



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Classical Corner:

The second theological virtue we consider is that of hope. Hope is a major theme that runs throughout Scripture. When we use the word, we often think of it along the lines of “wishful thinking” or wanting something really badly. Yet in scripture, the word means something more. Hope contains certainty and confidence. There is no doubt with hope because of the object of our hope, the One in whom our hope is placed – Jesus. Hence, when we hope for God to act in our lives or to bring comfort or for His grace and mercy or for eternal life, these are not wishful thinking but as certain as Jesus’ resurrection and life. Even so, hope is not eternal, but fully realized at Christ’s return as all of God’s promises are kept in Him. Classical education focuses upon this sort of sure and certain hope that is based on God’s truth and goodness in the world as revealed in His Word. We teach our children to hope, to have certainty in an uncertain world. We teach our children to hope as trust in God’s promise. We teach our children to hope in Christ, believing and knowing God’s unending love and grace in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Overview on the ZLS Parent Survey Responses

One-Third of ZLS parents (10 total) filled out the ZLS parent survey sent out in November. The feedback was very enlightening for me to see what parents think about our school, what we are doing well, and what we can improve. If you would like to fill out the survey, you still can! Click on this link: <https://forms.gle/LqUqWRVdC2qynndJ8>

I wanted to address the part of the survey that discussed our mission as a school. The question in the survey was “What parts of the ZLS mission are you happiest with?”

The answer options were

- Eternal Life is the end goal for each of our students
- We teach Lutheran Doctrine
- Daily Devotions and Weekly Chapel
- We teach virtuous living
- We believe church attendance is necessary in educating your children
- We teach a biblical view of marriage and the family
- We reject that the primary purpose of education is to get a good job or go to college

In this newsletter, I will be focusing on the first part of our mission: Eternal life is the end goal of each of our students. 6/10 parents responded that they were happy with this part of the ZLS mission statement. My goal is for all parents to understand why this is our mission and hopefully convince all that this is a worthwhile mission of ZLS.

Explanation:

Since Jesus Christ truly resurrected from the dead, then eternal life truly is the future of those who trust in him and reject all other religions. And eternal death truly awaits those enemies of Christ. The average life of 70-80 years is incredibly short, but very important, because Christ will judge the works that each man did during his life. If we are found in Christ, we will enter eternal life, but if Christ does not know us, then we will be judged.

This is why eternal life is the first and most important mission of Zion Lutheran School. We want the students that come through this school to be found in Christ on the last day and life with God’s people in eternity. Many schools give lip service to this mission, but daily life at their school does not always serve an eternal mission. Zion Lutheran School educates her students unto eternal life through daily theology class, prayers, hymns, Bible memory, and scripture read. The more these are actually practiced, the more they become part of the students and the more they will withstand temptation to abandon eternal life for temporary pleasures. This is why eternal life is core to our mission.

Sincerely,
Headmaster Josh Swigart

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

13th Christmas program practice Pick up at ZLC

14th Christmas Program at ZLC (6:30pm)

18th-1/1 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

20th PTF Parents Night Out (4-8 pm)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	8 PTF Movie Night 6-8pm
11	12	13 Christmas Program practice (PK all-day)	14 Christmas Program 6:30 pm at ZLC	15
18 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	19 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	20 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break PTF Parents Night Out 4-8 pm	21 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	22 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break
25 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	26 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	27 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	28 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	29 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School New Years Day	2 Back to School	3	4	5
8	9	10 PTF Mtg. 6:30pm	11	12 PTF Donuts with Dads 7:30am/End of 2nd Qtr.

1st No School-New Years Day

2nd Back to School

10th PTF Mtg. 6:30 pm

12th PTF Donuts with Dads 7:30 am/End of 2nd Qtr.

Zion Lutheran Classical School provides each student educational mastery by building foundations that lead children to serve God with a Christian Worldview.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ If you would like to give a Christmas gift for ZLS staff there is a gift tree in the foyer with gift suggestions.
- ♦ Volunteers are needed to set up the nativity scene.
- ♦ 12/12 the Phone and Wi-Fi will be down while we switch our provider to Sparklight. Last week they were unable to do the switch on 12/5 and had to reschedule.
- ♦ **Christmas program practice** is on 12/13. PK will be in school all day. Pick-up will be at the Zion Lutheran Church at 2:30 pm. ASC students will be transported back to ZLS. Please make sure permissions slips have been turned in. If you can transport students please contact the front office.
- ♦ The Christmas program is on 12/14 at 6:30 pm. Please make sure your student(s) arrive at 6:10 pm at ZLC.

REMINDERS:

- ♦ Parents for any questions/concerns please refer to guidelines in the [Parent/Student handbook](#)
- ♦ If you still want to fill out the survey we would very much appreciate your feed back, [here](#) is the link
- ♦ PTF Meetings have now moved from Thursdays to Wednesdays
- The Spirit Store at zlsnampa.org. Hover over the "Parents" drop down and select "Spirit Store". Click "Shop Now" to enter the store!

Volunteer Recognition



Mr. Earhart is our Volunteer Maintenance Man!

As our resident maintenance expert, Jeremy Earhart is in the running for Most Valuable Volunteer this year! It's difficult to begin describing how much Mr. Earhart has helped us... AC units, broken door knobs, stained ceilings, the floor scrubber, detached fence covers, sprinkler systems, doorway trip guards. These are just some of the things that he has helped fix!

His most recent project that we owe many thanks is the new water heater in the kitchen! He helped install and his labor was all volunteer! We cannot thank him enough for his willingness to stick around in the morning, after school, and on the weekends to maintain our facilities!

Thank you Jeremy!

Zion Lutheran School

2023 Christmas Program



Zion Lutheran Church - 404 Nectarine St. Nampa

December 14 @ 6:30 PM



Zion PTF

Parents Night Out

DECEMBER 20TH, 2023

4-8 PM

Finish your shopping, wrapping,
or just have a kid-free evening.

DINNER (PIZZA), SNACKS, AND TREATS PROVIDED. A MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN
AND THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS. ALL AGES WELCOME!!

ZIONSTUDENTS: **\$5 EACH**

SIBLINGSTHATDON'TATTENDZION: **\$10 EACH**

PRE-REGISTRATION & PAYMENT REQUIRED

SIGN-UP WITH ZION SCHOOL OFFICE BY 12/15

QUESTIONS? EMAIL THE Front Office zlsoffice1@gmail.com

