



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Classical Corner:

Our next cardinal virtue we consider is that of “fortitude.” This virtue is related to strength, endurance, perseverance, and courage. Fortitude is learned primarily through experience, through trial and temptation. From physical struggle on the playground, to the mental struggle of the classroom, fortitude is gained and refined through these various experiences that both help to teach practical application of right and wrong but also the character of doing what is good and right during various adversities. But where does this strength come from? This is where Christian fortitude is different from the world’s definition. To the world, fortitude comes from within oneself. For the Christian, we recognize that our strength and courage come not from ourselves, but from Christ, and that fortitude is found in our lowest moments. When St. Paul was experiencing his infamous “thorn in the flesh” he writes of the power of Christ in weakness, “But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). While we often respect such a quality in people and admire their will power, Classical Christian education is particularly suited to teach and lead our children to the very source of fortitude – Jesus Christ – and our reception of this virtue through faith and reliance upon Him alone. Hence, we teach our children fortitude through the experience of reliance upon Christ and His grace in our lives.

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:

Last Thursday was the last day of the quarter! And it was busy around here! The kids were excited for a three day weekend, the PTF was getting the auction set up, the office was buzzing with phone calls, and the teachers were scrambling to finalize grades (Not to mention the headmaster was scrambling to write his newsletter but did not finish in time.)

With all the craziness around school, it made me think of a quote that Martin Luther said about a busy day he had:

“Work, work, from morning until late at night. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall have to spend the first three hours in prayer!”

~ Martin Luther

Luther was not joking. He spent hours of prayer each morning and the more work he had, the more time in prayer he spent.

This does not make any sense to non-Christians. To the world, prayer is a meaningless waste of time. More prayer leads to less work, which leads to less time for doing what I want. But this is not how the Christian thinks. The Christian knows that prayer works, that God answers many of our prayers, and our prayers make our work meaningful. Prayer gives us purpose in our work because it reminds us that our work is for the eternal kingdom of God, and not just the temporary world that is passing away.

So during busy times let us do the most productive thing we can do: let us pray for three hours, or at least 3 minutes. Let us ask God to make our work fruitful, and beneficial to eternal life, and not just this temporary life.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

23rd-26th P/T Conferences

25th Foundations in Genesis 8:45am

27th NO SCHOOL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 P/T Conferences	24 P/T Conferences	25 Foundations in Genesis (8:30am) P/T Conferences	26 P/T Conferences	27 No School
30	31			

NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3 Pastor Appreciation Lunch (11:15am)
6	7	8	9 PTF Mtg. (3:20pm)	10 Veteran's Day Program (2pm)
13	14	15	16	17 Thanksgiving Feast (11am) 2nd Qtr. Mid-term
20 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation	21 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation	22 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation	23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation
27	28	29	30	

3rd Paster Appreciation Lunch (11:15 am)

9th PTF Mtg. (3:20 pm)

10th Veteran's Day Program (2 pm)

17th Thanksgiving Feast (11 am) / 2nd Qtr.

Mid-term.

20th NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service

20th-24th NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Zion Lutheran School Parents,

After deliberating with the teachers and headmaster, the Zion Lutheran School board has determined that late work will be accepted at ZLS for 50% credit (It must be turned in during the quarter in which it was assigned). This will encourage students to complete homework on time, and learn the laws of nature and society that are not so flexible with deadlines. This will help them meet deadlines and understand the consequences of late work. Exceptions to this rule will be given as approved by the teacher and headmaster and this will not apply for when children are absent (See absent policy for more information).

We understand this may be a significant change for many parents and students, so if there are any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher or headmaster.

Sincerely,

Joshua Swigart
Headmaster, Zion Lutheran School

- ♦ ZLS has a family who has been affected by the Sept. 9th earthquake which hit Morocco. Any donations will go directly to his family to offset the cost of medical and other expenses they might encounter and as needed. Contact the front office for details.
- ♦ We want to invite ZLS families to attend Foundations In Genesis Idaho 10/25 at 8:45 am
- ♦ Public Worship Times: If you don't have a church home we want to invite you to join us in worship at Zion Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to our chapel services every Friday at 8:00am! Come worship our Lord during morning, midday, and afternoon prayer.
- ♦ Don't forget about the Remind app. This is what we use to stay in contact via SMS. Please accept the invitation via email. If you have questions please call the office.
- ♦ Parents for any questions/concerns please refer to guidelines in the Parent/Student handbook at:
- ♦ https://www.zlsnampa.org/_files/ugd/4d7eb8_8d8b18d670b94ecea4026eafca09e612.pdf

The ZLS Spirit Store is open

- The Spirit Store at [zlsnampa.org](https://www.zlsnampa.org). Hover over the "Parents" drop down and select "Spirit Store". Click "Shop Now" to enter the store!
- **September & 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.

2023 VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM



**Please join Zion Lutheran School!
Friday November 10th @ 2:00 pm.**

Veterans, thank you for your service!

THANKSGIVING FEAST 2023

November 17, 2023 at 11:00 am

Each family is asked to donate a food item. The classes are assigned a food item listed below. Please drop off disposable containers of food in the kitchen

Thursday, Nov. 16th, by 10:00 am.

- **PreK - 2 dozen rolls, per family**
- **Kindergarten - 6 cans of green beans, per family**
- **1st/2nd - Prepared Stuffing for 8-10, per family**
- **3rd/4th - Prepared Mashed Potatoes for 8 per family**
- **5th, 6th, 7th - 2 baked pies, per family**
- **Families with multiple children, please coordinate with Heather Ratcliff.**