

Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

August 12th, 2025

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Zion Lutheran School Parents and Families,

I am very excited for the start to this school year! The growth that God has granted our school is wonderful to see and will benefit each of our families. We have gained several new faculty, staff, and volunteers. Our latest addition is a volunteer member from Zion Lutheran Church: Jan Johnson. He will be coming in on Fridays to teach students some basic wood working skills. Thank you Mr. Johnson! We are adding 21 new students this year all the way up to 9th grade. These students come from devoted Christian homes and will add much to the strong Christian Culture of ZLS.

In one week Teachers will be on campus preparing for the school year. During in-service, the teachers and staff will be considering how to better order their classrooms to encourage students in their respect for their teachers, love for other students, and have leisure in learning.

I enjoyed seeing all the students and families at the Summer Meet-up today, and look forward to seeing many of you at the School-clean-up Day this Saturday, August 16th, and the Meet-the-Teacher open house on August 21st. Enjoy the last couple weeks of summer as you look forward to the first day of school with all our students!

On the first day of school, our new school resource officer, Officer Bryce Martin will be welcoming students in the parking lot and will attend the first-day-of-school chapel with our students. After speaking with him and giving him a school tour, I am confident that he will help increase the safety of our school. So if you see a man in uniform patrolling our parking lot, make sure to introduce yourself to Officer Martin!

If you have any questions about the start of the school year, don't hesitate to reach out to the front office at 208-466-9141 or zlsoffice1@gmail.com.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and preserve us this year. Amen.

Headmaster Swigart

CERTE DE FASTIS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 July	28 July	29 July ZLS Summer Hours Continue M-TH 10 am to 3 pm	30 July	31 July	1 2025-26 Enrollment Deadline	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Bridge Program Training 9 am - 12:30 pm Student Summer Meet Up #3 10:30 am - Noon	13	14	15	16 2025-26 School Cleanup Day 9 am to 12:30 pm ZLC Community BBQ Noon-4 pm
17	18 SY 25-26 Teachers & Staff In Service 18-22 August	19	20	21 ZLS Meet Your Teacher 9 am to 1 pm	22	23
24 / 31	25 First Day of School Chapel 8 am	26	27	28	29	30

1st	Families not enrolled by August 1st will pay a \$50 Late Enrollment Fee	
12th	Bridge Program Training to Teachers and Families	9:00 am to 12:30 pm
12th	Student Summer Meetup # 3 of 3 - Etiquette	10:30 am to 12:00 pm
16th	2025-26 School Cleanup Day	9:00 am to 12:30 pm
18th - 22nd	Home Room Teachers and Primary Staff In Service	
21st	Meet Your Teacher	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
25th	First Day of School - All Students - Chapel	8:00 am

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 August	1 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	2	3	4 ZLS Fellowship PTF Kickoff Night 6-7:30 pm	5	6
7 Students Sing at ZLC / Staff Blessing 10:15 am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Picture Day Individual 8:15 am	27	28	29	30

1st	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day	
4th	ZLS Fellowship / PTF Kickoff Night	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
7th	Students Sing at ZLC / Staff Blessing	10:15 am
30th	Picture Day (Individual)	8:15 am

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

AUGUST

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

16th School Clean-Up Day (9am - 12pm)

18th-22nd Teacher In-Service

21st Meet your teacher (9am - 1pm)



First Day of School & End of Quarters

X

NO SCHOOL



PTF Meetings & Events



ZLS Special Events



Students Sing at Zion Lutheran Church



Bridge Families Additional Days for Event Rehearsals



SEPTEMBER

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1st NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

4th ZLS Fellowship Night (6 - 7:30 pm)

7th Students Sing at ZLC/ Staff Blessing
10:15 am

OCTOBER

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2nd Pastor Appreciation Luncheon
(11:15am)

7th PTF Mtg.-Oktoberfest Prep (3pm)

18th PTF Oktoberfest (5:30 - 8pm)

23rd End of 1st QTR

24th NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-Service)

27th - 30th Parent-Teacher Conferences



NOVEMBER

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SY 2025-26

Midterm Dates per Quarter

1st 21 Days (Sept 23rd, 2025)

2nd 21 Days (Dec 2nd, 2025)

3rd 21 Days (Feb 18th, 2026)

4th 21 Days (Apr 29th, 2026)

4th PTF Officer Only Meeting (3pm)

10th Veteran's Day Rehearsal (10:15 am)

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

21st ZLS Thanksgiving Feast (11am)

24th -28th NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Vacation

9th PTF Meeting (3pm)

12th PTF Movie Night (6 - 8pm)

17th Christmas Program Rehearsal
(1:00 -3:00 pm) Pick up at ZLC

18th Christmas Program (6: 30pm)

22nd - Jan 2nd NO SCHOOL

Christmas Vacation

SY 2025-26

170 School Days

1st 43 Days (Aug 25 - Oct 23)

2nd 43 Days (Oct 27 - Jan 15)

3rd 42 Days (Jan 20 - Mar 26)

4th 42 Days (Mar 30 - May 29)

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

JANUARY

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1st - 2nd NO SCHOOL

Christmas Vacation

5th BACK TO SCHOOL (7:50am)

6th PTF Meeting (3pm)

15th PTF Donuts with Dads (7:30am)
End of 2nd QTR

16th NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service

19th NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

26th- 30th Book Fair Week

26th-30th National Lutheran Schools
and School Choice Week

FEBRUARY

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1st Students Sing at ZLC (10:15am)

2nd - 25th 26-27 Return Family Registration

5th Literacy Program Kick Off (6-7pm)

10th PTF Meeting (3pm)

13th PTF Valentine's Banquet & Ball Prep
(3pm)

14th PTF Valentine's Banquet & Ball
(5:30 -7:30pm)

16th NO SCHOOL - President's Day

18th Ash Wednesday Chapel Service (8am)

MARCH

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5th Picture Day (Group Pictures) (9:45am)

5th End of Literacy Program

12th PTF Maple Bars with Moms (7:30 am)

16th - 20th NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

24th PTF Meeting (3pm)

26th End of 3rd QTR

27th NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

30th - Apr 2nd Parent Teacher Conferences



APRIL

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30th Mar - 2nd Parent Teacher Conference

3rd NO SCHOOL - Good Friday

6th NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday

10th PTF Spring Carnival Prep (2 pm - 5pm)

11th PTF Spring Carnival (11am - 1pm)

16th ZLS Jog-a-Thon (1:15 pm - 2:45pm)

24th Nampa Christian Track Meet

MAY

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3rd Student Sing at Good Shepherd LC - Boise
(10:15am)

4th-8th Iowa Skills Testing Week (3rd-8th)

4th, 5th, 6th Testing Days, 7th, & 8th Make up

12th PTF Meeting (3pm)

25th NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

27th Academic Fair Rehearsal (10:15 am)

JUNE

1st - 5th Teacher Close Out Week

4th QTR. In-Service

(T) 2nd-3rd Christian Culture Conference
Casper, WY (Travel 1st & 4th)

JULY

(T) 14th-17thrd CCLE Conference

SY 2025-26

Midterm Dates per Quarter

3rd 21 Days (Feb 18th, 2026)

4th 21 Days (Apr 29th, 2026)

Quarter Days / Dates

2nd 43 Days (10/27 - 01/15)

3rd 42 Days (01/20 - 03/26)

NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ **ZLS School Cleanup Day: Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 9:00 am to Noon.**
 - Free muffins and water will be provided.
 - Cleaning and other tasks will be provided by our headmaster, Mr. Swigart and our Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) President, Pam Main.
 - Upon completion of the school cleanup, everyone is invited to the End of Summer BBQ at Zion Lutheran Church (ZLC) . Free food, games and fun!
- ♦ **Zion Lutheran Church End of Summer Community BBQ: Saturday, August 16th, from Noon - 4:00 pm.**
 - 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 25th, is the first day of school for all students - 5 Day and Bridge Program -**
 - **Bridge Students** will have classes Monday - 8-25, Tuesday - 8-26, and Thursday - 8-28 for the first week of school.
 - **Chapel Uniform:** For all students, for the first week of school only, the uniform will be the Chapel White Uniform on both Monday, (8-25) and Thursday, (8-28).
 - **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.
 - **8:00 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.**

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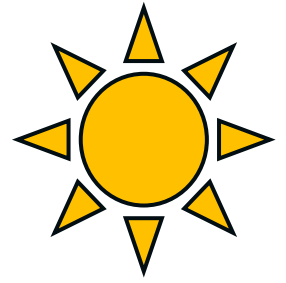
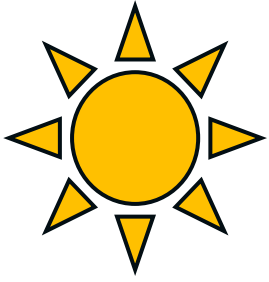
- ♦ **ZLS After School Care:** All school days from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Kindergarten Classroom.
 - **The front door is locked at 3:15 pm, unless there is a special school event.**
 - If you arrive to pickup your child at or after 3:15 pm, you will not be able to come through the front door. Please pull up to the farthest eastern door on the parking lot side (**Door 203**) and call the ASC #s posted on the door.
 - **2025-26 After School Care Staff and Phone #s:**
 - Mrs. Jennifer Rippey - Lead 208-724-2537
 - Mrs. Karolyn McCreary 208-484-8915
 - Miss Mackenzie Ratcliff 208-407-6084 - Tues & Thurs
 - 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. Rippey at (208) 724-2537 or our Headmaster, Mr. Joshua Swigart at (541) 971-9492. Any non emergencies can be addressed to the same staff members in the morning during the next school day.
- ♦ **ZLS Spirit Store for SY 2025-26:** Zion Lutheran School has partnered with **Owyhee Graphics** this year for our spirit store.
 - Go to Zion Lutheran School's website: <https://www.zlsnampa.org/> and look under the Zion Lutheran School Website Parents tab to get started.
 - The plan is to have the Spirit Store open by **August 25th**, and it will close on **September 26th, 2025**.

GRATULATIONE - CONGRATULATIONS

♦ Zion Lutheran School's July 22nd , Student Summer Meetup:

- Pictures from the July 22nd Water Fun Meetup!
- Thank you to all 39 attendees, and to the Brayton-Murry Family for the dragon water sprinkler and to the PTF for the watermelon and snacks!





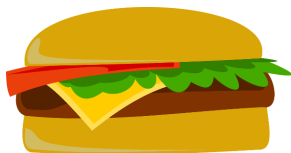
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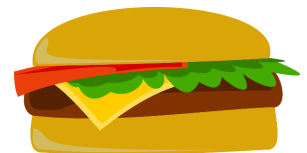
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Saturday, August 16th from 12-4 pm

in the Church parking lot



ALL ARE WELCOME!



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

GAMES! CORNHOLE! FELLOWSHIP!

MEET DR. MARTIN ZUMMERSCH!

We would like to say a heartfelt welcome to Dr. Martin Zummersch!

Dr. Martin Zummersch was born in 1965 in Oelde, Germany, a small farming and manufacturing town first mentioned over 1,200 years ago. The first in his family to graduate high school, attend college, and move abroad, he has embraced a life of learning, exploration, and service. His mother and entire family still live in the small town close to Muenster, (and for the historical buffs) where the peace treaty ending the 30 year war was signed. Church and Faith have always played a key role in this daily life. He attended Catholic Churches since the age of 7, volunteered in Catholic youth organizations, and became a Lutheran Missouri Synod in 2009.



Dr. Zummersch
& Son Sebastian

After completing high school in Beckum, Germany in 1986, Dr. Zummersch served in the German Airforce before earning degrees in Mechanical Engineering (1990) and Marketing (1992) in Germany. He later moved to the United States in 1995, where he earned an MBA in Operations Management and a Doctorate in Management from Case Western Reserve University, researching group decision-making and innovation. Dr. Zummersch has worked and lived across three continents—including Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, China, and the U.S.—and traveled to over 40 countries. A U.S. citizen since 2019 (2 weeks before he moved to Boise), he continues to pursue his passion for teaching and mentoring, serving for over 15 years as an adjunct faculty member at various U.S. universities. Grounded in his faith, Dr. Zummersch has been actively involved in church and community life since childhood. A longtime volunteer—from youth organizations in Germany to inner-city programs in Cleveland—he currently supports other local initiatives such as the farmers Market in Meridian. Dr. Zummersch is also member of the Project Management Institute PMI, and the American Society for Quality ASQ, where he is on the board of the Boise Chapter.

Dr Zummersch is a proud father of Sebastian, who just turned 14. Sebastian was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Nampa in 2023. He went to New Orleans as part of the youth group and absolutely loved it. Sebastian attended Zion Lutheran School in Nampa and is starting High School at Cole Valley. The 3rd family member is Luke, our German Short Hair Pointer. Hence the energy level at the Zummersch household is very high.

Dr. Zummersch is not a stranger to Zion Lutheran School. He was a Zion Parent while Sebastian attended and has been supporting the Zion Lutheran School's Chess Club for over 4 years. He is looking forward to teaching at Zion Lutheran School as the 5th and 6th grade Home Room Teacher, and Teaching Science and Math to the 5th - 9th graders.

Welcome to the Zion School Staff and Family, Dr. Zummersch!

