



Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

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ZLS Families,

The past couple of months, the homeroom teachers have been writing articles on aspects of classical education. The fourth article in this series is by Mrs. Tamie Provolt, the PK teacher on “Why Manners Matter in Classical Lutheran Schools”.

Enjoy the Read.!

Headmaster

Mr. Joshua Swigart

ZLS Prayer Requests and Praise of Thanks:

- * Please pray for the following staff, parents, and students: Prayers for the Lockwood Family who has been fighting illnesses within their family, continued prayers for Ellie Hudnall’s maternal grandmother Roxanne, who continues to battle cancer with weekly infusions, Ellie’s mom - Katie, for a safe pregnancy ; Ellie’s dad - Mike for his back, the Tomayer Family for their nephew & cousin Bennett, Chase Fagenstrom’s stepdad Chris Thelander, Natalie Hastriter’s grandma who is going through cancer treatment, Pastor & Mrs. Rippy’s parents, their cousin Jessica, and Mrs. Rippy’s brother in-law Kyle Eden, the Alverson and the Neher families with the recent passing of Aunt Millie and for Mrs. Alverson’s cousin who was just diagnosed with a Gioblastoma Tumor and is scheduled for surgery on May 6th, Mr. Swigart’s extended family as they mourn the loss of Sawyer Roberts, Mrs. Swigart’s pregnancy, Mrs. Allwardt’s neighbor and veteran Bill Dudman who is in the final stages of hospice, for the Coombs Family and Mrs. Allwardt’s Uncle Tony who suddenly passed away, and for Mrs. Allwardt’s health issues, Andrea Carter as she heals from her recent surgery, and safe travels for Dylen’s father.

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An article from our PK homeroom teacher, Mrs. Tamie Provolt:

Why Manners Matter in Classical Lutheran Schools

Classical Lutheran schools view manners as an essential part of forming students in Christian virtue. Because every person is created in the image of God, teaching children to speak kindly, listen well, and show respect becomes a natural expression of Christian love. These habits also support the classical goal of cultivating ordered thinking and self-discipline, creating classrooms where attention and meaningful learning can flourish.

Manners shape character far beyond academics. They nurture gratitude, empathy, and responsibility—qualities that prepare students for their future vocations as friends, citizens, workers, and family members. In a world that often feels rushed or unkind, gracious behavior becomes a quiet witness to the faith students carry with them. For classical Lutheran schools, teaching manners is not simply about politeness; it is about forming young people who reflect Christ's love in all they do.

In our preschool class here at Zion, students learn a new manner each week using the Memoria Press manner flash cards. Some of the manners we have learned this year include: looking people in the eyes when speaking to them, showing respect to parents, teachers, and other adults, listening carefully when others speak, and using phrases such as “please,” “thank you,” and “you’re welcome.” We also practice polite exchanges like “How are you?” followed by “Well, thank you. How are you?”

CERTE DE FASTIS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 April	27 April	28 April	29 April 4th Quarter Mid-term	30 April	1	2 SB Fundraiser Chili Cookoff & Dessert Auction 5-8 pm
3 Students Sing at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boise 09:40 am	4 Bridge Students Attend Iowa Testing of Basic Skills (3rd - 9th)	5 Iowa Testing of Basic Skills (3rd - 9th) Football Game & Cheerleading	6 Bridge Students Attend Iowa Testing of Basic Skills (3rd - 9th)	7 Iowa Testing of Basic Skills (3rd - 9th)	8 Make up Day for Iowa Testing of Basic Skills (3rd - 9th)	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 PTF Meeting 3 :15 pm Officer Voting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	26	27 Academic Fair Rehearsal (Preschool - 9th) 5:30 - 7:00 pm	28 Academic Fair (Preschool - 9th) 5:30 - 7:30 pm	29 PTF End of the Year BBQ (11 am) Last Day of School (12 pm) Dismissal	30

3rd	Students Sing at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	09:40 am
4th - 8th	Iowa Testing of Basic Skills	
7th	Last Day for ZLS Chess Club	07:00 - 07:45 am
14th	PTF Meeting - Voting for 26-27 PTF Officers	3:15 pm
25th	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day	
28th	Academic Fair (Preschool - 9th grades)	5:30 to 7:30 pm
29th	PTF End of School BBQ	11:00 am
29th	End of 4th Quarter / Last Day of School	12: 00 pm Dismissal

CERTE DE FASTIS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 May	1 2025-26 Teachers Close Out Week	2 2025-26 Teachers Close Out Week	3 2025-26 Teachers Close Out Week	4 2025-26 Teachers Close Out Week	5 2025-26 Final Teachers In Service	6
7	8 ZLS Summer Hours Start M-TH 9 am to 1 pm	9	10	11	12 Front Office Closed	13 Flag Day Free Fishing Day
14	15 2026-27 New Family Enrollment Deadline	16	17	18	19 Front Office Closed	20
21	22	23 Student Summer Meet Up #1 1:30 - 3:00 pm Art with Mrs. Bockenstette	24	25	26 CCLC Practicum at ZLC & ZLS	27 CCLC Practicum at ZLC & ZLS
28	29	30	1 July	2 July	3 July Front Office Closed	4 July 4th of July Independence Day

1st - 5th

End of Year Teacher's Inservice

8th

Front Office Summer Hours Starting (Monday - Thursday 9 am to 1 pm)

15th

2026-27 New Family Enrollment Deadline

23rd

Student Summer Meetup # 1 of 3 - Art w Mrs. Bockenstette 1:30 to 3:00 pm

26th -27th

CCLC Practicum at ZLC and ZLS

NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2025-26 Zion Lutheran School 12th Ave Security Wall is complete!

- ◆ Thank you ZLC & ZLS Trustee Dave Little , Justin Ruebelt - Dave's long time friend & Zion supporter, who completed the fence and the ends of the security wall.
- ◆ Also, thank you to our PTF who started this journey with the security wall, and for their large donation, as well as the generous donors from ZLC and other ZLS Supporters, as well as several parents who have helped along the way.



CONMEMORATIOS - REMINDERS:

- ♦ **Family Service Hours Policy** - School Board approved on 2-23-26, and handed out in return family additional information packets on 2-26-2026.

In an effort to help community events and improve the cleanliness and beauty of our campus, Zion Lutheran School families are asked to complete 15 service hours each year. Families receiving financial assistance from ZLS are asked to complete 30 hours. The consequence for uncompleted hours is a \$10-per-hour fee that will be charged in FACTS. All service hours must be completed and recorded by May 31st of each school year. Families will be eligible to apply for financial assistance for the following school year when service hours are complete.

- ♦ **2025/26 School Year**

2025/26 families have been asked to complete family service hours. All uncompleted hours will be added to the required hours in 2026/27, and the fee for uncompleted hours from both years will be charged at the end of the 2026-27 school year.

- ♦ **Hot Lunch Program:** Please include eating utensils in your child's lunches, if they are bringing a lunch from Home.

- ♦ **Zion CCLE Practicum: Friday & Saturday June 26th, and 27th**

- * Zion Lutheran School will be hosting a CCLE Practicum conference on June 26-27, 2026, at Zion Lutheran Church and School. The conference theme is "Fathers and Mothers: God's Chosen Educators." This Conference will look at the theology and practice of education with a special focus on the parental duties of education. Come hear presentations on the roles of parents and schools in education, the complementary roles of fathers and mothers, parent-led worship and devotions in the home, educating in accordance with God's design, and the importance of choosing good friends for children. For more information, visit <https://www.ccle.org/practicum>

Register Today!

CONMEMORATIOS - REMINDERS:

- ♦ **ZLS Dinner Invite Contact Sheet:** During the September 4th, ZLS Fellowship Night, Mr. Swigart introduced a family dinner contact sheet. Over the course of this school year, the following families have provided their contact information:

	<u>Family Name</u>	<u># of Adults</u>	<u># of Kids</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Food Allergies</u>
1.	The Swigart's	(2)	(2)	541-971-9492	swigartfam@gmail.com	Gluten
2.	The Hudnall's	(2)	(3)	480-703-2306	kpmmcCarthy257@gmail.com	None
3.	The Richardson's	(2)	(2)	208-406-0018	scout321@gmail.com	None
4.	The Thelander's	(2)	(3)	208-779-6564	cbtf2927@gmail.com	None
5.	The Virgin's	(2)	(3)	208-941-0423	mandyschorzman@gmail.com	Dairy - Child
6.	The Tomayer's	(2)	(3)	208-995-6655	jstomayer@gmail.com	None
7.	The Carter's	(2)	(2)	208-631-3572	andrea@abmcarter.net	None
8.	The Swan's	(2)	(1)	720-318-3861	christin-nelson@att.net	None

- ♦ Enjoy the sunshine and fellowship outside with your fellow ZLS families as we transition into spring and over the summer.

EVENTUS - SCHOOL EVENTS

- ◆ **2025-26 ZLS Jog-A-Thon on April 16th, 2026:** Thank you to Mrs. Rippy for your dedication in coordinating and executing a great Jog-A-Thon this year. Thank you to our parents for supporting and congratulations to our students!



- ◆ **2025-26 Irish Dancers:** Thank you to the Irish Dancers for showcasing their dancing at ZLS on April 17th, !

- ◆ **2025-26 Carnival Pie Contest:** Congratulations Mr. Swigart for earning the right to be pied.



EVENTUS - SCHOOL EVENTS

- ◆ **2025-26 Nampa Christian Track Meet on April 24th, 2026:** Thank you to Mrs. Irby who did an amazing job at getting the students ready for the annual track meet. Thank you to everyone who went out and cheered on the students!





School Year 2025-2026

Zion Lutheran School

Chess Club

(2nd - 9th grades)



Chess Club Dates and Hours:

Thursdays at 7:00 am to 7:45 am

February 19th, March 5th, April 2nd, 16th, 30th & May 7th

“Chess is the gymnasium of the mind.” (Blaise Pascal)



Zion Lutheran School

Academic Fair

Thursday, May 28th, 2026

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

5:30 - 6:10 pm

- . Taco Bar Dinner**

5:15 - 6:25 pm

- . People's Choice Voting**

6:25 - 7:20 pm

- . PK - 9th Grade Presentations**

7:20 - 7:30 pm

- . Presentation of Judges Awards,**



Zion Lutheran School 2025-26

PTF End of the Year BBQ!

May 29, 2026 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.

Families with 3 or more students, please speak with Mrs. Ratcliff.

Food will be served from 11:00 am to 11:30 am.

PK	(3)	(1) veggie tray per student
Kindergarten	(3)	(1) fruit tray per student
1st	(7)	(1) dozen hot dog buns per student
2nd	(4)	(2) cans of baked beans per student
3rd - 4th	(4)	(2) bags of chips per student
5th & 6th	(10)	(1) 3 lb. container of potato salad per student
7th - 9th	(7)	(1) dozen hamburger buns per student
Kitchen	(2)	Coleslaw
Front Office	(1)	(1) veggie tray & (1) fruit tray

Please have all items to the kitchen by 8:30am Thursday, May 28th.



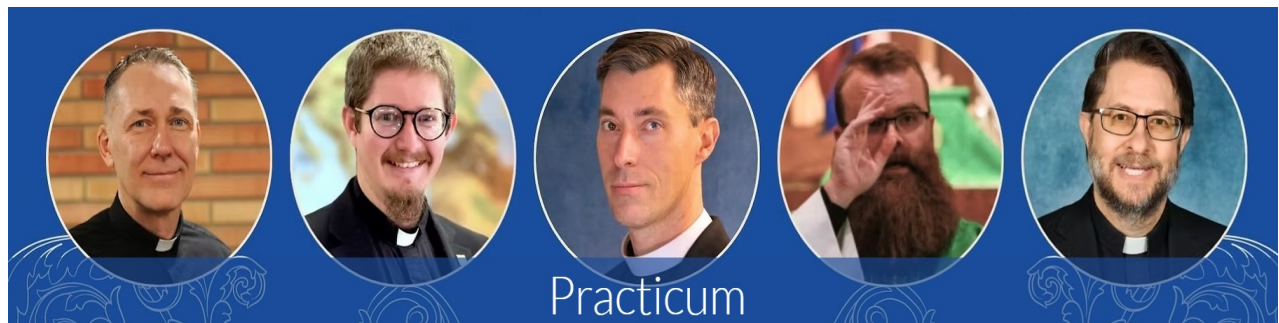
CCLE Practicum at Zion Lutheran School

June 27–28 | Nampa, Idaho

“Fathers and Mothers: God’s Chosen Educators.”

The Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education (CCLE) is partnering with Zion Lutheran School to host a two-day practicum at Zion Lutheran Church and School. Explore the Christian foundations of education and learn tools for educating children in the home and in school.

Rev. Dr. Harold Ristau, Rev. Andrew Richard, Rev. Shawn Barnett, Rev. Marcus Williams, Rev. Sean Rippy.



Registration opens April 1, 2026.

Learn more and register at cclle.org/practicum

