



# ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## 01/26/2024 NEWSLETTER

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### From the Headmaster

#### **Overview on the ZLS Parent Survey Responses:**

About half of ZLS parents (12) 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>

In these newsletters, I am addressing 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 second answer options: *We Teach Lutheran Doctrine*. Four of the 12 parents that responded said 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 these are worthwhile missions of Zion Lutheran School.

#### **Why Teach Lutheran Doctrine? An examination of the Lord's Supper**

Zion Lutheran School teaches Lutheran doctrine because we believe that the Lutheran Confessions rightly interpret the Bible. We take the Bible's teachings very seriously because God has revealed Himself and our salvation clearly in the Bible. To understand further why this matters, let's look at a specific doctrine: The Lord's Supper.

The doctrine of the Lord's Supper is one doctrine that Lutherans agree with most Christians throughout the past 2,000 years, but understand differently than many American Christians. We believe that the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper become the actual Body and Blood of Christ as a Pastor recites Christ's words over them. Jesus teaches this in Matthew 28 and John 6, and the Apostle Paul teaches it in 1 Corinthians 11. All Christians for 1500 years understood Jesus literally in Matthew 28, which says:

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins..." (Matthew 28:26-28 NKJV).

Jesus teaches that the bread and wine in the Lord's supper are His Body and Blood. We hear from Jesus in John 6 eating his Body and Blood benefit us:

Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him (John 6:54-56 NKJV).

Because this teaching of the Lord's Supper is clear in the Bible, confirmed by early Christians, and important to the Christian life, we enjoy the benefits of the Lord's Supper and pass on this teaching to our children and students. Thanks be to God for this great gift!

Sincerely,

Joshua Swigart  
School Headmaster and Vicar

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ **The Literacy Program** will start 01/29. We will not do a Literacy “Kick-off” Night, but we will do a Literacy Night at the end of the Literacy Program. More information about the literacy program will be sent home with students.
- ♦ **Donuts with Dads** has been rescheduled to 02/02 at 7:30am
- ♦ **Valentine’s Day Banquet and Ball** is moved to 02/10
- ♦ **Students Sing** at Zion Lutheran Church will be on Sunday, 01/28 at 10:15 at Zion Lutheran Church.

Let us welcome Able Randy Allen Swigart into the world. Born 01/13/2024 his birth weight 7lbs. 6oz., length 20”, and baptized 01/21/24.



## 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 at 3:00 pm
- ♦ The Spirit Store at [zlsnampa.org](https://zlsnampa.org). Hover over the “Parents” drop down and select “Spirit Store”. Click “Shop Now” to enter the store!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

**22nd-26th** National Lutheran  
Schools Choice Week

**26th** Parent Appreciation Breakfast  
7:30 am

**28th** Students Sing at ZLC 10:30 am

**29th** Start Literacy Program

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22 Lutheran Schools Choice Week	23	24	25	26 Parent Ap- preciation Breakfast
28 Students sing at ZLC 10:30 am	29 Literacy Pro- gram starts	30	31		

### FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Donuts w/ Dads 7:30am	3
5	6	7 PTF Mtg. at 3pm	8	9	10 PTF Valen- tine's Day Banquet & Ball 5-8pm
12	13	14 Ash Wednes- day Chapel 8:05am	15	16 Maple Bars w/ Moms 7:30 am	17

**2nd** Donuts w/Dads at 7:30am

**7th** PTF Mtg at 3pm

**10th** PTF Valentine's Banquet & Ball  
5-8pm

**14th** Ash Wednesday Chapel Service  
8:05am

**16th** PTF Maple Bars w/ Moms  
7:30am/3rd Qtr. Midterm

# Volunteer Recognition



## **Volunteer Spotlight** Mackenzie Ratcliff

Mackenzie Ratcliff helps our beloved Hot Lunch Program by prepping, serving, and cleaning up food during lunch and other school events. She works many hours out of the goodness of her heart and brightens up the school with her smile. Thank you Mackenzie for serving these kids and keeping the other lunch ladies in check!



**PTF Donuts with Dads**  
**February 2nd 7:30-8:00 am**  
**Please join us.**

**Come and enjoy fellowship with other parents  
and if time allows join us for Chapel.**



# *Valentine's Day*

*ZLS Annual PTF*

*Banquet and Ball*

*February 10, 2024*

Please join us for our Annual Valentines Day Ball. This is an event for the students and families to dress up, dance the night away, raffle prizes and have fun here at Zion Lutheran School . We will be having a potluck style dinner. Pulled pork, rolls and drinks will be provided as the main dish.

Sign up sheet is located at the front office.

The decorating will begin on Friday 2/9/2024 after school is out, if you can help please indicate on signup sheet.





A rectangular maple bar with white icing on a white plate. The bar is golden-brown and has a thick layer of white icing on top. It is sitting on a white plate which is on a wooden surface.

# **PTF Event: Maple Bars with MOM!**

**...and other sweet treats!**

**February 16, 7:30 am**