

Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

September 4th, 2026

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Zion Lutheran School Parents and Families,

Thank you for the joy, curiosity, and kindness your children bring to our classrooms each day. It is a privilege to partner with you and nurture them in Christ's love.

Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting

- When: Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m.
- Details: All families must have a representative attend. The PTF makes decisions regarding upcoming school events, activities, and projects. We will also vote on this year's officers, so your presence and voice are essential.

After-School Clubs

We hope to begin after-school clubs at 3:10 p.m. this fall. Please complete the interest poll sent previously so we can determine our offerings.

To run these clubs safely, we need parent volunteers. If you can help weekly, bi-weekly, or occasionally, please contact Mrs. Thum or Miss Ratcliff. We will open registration to students as soon as we have enough volunteer coverage.

Student Newspaper

We are launching a student-run school newspaper this year. Students can submit article ideas or written pieces to the office at the beginning or end of the school day.

Playground Volunteers Needed

We need one to two adult volunteers daily at 9:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to monitor recess. This allows our homeroom teachers time to prepare for their next classes. Please contact Miss Ratcliff in the front office if you can assist.

Thank you for your continued prayers, partnership, and commitment to Christian education.

In Christ,

Melody

Headmaster, Zion Lutheran School

CERTE DE FASTIS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		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 8:30 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

14th Visit from CCLE

29th Picture Day (Individual) 8:30 am

CERTE DE FASTIS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ZLS Pastor Appreciation Lunch (11:15)	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22 End of 1st Quarter!	23 No School	24 School Board Chili Cook-Off (5:30 pm -8:00 pm)
25	26 Parent-Teacher Conferences	27 Parent-Teacher Conferences	28 Parent-Teacher Conferences	29 Parent-Teacher Conferences	30 No School	31

1st	Pastor Appreciation Lunch	11:15 am
22nd	End of 1st Quarter	
23rd	No School- Teacher-in-Service	
24th	SB Chili Cook-Off	5:30 pm- 8:00 pm
26th-29th	Parent-Teacher Conferences	
30th	No School	

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

AUGUST

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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)

31st- 1st Day of School



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



NOVEMBER

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

10th- Veterans Day Rehearsal (1:00 pm-2:30 pm)

11th Veterans Day Program (1: 45pm)-
Bridge Students Attend

20th ZLS Thanksgiving Feast (11am)

23th -27th NO SCHOOL

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

29th Picture Day (Individual) (8: 30am)

OCTOBER

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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- SB Chili Cook-off 5:30 pm-8pm

26th - 29th Parent-Teacher Conferences



DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	30	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	31		

11th- PTF Movie Night

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 29th , 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

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					X	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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
4th 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
	(1)	2	3	4	5	6
	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
13th- Valentines Day Dance PTF
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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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25				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:

♦ **Zion Lutheran School Pick up and Drop Times and Procedures:**

- **Drop Off:** 07:30 am to 7:55 am. K - 3rd graders must be walked into the school by their parents. 4th - 11th 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**.
- Children will be picked up in the gym at 3:00 pm, where they will be dismissed directly following Responsive Prayer. Their backpacks will be packed and ready before prayer begins. They will be lined up next to their respective classrooms

♦ **ZLS Uniform Swap: Monday the 24th- Sept. 8th**

- 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.

♦ **Family Service Hours**

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.

Service hours may be completed by planning, setting up, and cleaning up for school events. Attending Ptf meetings also qualify as family service hours. Other volunteer needs include cleaning, maintenance, painting, classroom reading, lunch/recess aide, and field trip driver/chaperone. If volunteers will be working with students, they will be asked to submit a background check.

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		

NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hot Lunch Menu

Zion Lutheran School (August/September 2026) Hot Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 Sub Sandwich Chips Vegetables Fruit Milk	1 Mac & Cheese Vegetables Fruit Milk	2 Hamburgers Vegetables Fruit Milk	3 Nachos Vegetables Fruit Milk	4 Chicken Nuggets Maple Waffle Fries Vegetables Fruit Milk
7 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	8 Pigs N Blanket Chips Vegetables Fruit Milk	9 Pizza Vegetables Fruit Milk	10 Chicken Teriyaki Bowl Vegetables Fruit Milk	11 Corn Dogs French Fries Vegetables Fruit Milk
14 Pulled Pork Coleslaw Vegetables Fruit Milk	15 Spaghetti French Bread Green Beans Fruit Milk	16 Pancakes Vegetables Fruit Milk	17 Tacos Vegetables Fruit Milk	18 Chicken Sandwich French Fries Vegetables Fruit Milk
21 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Vegetables Fruit Milk	22 Mac & Cheese Vegetables Fruit Milk	23 Pizza Vegetables Fruit Milk	24 Hamburgers Vegetables Fruit Milk	25 Hotdogs French Fries Vegetables Fruit Milk
28 Pancakes Vegetables Fruit Milk	29 Chicken Tacos Vegetables Fruit Milk	30 Spaghetti French Bread Green Beans Fruit Milk		

Invite

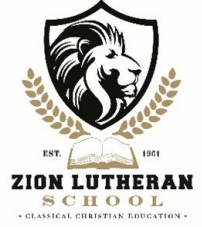
Do you know that
you are welcome to
join your children
for lunch in the
cafeteria? Bring
your own or place
an order with the
kitchen in the
morning!

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL





Zion Lutheran School



Fellowship Night

and

Parent Teacher Fellowship Kickoff

**When: Thursday, September 10th - 6pm-
7:30pm**

Where: ZLS Gymnasium

**Enjoy a meal and fellowship together with our
ZLS Families, Staff, and PTF Officers.**

For Dinner:

**Enjoy the Chili Bar & Salad hosted by our
Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Officers.**