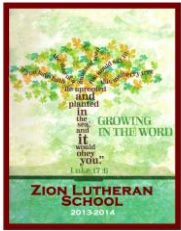




Zion Lutheran School

Ablaze to Share God's Love
April 15 – 21, 2014



<u>Tues., Apr. 15</u>	<u>Wed., Apr. 16</u>	<u>Thurs., Apr. 17</u>	<u>Friday, Apr. 18</u>	<u>Sat., Apr. 19</u>	<u>Sun., Apr. 20</u>	<u>Mon., Apr. 21</u>
Fitness, 3:30-4:30	Chapel, 8:15am <u>Birthday Lunch</u> 2:45 Dismissal Fitness, 3:00-4:00	SERVICE DAY 1 st -2 nd to AWOL, 10:45 3 rd -4 th to Nursery, 1pm Fitness, 3:30-4:30 Maundy Thursday Worship Service, 7pm	Good Friday, NO SCHOOL Good Friday Worship Service, 7pm		Sunday School, 9:15am Church, 10:30am EASTER	Easter Monday, NO SCHOOL

April Memory Verse: Then Jesus told them, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29

From the Principal

State Assessments begin next week for students in grades 3-8. We will begin Map Testing for all students beginning April 28. We want all our students to do their very best on these tests. The following tips are for our parents on how they can help their children prepare for their achievement testing.

The night before:

- Help your child get to bed on time. If your child is sleepy, he or she may not be capable of focusing and putting his or her all into his tests. Tuck your kiddo in early the night before the test, and encourage him or her to try his best to rest up so he or she is fresh and ready for the test. Research shows that being well-rested helps students do better.
- Help children resolve immediate arguments before going to bed.
- Keep your routine as normal as possible. Upsetting natural routines may make children feel insecure.
- Mention the test to show you're interested, but don't dwell on it.
- Plan ahead to avoid conflicts on the mornings of the tests.

The morning of the test:

- Get up early to avoid rushing. Be sure to have your child at school on time.
- Have your child eat a good breakfast but not a heavy one. Hunger can be a major distraction. If your child's tummy is growling he or she may struggle to keep his or her mind on the academic task at hand. The morning before your child takes their tests, fix him or her a nice breakfast and sit down with them while they eat it. Research shows that students do better if they have breakfast before they take tests.
- Be positive about the test. Acknowledge that tests can be hard and that they're designed so that no one will know all of the answers. Explain that doing your best is what counts. The important thing is to make your child comfortable and confident about the test. By encouraging your child, you can make it clear that you believe in them and that you think they are fully capable of doing well on the upcoming tests. If your child goes into the tests with a positive, can-do attitude, they will likely perform better.

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Holy Week

This week is Holy Week. Holy Week is the conclusion of the Lenten season. It is a time to remember Jesus' betrayal and suffering, His death on Good Friday, and His glorious resurrection on Easter morning.

Holy Week has many special days. Maundy Thursday is observed during Holy Week on the Thursday before Easter. Maundy refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember His sacrifice. Maundy Thursday also commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. In contrast to joyful Easter celebrations when Christians worship their resurrected Savior, Maundy Thursday services are typically more solemn occasions, marked by the shadow of Jesus' betrayal.

Good Friday is observed on the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this day we commemorate the passion, or suffering, and death on the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Many Christians spend this day in fasting, prayer, repentance, and meditation on the agony and suffering of Christ on the cross. As with Maundy Thursday the worship is a somber time in which we remember Jesus' death.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The phrase "Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia" commemorates this joyous day. We rejoice and celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin, death, and the devil. Through His death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus.

We would like to invite our families to worship with us during Holy Week. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be in the evening at 7:00 p.m. On Easter we have 7:00 a.m. service as well as our normal 10:30 a.m. service. We also have an Easter Potluck Breakfast at 9:15 a.m.

Have a wonderful week in the Lord

Pre-enrollment Reminder

Did you remember to turn in your pre-enrollment forms and fees? Early pre-enrollment helps us plan for staffing and facility needs.

Bridal Shower for Miss Pereboom

The women of Zion Lutheran Church in Independence will be hosting a drop-in bridal shower brunch for Lisa Pereboom on Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 am - 11:00 am in the church basement. Lisa is the 5th and 6th grade teacher at Zion Lutheran School and she will be marrying Andy Krenz, a member of St Paul's Lutheran Church in Coffeyville. They are registered at www.Target.com/Wedding, www.mywedding.honeymoonwishes.com, and Sayers Ace Hardware in Independence. Please RSVP to Donna Dittmer (620-330-2453), Charlene Swearingen (620-331-5192) or Liz Pralle (cell 479-739-5139) if you plan to attend.

Important Dates

Apr. 16 Birthday Lunch

Apr. 17 **Service Day:**

1st-2nd to AWOL, 10:45

3rd-4th to Nursery, 1pm

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00

Apr. 18 NO SCHOOL

Good Friday Service, 7:00

Apr. 21 Easter Monday, NO SCHOOL

Apr. 22 Easter Parties

Mid-quarter grades go home!

Apr. 25 Last day of Spring Fitness program

Apr. 26 Bridal Shower for Miss Pereboom, 9:30-11:00

May 5-6 Preschool picnics

May 7 **Track Meet at Coffeyville Track**

May 14 Birthday Lunch for May, June, & July

Track Meet Rain Date

May 16 Reading Reward Skating Party, 12:30-2:30

May 18 8th Grade Graduation

May 19-21 7th & 8th Grade Class Trip

May 20 K-6th Park Day

May 21 3-Day Preschool Graduation, 6:30pm

May 22 Closing Chapel, Cookout