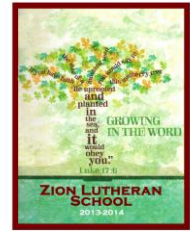




# Zion Lutheran School

*Ablaze to Share God's Love*  
December 17, 2013 – January 6, 2014



<u>Tues., Dec. 17</u>	<u>Wed., Dec. 18</u>	<u>Thurs., Dec. 19</u>	<u>Friday, Dec. 20</u>	<u>Sat., Dec. 21</u>	<u>Sun., Dec. 22</u>	<u>Mon., Dec. 23</u>
<u>Children's Christmas Service, 7:00pm</u>	Chapel, 8:15am Birthday Lunch 2:45 Dismissal Advent Dinner, 5:30 Advent Service, 7pm		End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter Pizza		Sunday School, 9:15am Church, 10:30am	
				Christmas Break, NO SCHOOL Classes resume Monday, Jan. 6, 2014		

**January Memory Verse: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."  
Matthew 5:7-9**

## From the Principal

Christmas Break is almost here. Friday, December 20 is the last day of school before Christmas Break. It is also the last day of the Second Quarter. School resumes on Monday, January 6. Report cards will go home with your students the first week we are back in school after break.

## Zion Lutheran Youth

We will not be having Youth during Christmas Break. Youth will begin again after the first of the year. Information will be coming about Youth as we get closer to our next meeting time.

## The Birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She

wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising

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God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told (Luke 2:1-20).

Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

Have a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season.

## Children's Christmas Service

Don't miss tonight's Christmas Service led by the children of Zion Lutheran School & Church! The service begins at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

**Participating children need to arrive in the church basement by 6:45. Children wearing costumes – 6:30.**

The children look forward to sharing the Christmas message with you!

## New Monitor System for School Door installed!

We have a new monitor system for our front door. From the office we are able to see who is at the front door and talk to them via intercom. We can also unlock the door from the monitor in the office.

For admittance parents/visitors need to push the red button on the wall to the left side of the front doors. When you hear the click, simply open the left hand door. **After being admitted we ask that parents still report to the office to sign their child out early or before going to the classroom.**

**Come join us for food and fellowship before our last Advent Service. We will serve dinner from 5:30-6:45.**

**Free will offering to support Women of Zion Mission Projects**

**Wed., Dec. 18 Church Chicken Casserole**

The Advent Service begins at 7:00 pm.



## Worship Opportunities for the Christmas Season

- Advent Service Wed.,- Dec. 18, 7pm
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service- Tues., Dec. 24, 7pm
- Christmas Day Service- Wed., Dec. 25, 10am
- New Year's Eve Service-Tues., Dec. 31, 7pm

## Upcoming School Events

**Dec. 17 Children's Christmas Service, 7:00 pm**

**Dec. 18 Birthday Lunch**

Advent Dinner, 5:30pm

Advent Service, 7:00pm

**Dec. 20 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter**

**Dec. 24 Candlelight Service, 7:00pm**

**Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service, 10:00am**

**Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Service, 7:00pm**

**Dec. 23 – Jan. 3, Christmas Break**

**Jan. 6 school resumes, report cards go home!**

**Jan. 13 School Mall fund raiser begins**

**Jan. 15 Birthday Lunch**

**Jan. 17 Geography Bee**

**Jan. 20 NO SCHOOL – staff development**

**Jan. 26-31 National Lutheran Schools Week**

## May God bless you and your family this Christmas Season.

The Teachers & Staff of Zion Lutheran School

*Mr. Pralle, Pastor Vega, Mrs. Fienen, Mrs. Gartner, Mrs. Ryden, Mr. Camacho, Mrs. O'Brien, Ms. Bredehoft, Mrs. Journot, Mrs. Clubine, Miss Pereboom, Mrs. Achong, Miss Fritzemeier, Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. Alexander.*

