

Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

August 10th, 2026

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Zion Lutheran School Parents and Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! Whether you are a returning family or joining our community for the very first time, we are deeply grateful that you have chosen to partner with Zion Lutheran School.

At Zion, we do not merely aim to prepare students for the next grade level; we strive to cultivate their souls. Our classical Christian culture invites students to discover what is true, good, and beautiful through the lens of God's uncompromised Word. By pairing rigorous academic traditions with daily chapel, and the small Catechism we seek to nurture faithful, virtuous citizens who are equipped to serve their neighbors in love.

As we embark on this new academic journey together, please keep in mind the following key dates and details in mind:

- Bridge Program Training: August 13th 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
- School Clean-up Day: August 22nd This will be a time to get the school building and grounds ready for the students. It will be a time to work alongside other families, build our community in love, and do good work.
- Meet the Teacher Day: August 27th 9am to 1 pm Come meet the teachers, drop off school supplies and connect with families.

We eagerly anticipate watching you children grow in wisdom, stature, and faith over the coming months. May the Lord richly bless our faculty, students, and families as we begin this new year.

In Christ Service,

Melody Thum, Headmaster

Zion Lutheran School

CERTE DE FASTIS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 July	27 July ZLS Summer Hours Continue M-TH 9am to 1 pm	28 July	29 July	30 July	31 July	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Bridge Program Training 9 am - 12:30 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 2026-27 School Cleanup Day 9 am to 12:30 pm
23	24 SY 26-27 Teachers & Staff In Service 18-22 August	25	26	27 ZLS Meet Your Teacher 9 am to 1 pm	28	29
30	31 First Day of School Chapel 8 am					

13th	Bridge Program Training to Teachers and Families	9:00 am to 12:30 pm
22nd	2026-27 School Cleanup Day	9:00 am to 12:30 pm
24th - 28th	Home Room Teachers and Primary Staff In Service	
27th	Meet Your Teacher	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
31st	First Day of School - All Students - Chapel	8:00 am

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 August	31 August First Day of School Chapel 8 am	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 ZLS Fellowship PTF Kickoff Night 6-7:30 pm	11	12
13 Students Sing at ZLC / Staff Blessing 10:15 am	14 Visit from Concordia Chicago	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Picture Day Individual 8:15 am	30	1 October ZLS Pastor Appreciation Lunch (11:15)	2 October	3 October

7th NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

10th ZLS Fellowship / PTF Kickoff Night 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

13th Students Sing at ZLC / Staff Blessing 10:15 am

29th Picture Day (Individual) 8:15 am

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

AUGUST

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

13th Bridge Program Training
(9am-12:30pm)

22nd School Clean-Up Day (9am - 12pm)

24th-28th Teacher In-Service

27th Meet your teacher (9am - 1pm)



First Day of School & End of Quarters

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NO SCHOOL



PTF Meetings & Events



ZLS Special Events



Students Sing at Zion Lutheran Church



Bridge Families Additional Days for Event Rehearsals



SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

7th NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

10th ZLS Fellowship Night (6 - 7:30 pm)

13th Students Sing at ZLC/ Staff Blessing
10:15 am

OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

1st Pastor Appreciation Luncheon
(11:15am)

22nd End of 1st QTR

23rd NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-Service)

24th- Octoberfest 5:30 pm to 8pm)

26th - 29th Parent-Teacher Conferences

30th NO SCHOOL



NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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8	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

11th Veteran's Day Program (1: 45pm)

21st ZLS Thanksgiving Feast (11am)

24th -28th NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER

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27	28	29	30	31		

16th Christmas Program Rehearsal
(1:00 -3:00 pm) Pick up at ZLC

17th Christmas Program (6: 30pm)

21st - Jan 1st NO SCHOOL
Christmas Vacation

SY 2026-27

Midterm Dates per Quarter

1st 21 Days (Sept 25th , 2026)

2nd 21 Days (Dec 1st, 2026)

3rd 21 Days (Feb 12th, 2027)

4th 21 Days (Apr 28th, 2027)

SY 2026-27

163 School Days

1st 38 Days (Aug 31- Oct 22)

2nd 43 Days (Oct 26- Jan 14)

3rd 41 Days (Jan 19 - Mar 24)

4th 44 Days (Mar 30 - May 28)

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

JANUARY

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10	11	12	13		15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/ 31	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	30

1st NO SCHOOL Christmas Vacation
5th BACK TO SCHOOL (7:50am)
14th PTF Donuts with Dads (7:30am)
 End of 2nd QTR
15th NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service
18th NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
25th-29th Book Fair Week
25th-29th National Lutheran Schools and School Choice Week
28th Parent Appreciation Breakfast (7:30am)

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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	8	9	(10)		12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	(25)	26	27
28						

1st-25th 27-28 Return Family Registration
7th Students Sing at ZLC (10:15am)
10th Ash Wednesday Chapel Service (8am)
11th PTF Meeting
15th NO SCHOOL - President's Day
25th ZLS Open House (6-7:30 pm)
 SY 2027-28 New Family Registration Begins

MARCH

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	1	2	3	(4)	5	6
7	8	9	10		12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23		24	25	27
28	29	(30)	(31)			

4th Picture Day (Group Pictures) (9:45am)
11th PTF Maple Bars with Moms (7:30 am)
15th - 19th NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
24th End of 3rd QTR
25th NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
26th NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
29th NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday
30th - Apr 2nd Parent Teacher Conferences

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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	4	5	6	7	8	
11	12	13	14	(15)	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	(23)	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

4th Student Sing at Good Shepherd LC - Boise (10:15am)
30th Mar - 2nd Parent Teacher Conference
10th PTF Carnival
15th ZLS Jog-a-Thon (1:15 pm - 2:45pm)
23rd Nampa Christian Track Meet
 3rd - 6th grades (9am - 2pm)

MAY

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	(26)	(27)		29
30	31					

3rd - 7th Iowa Skills Testing Week (3rd-11th)
3rd, 4th, 5th Testing Days, 6th, & 7th Make up
26th Academic Fair Rehearsal (10:15 am)
27th Academic Fair (5:30 - 7pm)
28th PTF End of the Year BBQ (11am)
28th End of 4th QTR
 Last Day of School (12pm dismissal)
31st Memorial Day



JUNE

1st - 4th Teacher Close Out Week
 4th QTR. In-Service

JULY

TBD CCLE Conference

SY 2026-27

Midterm Dates per Quarter

3rd 21 Days (Feb 12th, 2027)

4th 21 Days (Apr 28th, 2027)

Quarter Days / Dates

2nd 43 Days (10/26- 01/14)

3rd 41 Days (01/19- 03/24)

NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ **ZLS School Cleanup Day: Saturday, August 22nd 2026 from 9:00 am to Noon.**
 - Cleaning and other tasks will be provided by our headmaster, Mrs. Melody Thum and our Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) President, Pam Main.
- ♦ **Zion Lutheran Church End of Summer Community BBQ: Saturday, August 29th, at 12pm**
 - Free tri tip, burgers, and hotdogs, sides and dessert!
 - Games for Children and Kids!
 - We hope to see you there!
- ♦ **Zion Lutheran School First Day of School: Monday, August 31st, is the first day of school for all students - 5 Day and Bridge Program -**
 - **Chapel Uniform:** For all students, for the first week of school only, the uniform will be the Chapel White Uniform on both Monday, (8-31) and Thursday, (9-3).
 - **Weekly Uniforms:** The ZLS Uniform on Monday (after the 1st week of school), Tuesday, and Wednesday, and the Zion Spirit shirts on Fridays, or other designated days by the Headmaster.
- ♦ **Zion Lutheran School Pick up and Drop Times and Procedures:**
 - **Drop Off:** 07:30 am to 7:55 am. PK - 3rd graders must be walked into the school by their parents. 4th - 9th graders may walk in by themselves.
 - **7:55 am or after is considered Tardy.** * Having your child at school by 7:55 am, allows teachers to take attendance & lunch count before services start at 8:00 am.
 - **All morning Matins and Chapel Services start at 8:00 am.**
 - **Pickup:** School ends for all grades at **3:00 pm**.
 - **PK - 3rd graders** must be picked up by their parents or pickup designated adult by 3:10 pm in the school.
 - **4th - 9th graders** can be released by their home room teachers and picked up by their parents or designated adult pickup person at the exterior classroom doors by 3:10 pm.
 - **Any student not picked up by 3:10 pm, will go to After School Care.**
- ♦ **ZLS Uniform Swap: Monday the 24th- Sept. 4th**
 - Starting Monday the 24th, the gym will have tables with uniforms for all ages. Please stop by and take what your family needs! All we ask is that when your children outgrow their uniforms, please bring them back so another family can use them.

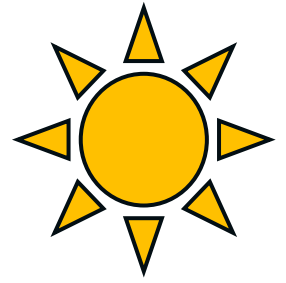
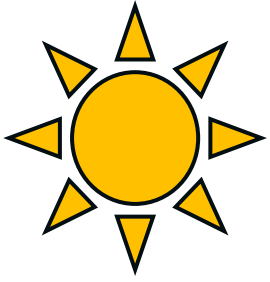
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- ♦ **ZLS After School Care: All school days from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Kindergarten Classroom.**
 - **The front door is locked at 3:15 pm, unless there is a special school event.**
 - If you arrive to pickup your child at or after 3:15 pm, you will not be able to come through the front door. Please pull up to the farthest eastern door on the parking lot side (**Door 203**) and call the ASC #s posted on the door.
 - **2026- 27 After School Care Staff and Phone #s:**
 - Mrs. Jennifer Rippy - Lead 208-724-2537
 - Mrs. Karolyn McCreary 208-484-8915
 - Call the numbers, and the ASC Staff will bring your child to the designated door for ASC pickup and you will have you sign them out. Please be patient, and know that during the first couple of weeks, with all our new families, they may ask to see a picture ID to correspond with the name on the ASC Form, that you turned in during enrollment.
 - All After School Care parents are charged for the first hour (3:00 pm to 4:00 pm) regardless if they pick up their child before 4:00 pm After the first hour; however, we bill in 30 minute increments. If you use this program, watch for monthly bills via FACTS Tuition Management under incidentals. You have 30 days to pay after the charges are applied to your account, or the account becomes delinquent. Your account must be current to ensure on-going participation.
 - If you have any immediate concerns with the ASC program, please contact our Lead ASC Staff member, Mrs. Rippy at (208) 724-2537 or our Headmaster, Mrs. Melody Thum- 360-609-4747. Any non emergencies can be addressed to the same staff members in the morning during the next school day.

NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ZLS Hot Lunch Program Prices:

SY 26-27		
HOT LUNCH PRICES		
<u>Student Lunches</u>		
1 Lunch Ticket - K - 2nd Grades	\$	3.60
1 Lunch Ticket - 3rd - 6th Grades	\$	3.75
1 Lunch Ticket - 7th - 12th Grades		\$4.00
10 Lunch Tickets - K - 2nd Grades	\$	36.00
10 Lunch Tickets - 3rd - 6th Grades	\$	37.50
10 Lunch Ticket - 7th - 12th Grades	\$	40.00
20 Lunch Tickets - K - 2nd Grades	\$	72.00
20 Lunch Tickets - 3rd - 6th Grades	\$	75.00
20 Lunch Ticket - 7th - 12th Grades	\$	80.00
<u>Reduced Lunches</u>		
1 Lunch Ticket	\$	3.00
10 Lunch Tickets	\$	30.00
20 Lunch Tickets	\$	60.00
<u>Milk</u>		
1 Milk Ticket	\$	0.50
20 Milk Tickets	\$	10.00
<u>Adult & Teachers</u>		
Entree Only Ticket w/o Milk	\$	4.25
Salad	\$	3.75
Mini Salad*	\$	3.00
Adult Lunch	\$	4.75
20 Salad Tickets	\$	75.00
20 Entree Only Tickets w/o Milk	\$	85.00
20 Lunch Tickets	\$	95.00
* Mini salad is half the size of the regular salad with choice of egg or meat.		
* \$5.00 off a whole ticket purchase on 2nd child & \$10.00 off 3rd child lunch cards		



Zion Lutheran Church

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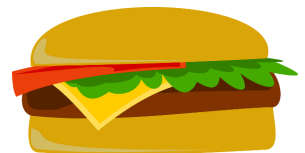
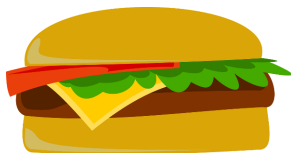
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Saturday, August 29th from 12pm

in the Church parking lot



ALL ARE WELCOME!



FREE FOOD (TRI-TIP, HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS)

GAMES! CORNHOLE! FELLOWSHIP!