



**Zion Lutheran School**  
*The Fruit of the Spirit*  
 May 1 – 7, 2018



<u>Tues., May 1</u>	<u>Wed., May 2</u>	<u>Thurs., May 3</u>	<u>Friday, May 4</u>	<u>Sat., May 5</u>	<u>Sun., May 6</u>	<u>Mon., May 7</u>
	<b>Chapel, 8:15am</b> <b>IMS Leadership Conf., 8:15-1:00</b> <b>2:45 Dismissal</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> to RIF, 10am</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> to RIF, 11am</b>	<b>Track practice, 1:00-2:30</b>		<b>Sunday School, 9:15</b> <b>Church, 10:30</b> <b>Choir sings for Miss B's retirement, followed by potluck celebration</b>	

**May Memory Verse: Rather, you must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. Titus 1:8**

**From the Principal**

Re-enrollment information has gone home. Please fill out the appropriate forms and return them to the school office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office. Please make note of the information that each family received about referring another family to our school. A \$500 tuition discount will be applied towards your tuition if a referred family enrolls at Zion Lutheran School.

The Christian Schools Track Meet is coming. This year the track meet will be at the track in Independence. We have two practice days scheduled at the stadium on Friday, April 27 and Friday, May 4. Both of these practices will begin at 1:00pm. We will need some help getting the students to and from the stadium for practice. If you can help with the track meet please contact the school office.

Coming up this Sunday, May 6 we will be celebrating the retirement of Ms. Bredehoft. Ms. Bredehoft is retiring after 45 years in Lutheran education. We will have a special worship service at 10:30am at Zion Lutheran Church. Following the worship service will be a potluck lunch in the church basement with a program. Please bring a side-dish to share for the potluck lunch. We hope everyone will join us for this celebration of service to our Lord and Savior.

Have a wonderful week in the Lord

**Discipline is a Learning Opportunity** – Parent Pages  
 One way to do that is to focus on using law and grace words rather than using only law words. The use of both law and grace help a child to relate behavior to emotions, problem solving and discernment. Law alone simply tells a child what is wrong or expresses exasperation. Every parent feels exasperated by child behavior at times, but exasperated discipline does not teach. It is more likely to humiliate or confuse.

It is easier to use law words than to remember to find law and grace words. With a few changes we can move toward helping children connect their behavior with thinking skills.

Here is an example of a typical law phrase:

“I said STOP!  
 Why are you still doing it?”

You can just hear the exasperation. This phrase makes expectations clear to the child, but then asks a question most children cannot answer. However, finding the answer to that question will make all the difference in getting the child to stop the behavior. What if we try this instead?

“You did that after I asked you to stop and that disappoints me. I can see you have extra energy. What could you do instead?”

Now we are encouraging the child to plan a new behavior. Alternative replies might give children an explanation why the behavior is bothersome or might propose cooperative solutions. Yes, this takes time and patience, but the benefits are helping children to think through behaviors and to ultimately develop skills of empathy and problem solving.

Law words challenge, demand and encourage feelings of guilt. This is not, in and of itself, a problem. We do want to challenge children to reach a higher standard and sometimes expediency causes us to make a demand. Furthermore, true guilt will help to bring a child to repentance. However, we do not want our children to feel shame to the point where they think they are unloved. And we want to note a child's perspective as that gives insight for a teachable moment.

Law and grace words, on the other hand, make observations, acknowledge needs and give perspective. They are ways of responding to behavior that encourage a child to think and learn. Law and grace words show a child what needs to be changed and how God will help them to change.

Law and grace words do not replace consequences. That would be grace without law. In many situations law and grace words need to be followed with a consequence. However, we cannot assume that the consequence alone will help the child to understand why to stop a behavior. Because we are sinners living in a sinful world, we need both law and grace. We are blessed to have a God who loves us in this way.

### **Zion Lutheran Youth**

Youth will continue on Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30 pm in the school gym. Each Youth night we have fun, fellowship, and the opportunity to learn about the Love of Jesus. We are discussing Jesus and Culture – How we are to live our lives as children of God. We invite all students in grades 5-8 to join us for Youth.

### **Baby Shower for Mrs. Cook**

The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be hosting a baby shower for Mrs. Cook on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the school. She is registered at <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/arlene-cook-june-2018-neodesha/32CLG6WYLUXAV>. Contact Mrs. Achong at [achong@zionindy.com](mailto:achong@zionindy.com) for questions or more information.

### **Kindergarten Greenhouse**

The weather was not very cooperative for the Kindergarten greenhouse this year! There are only a few choices of plants this year: cucumbers, ornamental

pumpkins, and chives. You may come by and look beginning Tuesday, May 8.

### **Track Meet News**

The track meet will begin at 9:00am on Tuesday, May 8.

**Please contact Stefanie William or April Bates to volunteer to work the concession stand (they can schedule you between your children's events).**

**We also need volunteers to help with ribbons in the announcer's booth, even 20 or 30 minutes between your child's events would be greatly appreciated.**  
**We really want to have all ribbons ready to send with the coaches at the end of the day!**

### **School Choir to end year with two final performances**

- **This Sunday, May 6, Miss Bredehoff's retirement celebration.** Please help us fill the choir loft and honor Miss B. for her years of faithful service! Students need to be in the church basement at 10:15am for a short rehearsal. There will be a covered dish dinner following the service. Meat & cake will be provided. Please plan to attend and bring a vegetable or salad dish to share.
- **Sunday, May 20, 10:30am, Eighth Grade Graduation.**

### **May is a very busy month!**

Please refer to your May calendar often and be watching for permission slips to come home for K-8 skating, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> trip to Elk Falls Pottery, 7 & 8 class trip, K-6<sup>th</sup> park day, and the end-of-the-year cookout.

### **Important Dates**

May 2	IMS Leadership Conference, 8:15-1:00
May 3	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> to RIF, 10:00am 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> to RIF, 11:00am
May 4	Track practice, 1:00-2:30pm
May 6	<b><i>Choir sings for Miss Bredehoff's retirement celebration</i></b>
May 8	Track Meet, 9:00am
May 9	<b>Birthday Lunch</b>
May 10	8 <sup>th</sup> grade visit high school, 9:00-11:30
May 16	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> host baby shower for Mrs. Cook, 2:00pm
May 18	Skating in Coffeyville, 2:30-2:30pm
May 20	<b><i>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, choir sings 10:30am</i></b>
May 21-23	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade class trip
May 21	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> to Elk Falls Pottery, 9:15am

May 22 End-of-year get-together, 3 & 5 Day PS,  
10:00am  
K-8 Park Day

*May 23* End-of-year get-together, 2-day PS  
Last day of class for 2-day PS  
Last day of class for 3-day & 5-day PS  
***Preschool Graduation, 6:30pm***

*May 24* ***Closing Chapel, 10:00am***  
***Cookout 11:00am***

June 2 Zion Invitational Golf Tournament

June 4-8 Vacation Bible School, 9:00-11:30