings, indeed, surround us every day.

Perhaps the problem with identifying what we're thankful for is that so much of what we have is just something we *expect* to be given. Simply put, we take it all for granted. It may seem cliché, but I think it's true.

So why is it important to be thankful?

Thankfulness helps us to see that there is so much out there that we've been given. It enables us to look outside ourselves, to avert our focus from a macro-lens view ten inches in front of our noses to a wider angle, one that shows the goodness all around us.

The truth is, we have all been given abilities and talents that we should appreciate and rejoice over. We may think we should have something more, but perhaps we've been given precisely what we need. This is the Christian belief. Maybe this is why the ancient Hebrew poet wrote: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."

Zion Lutheran Youth

We would like to invite all students a Zion Lutheran in grades 5 – 8 to join us for our next youth meeting. The 5th – 8th grade youth will be meeting on Wednesday, November 29. We meet from 6:30-8:00pm. We will meet at Zion Lutheran School in the gym beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will have games, snacks, and a Bible study. We hope that you will be able to join us for Youth on the 29th.

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Children's Christmas Service

The children have been working hard on the songs. Our first official practice to go through speaking and acting parts will be Thursday, Nov. 30.

The dress rehearsal has been moved to Monday, December 18, 8:00am.

The students are looking forward to sharing this special Christmas message with you!

Monthly Statements Reminders

Tuition & Fees Statements

Statements showing tuition, fees, and other charges are mailed monthly just prior to the first of each month. Included in this mailing is also a monthly after school care statement. These two statements may be added together and paid with one check made payable to Zion Lutheran School. Payments are due no later than the 15th of each month. Please do not include lunch program payments in tuition checks.

Lunch Account Statements

E-mail notices are sent once a week when a family's lunch account has a negative balance or a positive balance of less than \$5.00. Paper copies will be sent home with students if no e-mail address is provided. It works best to keep a positive balance in your child's lunch account. The software debits that account each time your child has a lunch and/or extra milk. Checks should be made payable to "Zion Lunch Program". Please review our unpaid meal Charge Policy below.

Unpaid Meal Charge Policy

Parents are encouraged to keep a positive balance in their family's lunch account. However, students are allowed to charge meals if they have a negative account balance. E-mail notices are sent weekly for all students whose balance is less than \$5.00. Notes are sent home with the child when parents do not have email accounts. Negative balances at the end of the school year are carried over and parents are expected to pay them on registration day for the next school year. Notices are sent throughout the summer as reminders" If a family transfers out of Zion Lutheran School with a negative lunch account balance, the child,s/children,s records will not be transferred to the new school until the balance is paid in full.

2017 - 2018 School Year Policy Additions

Phone calls will be made to parents when a family's account reaches a negative balance of \$25.00. If the family does not respond within 5 days with payment or arrangements to make payment, the child/children will no longer be allowed to charge meals. At that time the parent will be notified that there can be no more

charging of meals and it will be suggested that the child/children bring a lunch from home until the account has a positive balance again.

Christmas Parade

Thanks to all who came to participate in the Christmas Parade. Our float had many riders. We also appreciate the many walkers who gave Christian pencils to the children in the crowd. The weather was great and we had a fantastic time!



Blue & Gold Fund Raiser

Please return all orders and the money Monday. 2-Day Preschool may bring theirs on Tuesday.

Keep reading for more news and calendar events!

Aluminum Cans

Still looking for a volunteer:

The PTL aluminum can collection bin in the alley is full! We need a volunteer to take the cans to the recycling center. We can have the cans in big bags ready to go. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office, 332-3331.

Important Dates

Nov 21	Friends of Zion Thanksgiving Meal, 11:45am
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving break
Nov 27	<u>Blue & Gold orders & money due</u>
Nov 30	Christmas Service practice, 1pm
Dec 1	3 rd & 4 th tour water treatment plant, 10am
Dec 4-8	Blue & Gold delivery, exact day to be announced
Dec 5	Christmas Service practice, 8am
Dec 8	Christmas Service practice, 8am
Dec 11	Christmas Service practice, 1pm
Dec 13	Birthday Lunch
Dec 14	Christmas Service practice, 8am
Dec 18	Christmas Service Dress Rehearsal, 8am
Dec 19	Children's Christmas Service, 7:00pm
Dec 20	End of 2 nd quarter; NOON Dismissal
Dec 21-Jan 3	Christmas Break
Jan 4	School resumes
Jan 5	Report cards go home

Worship Opportunities during the Advent & Christmas Season

Advent Service Wed., Dec.6, 7pm
Advent Service Wed., Dec. 13, 7pm
Children's Christmas Service, Tues., Dec. 19, 7pm
Advent Service Wed., Dec. 20, 7pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service- Sun., Dec. 24, 6pm
Christmas Day Service- Mon., Dec. 25, 10:30am
New Year's Eve Service-Sun., Dec. 31, 6pm

Come join us for food and fellowship

Before our Advent Services
We will serve dinner from 5:30-6:45.
Free will offering will go to support the 7th and 8th grade class on Dec.6 & 13 and the Youth Group on Dec 20



Menus to be announced.