



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Classical Corner:

“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.” So St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 13:13, the last verse of what is sometimes called “The chapter of love.” In that chapter, St. Paul expounds on the virtue of love, highlighting how our love toward others flows from the love that God has for us. St. John writes the same in 1 John 3:11-24 and 4:7-21 and even highlights how God is love, and it is from God that we know what love really is. “By As he. Faith and hope mature into “knowledge” when the thing believed in or hoped for is reached. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 13:12, “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.” Love does not turn into something else, but when it is mature, it remains love. While faith and hope have to do specifically with God, love is directly outward to God and to our others. Indeed, when Jesus is asked which is the greatest commandment, He responded, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:37-40).

A classical Lutheran education pursues this sort of godly love defined by God’s Word, received through faith in Christ, and lived out in relationships with one another. We seek to love our children and teach them to love in return, and importantly, to love the right things. To summarize St. Augustine, our goal is to order the heart rightly in love – to love the right thing to the right degree in the right way with the right kind of love. This love for God and others, and for this greatest of all the Christian virtues.

Pastor Shaver

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 Headmaster

The School is going to miss Pastor Shaver as he follows our Lord’s Call to the Dominican Republic to be a Missionary and Seminary Professor. This will certainly change the school in certain ways. Pastor Shaver led chapel each Friday, he taught lessons including mini-chapel to the younger children and leather engraving to the older kids. He organized the memory work for our entire school, advised teachers, gave pastoral care to families, and even baptized several students!

Pastor Shaver is a big supporter of the school and parents may be wondering how the school will function overall without him. The first and most important thing to mention is that the mission of the school, to teach students the Christian faith, is not going to waver with his departure. Christ’s Church must educate her children through the coming and going of Pastors. Until Zion Lutheran Church has a full time Pastor, I will lead Chapels, and do my best to lead the school spiritually as the Headmaster. I will no longer be teaching 1st grade math and 2nd grade Latin, but my job as Headmaster is not changing in any significant way.

To celebrate the Shaver’s new adventure and thank Pastor Shaver for his service at Zion Lutheran School, you are invited to the SHAVER FAREWELL GATHERING. It is an open house format from 2pm to 4:30pm this Saturday (1/6/24) at Zion Lutheran School. Pastor Shaver would love to visit with students and parents before he departs.

In Christ,

Joshua Swigart
School Headmaster and Vicar

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 6th** Pastor's Farewell Gathering
- 10th** PTF Mtg. 3:00 pm
- 12th** PTF Donuts with Dads 7:30 am/
End of 2nd Qtr.
- 15th** NO SCHOOL MLK Day
- 22nd-26th** National Lutheran
Schools Choice Week
- 26th** Parent Appreciation Breakfast
7:30 am
- 28th** Students Sing at ZLC 10:15 am
- 29th** Start Literacy Program

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Pastor's Farewell Gathering 2:00 - 4:30pm
7	8	9	10 PTF Mtg. 3:00 pm	11	12 PTF Donuts w/ Dads / End of 2nd Qtr./ Pastor Shav- er's Final Chapel	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 National Lutheran Schools Week	23	24	25	26 Parent Appreciation Breakfast 7:30 am	27
28 Students Sing at ZLC 10:15 am	29 Start Litera- cy Program	30	31			

FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 PTF Valentine's Banquet & Ball 5-8 pm
5	6	7 PTF Mtg. 3:00 pm	8	9	10
12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Chapel Service at 8:05 am	15	16 PTF Maple Bars w/ Moms 7:30 am 3rd Qtr. Midterm	17

- 3rd** PTF Valentine's Banquet & Ball 5-8 pm
- 7th** PTF Mtg. 3:00 pm
- 14th** Ash Wednesday Chapel Service
8:05 am
- 16th** PTF Maple Bars w/ Moms 7:30
am/3rd Qtr. Midterm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ **Pastor's Farewell Gathering** is on 01/06 at 2:00-4:30 pm. Pastor Shaver's final chapel will be on 01/12 at 8:05. Please come and join us for these events!
- ◆ **The Literacy Program** will start 01/29. We will not do a Literacy "Kick-off" Night, but we will do a Literacy Night at the end of the Literacy Program. More information about the literacy program will be sent home with students.
- ◆ **The upcoming PTF meeting** will be at 3:00pm on Wednesday, 01/10. This is a schedule change.
- ◆ **Students Sing** at Zion Lutheran Church will be on Sunday, 01/28 at 10:15 at Zion Lutheran Church.
- ◆ **Donuts with Dads** will be on 01/12 at 7:30am.

REMINDERS:

- ◆ Parents for any questions/concerns please refer to guidelines in the [Parent/Student handbook](#)
- ◆ If you still want to fill out the survey we would very much appreciate your feed back, [here](#) is the link
- ◆ PTF Meetings have now moved from Thursdays to Wednesdays
- The Spirit Store at zlsnampa.org. Hover over the "Parents" drop down and select "Spirit Store". Click "Shop Now" to enter the store!

Volunteer Recognition



Pastor Ross Shaver!

Pastor Shaver is worthy of volunteer recognition this month because of his service to the school the past 14 years. I would like to thank Pastor Shaver for his leadership at the school. He led the school to becoming a Classical school in 2016, and has set up the school to be a better mission to the students faith in Jesus Christ and love to their neighbors. I cannot thank him enough for his leadership and spiritual guidance he has given to the students, teachers, and myself. Thank you Pastor Shaver!

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