



# ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## 08/03/2023 NEWSLETTER

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### Classical Corner:

Welcome to the Classical Corner for the 2023-2024 school year! Each newsletter I will present a brief explanation and description of classical education here at Zion Lutheran School. It is my hope and prayer that this will be a resource for parents, students, families, and friends to grow in their understanding of the underlying philosophy and theology of what we do and why we do it. Of course, this will not serve as an exhaustive explanation of every aspect of a Classical Lutheran education, but introduce many foundational principles and seeks to answer questions that arise throughout the year. The topics will explore the godly vocation of raising our children in the fear and love of the Lord, how and why we teach virtuous habits and character with a focus on the good and the true and the beautiful, and why a Classical Lutheran education at Zion Lutheran School is an excellent choice for you and the children of our communities. To begin our year, therefore, you are invited to consider the following explanation of our purpose and goal:

“Classical and Lutheran education develops wisdom, eloquence, and virtue through the formative elements of the liberal arts while nurturing a child in the historic Christian faith... Classical and Lutheran education cultivates in a child self-knowledge, tools for learning, the contemplation of great ideas, and an understanding of the world in which he lives, all for the love and service of others. Above all, classical and Lutheran education inclines a child toward Goodness, Truth, and Beauty found fully and eternally in the person and work of Jesus Christ” (<http://www.ccle.org/what-is-classical-and-lutheran-education/>). May God bless you as we begin our journey together this school year!

Pastor Shaver

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*Each newsletter in the Classical Corner, we are exploring different aspects of what it means to have a Classical Education at Zion Lutheran School focusing on what is “Classical,” what is “Lutheran,” and their benefits.*

### From the New Headmaster:

#### Children and Parents: The Two Groups of Education

The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians,

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.’ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

This teaching of Paul describes the two groups involved in childhood education. The first is children. They receive the education and, in order to receive it well, they must obey their parents. The second group is parents. Parents must justly discipline their children, and teach them the word of God. These two groups, parents and children, are the only ones that Paul mentions. No other institution is listed as responsible for the education of children. No state school. No charter school. No Zion Lutheran School. Paul does not continue his letter by saying, “Schools, teach math, science, history, and English, because parents are not qualified to teach these subjects.” No! If anyone is not “qualified” to teach, it is schools, not parents.

This is why choosing a good school is extremely important. There are many schools that do not recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children. They teach their students to disobey their parents. They diminish family time by assigning too much homework. And they forget that they are accountable to God for what they teach.

We reject these forms of “education.” We encourage your children to obey you. We encourage your children to discuss what they learned that day at the dinner table. And we teach the Bible, the word of God that endures longer than any man made institution.

I point this out to show who we are as educators. We are not a third party institution that provides something you cannot. We are your support. And if we are to truly educate, then we must help you. We must act on your behalf when preparing curriculum, instructing your children, and disciplining them. This year we will support you parents over anything else, because that is what we are called by God to do. Thank you for being here. I look forward to meeting each of you parents in person. See you soon!

Sincerely,  
Headmaster Joshua Swigart

# CERTE DE FASTIS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>10th</b> PTF Kickoff Mtg. School Clean-Up (3:30pm)		1	2	3	4	5
<b>12th</b> School Clean-up Day (9am-12pm)						
<b>14th</b> 1st day Teacher In- Service Week	7	8	9	10 PTF Kickoff Mtg School Clean- Up (3:30pm)	11	12 School Clean- Up Day (9am - 12pm)
<b>17th</b> Meet your teacher (3pm-6pm)						
<b>21st</b> 1st Day of School (7:50am)	14 Teacher In- Service week	15	16	17 Meet your teacher (3pm - 6pm)	18	19
	21 1st Day of School (7:50am)	22	23	24	25	26
	28	29	30	31		

### Who's Teaching What?

Pre-K 3 & 4 - Mrs. Tamie Provolt,

2nd, 3rd, & 4th grades - Mrs. Gayle Wollman

Kindergarten & 1st grade - Mrs. Jennifer Rippy

5th, 6th, & 7th grades - Mrs. Sarah Allwardt

**We need volunteers from 11:15am to 12:15pm each school day to give our teachers a much needed lunch break. If you are willing to serve sign up at:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ty6k75PEFkSj7IUumBt\\_KJh\\_hSUhuzoZDU7psAjux5Q/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ty6k75PEFkSj7IUumBt_KJh_hSUhuzoZDU7psAjux5Q/edit?usp=sharing)

### **The ZLS Spirit Store is now open - Brand New vendor (Teresa Meek - Computer & Craft Wizard)!**

- The Spirit Store at [zlsnampa.org](http://zlsnampa.org). Hover over the "Parents" drop down and select "Spirit Store". Click "Shop Now" to enter the store!
- **October Promotion!** - 10% of the proceeds come back to Zion Lutheran School!
- We welcome students to wear logo attire on Wednesdays! There are items for parents and the community, too!
- Normal turnaround time estimated at 2-3 weeks
- Computer & Craft Wizard will contact the school to arrange delivery.
- Nationwide shortages continue to affect inventory availability and shipping.
- Contact the Front Office with any questions or concerns.

Zion Lutheran Classical School provides each student educational mastery by building foundations that lead children to serve God with a Christian Worldview.



Come and join us for  
ZLS Clean-up Day  
Aug. 12th (9am-12pm)



# Referral Form

**You give us the ultimate compliment when you refer a new student to Zion Lutheran School!  
Here is our way of saying THANK YOU!**

A one-time referral fee will be paid for any family you refer!

Pre-School or Kindergarten (Part-time)	\$500.00 per family
Pre-School or Kindergarten (Full-time)	\$1,000.00 per family
Elementary Grades	\$1,000.00 per family

**Fine Print:** You may not refer yourself. The new student must enroll and attend Zion Lutheran School for at least three (3) full months. Their registration, tuition and all applicable fees must be current. The referral payment will be credited to your account or given to you as a check if your account is paid in full. There is no limit to the number of families that you can refer. Referral payments can be split if more than one person is listed as the referral for the same family. The Referral payment will be prorated based on length of referred family's attendance.



## I HAVE BEEN REFERRED!

We welcome all families to Zion Lutheran School! Please call the office at 208-466-9141 to schedule a tour of the school and to meet our staff and teachers. You can also visit our website at [zlsnampa.org](http://zlsnampa.org) to learn more about our school and download enrollment forms.

**Please bring this form with you or include it with your enrollment application. Thank you!**

Referred Family	Referring Family
Parent(s) Name:	Parent(s) Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone:	Phone:
Student(s) Name:	
Grade(s) Enrolling:	



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# ABOUT MR. JOSHUA SWIGART – (INCOMING – HEADMASTER)

## INTRODUCTION

I was born in Albany, Oregon. I have lived in Albany my entire life, except for during college when I lived in La Mirada, California.

## EDUCATION (High School, College, Continuing Education)

Santiam Christian High School

BA in Bible and Theology from Biola University

Continuing MDiv. at American Lutheran Theological Seminary

Continuing Education through Staff Training with Pastor Shaver

Attended the CCLE summer conference in July 2023

## EXPERIENCE (Teaching Experience Prior to ZLS, at Zion, Certifications, Other)

4 years of teaching at Santiam Christian School

Pastoral Field Work at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Planning various events, including the Biblical Marriage Conference at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

## WHY I SERVE ON STAFF AT ZION

I am a firm believer in Lutheran and Classical education. Education is the most important investment families can make, and the way that children will continue to thrive in our current culture. I love helping kids memorize, articulate, and practice wisdom in their lives. I love supporting their natural curiosity and feeding it with the rich history of western Christian civilization! I believe that ZLS will benefit all parents and families looking to partner with this community as we represent Jesus Christ to the Treasure Valley community.

## FAMILY AND OUTSIDE INTERESTS

I was married to my wife Allie in June of 2021 and had our daughter Phoebe in June of 2022. I love spending time with my family, playing sports, hunting, gardening, reading, and talking theology and philosophy!

## **ABOUT MRS. SARAH ALLWARDT – 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, Grade Teacher**

### **WHY I BECAME A TEACHER**

I was going to school to become a Neonatologist. I had to do field work close to my major it happened to be at the preschool lab. The director said to me after two weeks, “You should really think of becoming a teacher, I think this is your calling!” It took some time but that was the path God lead me on and I have loved it every step of the way!

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

I was born in California! My mother has recently has given me the nickname of CICI = for California, Iowa, California, and now Idaho. The places I have lived. I am the middle of 5 children. We were raised in a Christian home and I can remember playing my “hymns” on a small kiddy organ. I have always LOVED THE LORD. I grew up loving the beach, surfing, and skiing in the mountains. Sometimes I would do both in one day!

### **EDUCATION** (High School, College, Continuing Education)

Our Lady of Corvallis High School

Marymount College AA Child Development /Art

California State University of Northridge BA Child Development Elementary Education

Lutheran Mentor Teaching Program

LCMS Conferences

Trinity Classical conferences and training

Humboldt University continuing education

### **EXPERIENCE** (Teaching Experience Prior to ZLS, at Zion, Certifications, Other)

30+years teaching I have taught grades pre k – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

I have spent most of my time in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and have developed my own quick assessment and tools to help emergent readers.

### **CLASSROOM MISSION STATEMENT**

Is to Respect each other, property, and ourselves, through Christs love and teachings.

### **WHY I TEACH AT ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

I am looking forward to teaching in a Christian school where the staff has so much love and dedication to the students and the process of learning!

### **FAMILY AND OUTSIDE INTERESTS**

I have been married to Tim Allwardt for 30 years and we have two adult children Chris and Corinne. One lives in Oregon and the other in Wyoming.

I love to travel and learn new things during my travels so that I can share with my students. I have been to South America, the Caribbean, and Canada. My goal is to go to Europe!

The place you would most likely find me is .....Yosemite, it truly is my happy place!

I enjoy walking, bike riding, winter sports, and just being outside in God’s creation.