

# Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

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Zion Lutheran School Families,

## The Vision of Zion Lutheran School

If your children have been at Zion for more than a year, you have noticed some things change from year to year. There are different teachers, teaching grades, classroom changes, changes to where we do chapel, changes in how much time we spend in the chapel. Curriculum may change, rules may change, and events have changed.

These changes are not accidental or simply based on preference. Some of them are based on very practical needs, but all of them serve the ultimate vision of Zion Lutheran School.

Ultimately, these changes are all heading toward two things: eternal life for your children through faith in Jesus Christ, and Christian living in this temporary life. These are the goals of Zion because these are the goals that God gives us in his word for Christian education:

Scripture teaches us about education:

**Romans 10:17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**Proverbs 22:6**—Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

**John 17:17**—Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

**Ephesians 6:4**—Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

**Philippians 4:8-9**—Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**I Peter 3:15**— . . . being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

These two goals (eternal life and Christian living) are abstract, so it's important to know how they get applied here at school. The first one I will discuss in this newsletter and the next one I will discuss in the next newsletter.

First, it is my firm belief that eternal life comes by faith and faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). Therefore, if our goal is eternal life, then we need to preach the word of God! That is why we have added a Matins service every day. It is why we still teach theology. It is why we have added a hymn sing. It is why we sing hymns after each recess. As you can see, a lot of changes come from this goal, and every change that is made, the eternal life of each of our students is considered.

Look forward to hearing about how the second goal of Zion: Christian living is applied and how that influences what we do here.

May God be with you,  
Headmaster Joshua Swigart

## ZLS Prayer Requests:

- Hudnall Family
- Summer Travels for the ZLS Staff and Families

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28 April	29 April	30 April	1 <b>4th Quarter Mid-term</b>	2	3
4 <b>Students Sing</b> at Zion Lutheran Church <b>10:15 am</b>	5 <b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b> (May 5-9) <b>Iowa Testing</b> of Basic Skills (3rd - 7th)	6 <b>Iowa Testing</b> of Basic Skills (3rd - 7th)	7 <b>PTF Meeting</b> 3 :00 pm  <b>Iowa Testing</b> of Basic Skills (3rd - 7th)	8 <b>Iowa Testing</b> of Basic Skills (3rd - 7th)	9 <b>Iowa Testing</b> of Basic Skills (3rd - 7th)	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Memorial Day	27	28	29 <b>Academic Fair</b> (Preschool - 7th) 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	30 <b>PTF End of the Year BBQ</b> (11 am)  <b>Last Day of School</b> (12 pm) Dismissal	31

<b>1st</b>	<b>4th Quarter Mid-term</b>	
<b>4th</b>	<b>Students Sing at Zion Lutheran Church</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>5th - 9th</b>	<b>Iowa Testing of Basic Skills</b>	
<b>7th</b>	<b>PTF Meeting - Voting for 25-26 PTF Officers</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
<b>26th</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day</b>	
<b>29th</b>	<b>Academic Fair (Preschool - 7th grades)</b>	<b>5:30 pm to 7:00 pm</b>
<b>30th</b>	<b>PTF End of School BBQ</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>30th</b>	<b>End of 4th Quarter / Last Day of School</b>	<b>12: 00 pm Dismissal</b>

## **NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### ◆ **ZLS Academic Fair: May 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

5-23 - Projects are set up in the gym for Judging

5-27, 5-28 - Judging Days

5-29 - Academic Fair - Enjoy an evening of food, fellowship and presentations.

5-30 - Final Chapel Service followed by People's Choice Awards.

### ◆ **PTF End of Year BBQ: May 30th, 11:00 am**

- After the Headmaster addresses all the students, staff, & families at Noon, the families can check out with each of their child's teacher..

- A supervised water balloon battle is optional for families after the Noon dismissal. For those who are participating, please bring a towel, a change of clothes and shoes.

### ◆ **Report Cards:** Report Cards will be mailed after all Tuition, After School Care Charges, Lost Library Books, and IT items have been turned in and paid for.

### ◆ **Summer Meet Ups:** During the summer, Zion Lutheran School along with the PTF hold meet ups so the students can maintain friendships and see each other during the summer. The first 45 minutes will be a planned activity and the second 45 minutes will be snacks and playtime. This year, the summer meet up dates are:

- Tuesday, June 24th, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Art with Mrs. Bockenstette.

- Tuesday, July 22nd, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Activity will be announced closer to the date.

- Tuesday, Aug 12th, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm - Activity will be announced closer to the date.

# NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The ZLS Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Officers for SY 2025-26 : At the May 7th, PTF Meeting, the following officers were voted in for SY 2025-26:

- **PTF President:** Ms. Pamela Main



- **PTF Vice President:** Mrs. Andrea Carter



- **PTF Secretary:** Mrs. Megan Irby



- **PTF Treasurer:** Mr. Jay Irby

Thank you to our Zion Lutheran School Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Officers for your leadership and selfless service to our school!

## **CONMEMORATIOS - REMINDERS:**

### ◆ **Zion Lutheran School's 2025 - 2026 Enrollment:**

- Enrollment opened on March 6th, 2025.
- 5 % Tuition Discount for tuition paid in full by August 25th, 2025
- No Tuition Discounts for Part Time Preschool and Kindergarten
- Families will pay a \$50.00 Late Registration Fee after August 1st, 2025

### ◆ **Zion Lutheran School Classroom and Staff Pictures are available for purchase:**

- Go to: <https://timelessphotoboise.gotphoto.com/login>
- Use access code Zion25 and follow instructions
- If you have any problems please email [taleshatimelessphoto@gmail.com](mailto:taleshatimelessphoto@gmail.com)

### ◆ **2nd Semester Chapel offering:** Every week each classroom collects an offering that is presented during our chapel service. The 2nd semester's offering is for Pastor Shaver's Missionary efforts in the Dominican Republic.

### ◆ **The PTF met on May 19th, to form an Oktoberfest Event Committee for next year's PTF Oktoberfest Dinner and Auction on Sat, October 18th:** This is a large fundraiser for the school with a lot of opportunities to help make next year's Oktoberfest a great success. If you are interested in joining the committee or helping out, before the beginning of the school year or starting in the fall, please contact Ms. Pamela Main at [pamelamainzlsptf@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelamainzlsptf@yahoo.com).

# GRATULATIONE - CONGRATULATIONS

**Zion Lutheran School's Cantor Choir Members received special recognition for singing during the May 4th ZLS Student Singing at Zion Lutheran Church:**

(Left to Right) ZLC Pastor Jason Swan, Lisette Carter, Rylee Walker, Ava Perron, Mackayla Main, and ZLS Headmaster and 5th-7th grade teacher - Mr. Joshua Swigart  
In Abstention: Evangeline Richardson



**Zion Lutheran School's 4th - 6th grade Nampa Christian Track Meet Winners:**

(Left to Right) ZLS Headmaster and 5th-7th grade teacher - Mr. Joshua Swigart, Philip Stubbs, Rylee Walker, Harper Perron, Challis Schwartz, Olon Irby, Ava Perron, Marshall Cox, Lisette Carter, Mackayla Main, Mrs. Megan Irby, and Chase Fagenstrom



# GRATULATIONE - CONGRATULATIONS

**Zion Lutheran School's Chapel Dedication of the Lee Trask Memorial Chapel on May 16th, 2025:** (Left to Right) ZLS Headmaster - Mr. Joshua Swigart, Gene Trask, John Trask, Becky Cafferty (Trask), Rob Trask. Officiants: Rev. Swan, Rev. Rippy, and Vicar Swigart

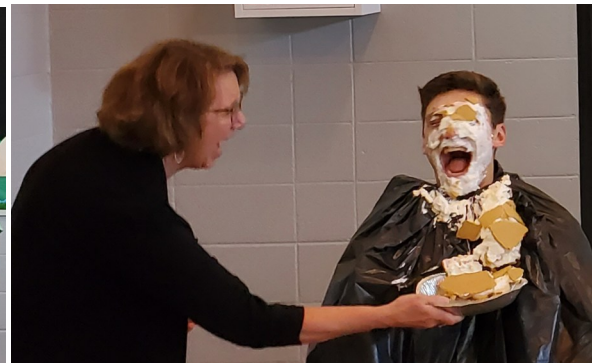


**In Memory of Lila "Lee" Trask  
for her devotion to chapel  
services and faithfulness to the  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Presented May 16th, 2025**



**Zion Lutheran School's Staff Celebrating the winner of the PTF Carnival Pie in the Face:**  
(Left to Right) Mrs. Rippy, Pastor Swan, Mrs. Wollman, Mrs. Provolt, Mr. Swigart,  
Mrs. Alverson, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Allwardt, Miss Ratcliff, Mrs. Irby, Mrs. Ratcliff



Thank you to our PTF President, Ms. Pamela Main for carrying on this tradition.



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# Academic Fair

Thursday, May 29th, 2025

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

5:30 - 6:00 pm

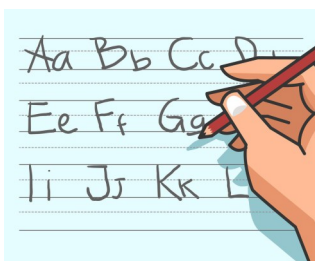
. Taco Bar Dinner

5:30 - 6:15 pm

. People's Choice Voting

6:15 - 7:00 pm

. PK - 7th Presentations





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# PTF End of the Year BBQ!

## May 30, 2025 at 11:00 am

To celebrate the school year and kick off the summer!

Each student is asked to bring the item assigned to their grade level.

PK (1) veggie tray per student

Kindergarten (1) dozen hot dog buns and hamburger buns per student

1st & 2nd (1) fruit tray per student

4th & 5th (1) 3 lb. container of potato salad per student

6th & 7th (2) bags of chips per student

Please have all items to the kitchen by 8:30am Thursday, May 29th.

See you there!