

Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

October 10th, 2025

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ZLS Parents,

The Purpose of the Home

To go with our theme this year, Christian Culture, I am starting a newsletter series titled *In the Home* that describes the purpose of the home, hospitality, home devotions, meaningful friendships, and other aspects of Christian culture in the family. My goal is to encourage parents to adopt a biblical and historical Christian mindset of their own homes. This first newsletter will describe the purpose of the home and family and set the stage for some practical application in the following newsletters:

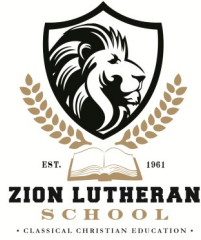
Unfortunately, we no longer think about “the home” as the center of life. We typically center our lives around our careers, YouTube queues, or Instagram feeds. Our culture trains us to believe that a nice house is more important than a warm home, and a growing career is more fulfilling than a growing family. The question to the modern young lady, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” is rarely answered, “I want to be a homemaker,” or “I want to have lots of children.”

Scripture teaches that the home is the foundation of all earthly life and the best blessing that God gives to mankind. The first command God gave to humanity was directed to the home because he wants to increase and bless the home. God said to Adam and Eve, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it...” God blesses families with life and encourages parents to have children and that they make life happy and wonderful! Psalm 127 says,

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior. So are the children of one’s youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them...”

Thanks be to God for the joy of children that God gives the home!

Nature also teaches us the centrality of the home. Families grow into larger communities and make up churches and nations. We see the good fruit of an orderly and peaceful home; when children grow up in a good home they typically follow suit as the proverb teaches us. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).



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The Purpose of the Home - continued

The goodness of each home also positively affects our communities, nation, and world. Martin Luther summarized the importance of the home:

Marriage should be treated with honor; from it we all originate, because it is a nursery not only for the state but also for the church and the kingdom of Christ until the end of the world. The goodness of each home also positively affects our communities, nation, and world.

It is clear from scripture and observation of the world that the home is a God ordained blessing and must be a priority for us as Christians and educators of our children. Here at Zion we will continue to uplift marriage, family, and the home as a God-given fortress against evil. And we will fight against the worldly impulses to prioritize entertainment, hobbies, careers, and whatever else the world tells us to prioritize. We will train our children to desire something grounded in God's design and sacrifice worldly pursuits in the pursuit of happier and better homes.

In order to raise children well, our homes must be orderly, warm, prayerful, and intentionally designed. Over the next several newsletters, we will dive into different aspects of the home and consider how to improve the Christian culture of our homes and communities. May God bless the homes of Zion Lutheran School and ever reign over them by His beautiful Law and comforting Gospel.

May God be with you,

Headmaster Swigart

CERTE DE FASTIS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Sep	29 Sep	30 Sep Picture Day Individual 8:30am	1	2 Pastor Appreciation Luncheon 11:15 am	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 PTF Meeting 3:10 pm	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Oktoberfest Dinner & Auction 5:30 - 8:00 pm
19	20	21	22	23 End of 1st QTR	24 NO SCHOOL Teacher's Inservice Day	25
26	27 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15 - 4:30)	28 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (4:15 - 4:45)	29 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15 - 4:30)	30 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15 - 4:30)	31 NO SCHOOL	1 Nov

2nd	Pastor Appreciation Luncheon	11:15 am
9th	PTF Meeting	3:10 pm
18th	Oktoberfest Dinner and Auction	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
23rd	End of 1st Quarter	
24th	NO SCHOOL - Teachers Inservice	
27th -30th	1st QTR Parent Teacher Conferences	
	5 Day Students (PK - 6th grade); Bridge Students (All grades)	
31st	NO SCHOOL	

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Oct	27 Oct 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15 - 4:30)	28 Oct 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (4:15 - 4:45)	29 Oct 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15 - 4:30)	30 Oct 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15 - 4:30)	31 Oct NO SCHOOL	1 Nov
2	3	4	5	6 PTF Officer Only Meeting 3:15 pm	7	8
9	10 Bridge Families Veterans Day Rehearsal 10:15 am	11 Veterans Day Program 1:45 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Thanksgiving Feast 11:00 am	22
23 / 30	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	29

6th	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day	
7th (Tentative)	Field Trip to the Boise Watershed (PK - 4th)	
10th	Bridge Families Veterans Day Rehearsal	10:15 am
11th	Veterans Day Program	1:45 pm
14th (Tentative)	Field Trip to BSU Library (5th - 9th)	
21st	Thanksgiving Feast	11:00 am
24th - 28th	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break	

NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ **PTF Oktoberfest Dinner and Auction needs:** We are looking for help to improve the following baskets:

- ♦ PK / 7th - 9th Class Basket Sports Theme
- ♦ K & 1st Class Basket Family BBQ Theme
- ♦ 5th - 6th Class Basket Camping Theme

- ♦ **Reformation Party at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:**

- ♦ **Where:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
- ♦ **When:** Friday, October 31 6-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **What:** A celebration of our Lutheran heritage and the liturgical church year! There will be activities for children, social time for adults, and drinks provided. Please bring a savory appetizer or sweet treat to share. Costume contest (optional): Dress up as a bible character, saint, and/or church father/mother!
- ♦ **Who:** Lutheran Reformation enjoyers and their families and/or friends!
- ♦ **R.S.V.P** (helpful, but not required!) to Katie Winterstein **text (480) 862-0734** or **email googkatie@gmail.com**.

If you have any questions, please also use the contact info above!

- ♦ **ZLS Spirit Store Update:**

- Items purchased from the Spirit Store between end of August to September 26th will be ready for pick up at the school around the middle of next week. (10-15)
- There will be another Spirit Store window for people to purchase items for Christmas presents or other winter items. That window is 1 November to 30 November with items available for pickup by Thursday, 12-18.
- Other winter items like vests, beanie hats, and coats may be available for the November timeframe.

NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ **ZLS Veteran Information and Pictures for upcoming Veterans Day Program:**

In preparation for the **2025-26 Veterans Day Program on (11-11) at 1:45 pm**, we are asking our new school families and staff to submit information and pictures of any veterans they have in their families. If you are a return family or staff member and have already submitted the information last year, you do not need to resubmit.

- ♦ When you submit your veteran information, please submit as much as you know of the following:

- ♦ Rank and Full Name of the Veteran
- ♦ Branch of Service
- ♦ Years of Service
- ♦ Campaign or War
- ♦ Relationship
- ♦ Picture in Uniform (preferred, but not mandatory)

Example: Sergeant (SGT) Roger D. James - Army - 1970-1972 - Vietnam
- Mr. Swigart's Grandfather

The information will be included in the Veterans Day Program and the pictures in the slide show. **October 31st is the last day for submission** to allow us to finalize the program and slide show. Thank you!

CONMEMORATIOS - REMINDERS

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

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	<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 Baumbach's	(2)	(4)	208-258-4115	lvbaumbach@gmail.com	None
4.	The Richardson's	(2)	(2)	208-406-0018	scout321@gmail.com	None
5.	The Thelander's	(2)	(3)	208-779-6564	cbtf2927@gmail.com	None
6.	The Virgin's	(2)	(3)	208-941-0423	mandyschorzman@gmail.com	Dairy - Child
7.	The Tomayer's	(2)	(3)	208-995-6655	jstomayer@gmail.com	None

- ♦ **Student Absences and Appointments:** (Parent Student Handbook) Parents, please
 - Contact the Front Office by 9:00 am if your child is going to be absent that day due to illness, via phone (208) 466-9141 or by email (zlsoffice1@gmail.com).
 - Illness of the child: A statement / note from a healthcare professional is required for absences beyond 2 consecutive days.
 - Prearranged Absence Forms are required (3) School Days in advance for any appointment during the school day, or an absence during the school year other than illness. Forms are available at the front office or you can request one via email.

EVENTUS - SCHOOL EVENTS

- ♦ **ZLS Pastor Appreciation Luncheon:** On October 2nd, Zion Lutheran School hosted their annual Pastor Appreciation Luncheon prepared by our Hot Lunch Program (HLP) staff. The visiting pastors were able to eat lunch and go out to recess with the students from their congregation. Zion Lutheran School students and staff attend 13 churches in the Treasure Valley. The following six pastors attended the luncheon:

- Pastor Swan Zion Lutheran Church
- Pastor Rippy Mount Calvary
- Pastor Gullidge Grace Lutheran Church
- Pastor Gran Messiah Lutheran Church
- Pastor Elkins Bethel Church of the Nazarene
- Elder Mulconery Sovereign Grace Fellowship

We want to say a big thank you to the other 7 pastors and their churches:
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Pastor Pauls, Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church - Pastor Henry, Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church - Bishop Fischer, Reformation Bible Presbyterian Church - Pastor Baumbach, Valley Church - Pastor Hardy, First Church of Nazarene - Pastor Thomas, and Lakeview Bible Church - Pastor Guinn.

- ♦ **ZLS September Virtue “Faith” Awards:** Congratulations to both Elizabeth (Elie) Hudnall (PK - 2nd Grade) and James Carter (3rd - 9th Grades) for receiving the September “Faith” award this past Thursday, October 9th 2025.





***Auction and Dinner:** October 18th, 2025 5:30-8:00pm

***Dinner Tickets:** \$50 each—

Ticket includes: Catered meal of appetizers, dinner, non alcoholic beverages;
No host bar available

***Free childcare for attendees:** must sign up

***Live and Silent Auction**

Raffle Items

- Roaring Springs Waterpark
- 1/4 Bell Key Black Angus Beef
- Scheels \$500 GC

Prefer a QR Code to get to
Venmo? Scan and Go!



Or pay with cash at the school of-
fice. We will take your money any-

Classroom Baskets:

Pre-K: Sports	7th-9th: Sports
K & 1st: Family BBQ	PE: PE basket
2nd -4th: Gardening	FO/Kitchen: Baking/ Cooking
5th-6th: Camping	

Click the Link You Need:

*Pay for Raffle and Dinner Tickets thru [Venmo](#)

*Sign up to [attend](#) the Auction

*Sign up for [Childcare](#)

*Sign up to make a dessert for the [Dessert Auction](#)

All forms are created in Google. **If you don't have a Google account, call the school office.**

We can help you. (208-466-9141)



SAVE THE DATE

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL
OKTOBERFEST

OCTOBER 18TH, 2025

5:30 – 8:00 PM

TICKET PRICE \$50

Ways to pay:

- . Venmo
@zion-lutheran-school-nampa
- . ZLS Front office
- . Buy from a ZLS student
- . ZLS website under the support us
page

Zion Lutheran School 2025 Veterans Day Program



Please join us at Zion Lutheran School to
Remember and Honor
our Veterans on

**Veterans, thank you for your
service and sacrifice!**