

Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

July 10th, 2025

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Zion Lutheran School Parents and Families,

The Mission of Zion Lutheran School – Part 3: Vocation

The third aspect of our mission at Zion—and my second article on the Christian life—is vocation. Our vocations are not only our careers but include all the God-given roles we have in life. These are the everyday ways God calls us to serve our neighbor.

As Luther's Small Catechism lays out, there are roughly thirteen primary vocations:

Vocations in the Church - Christian (church member), Pastor

Vocations in the Family - Wife, Husband, Mother, Father, Child, Widow

Vocations in the State - Citizen, Neighbor, Government Official, Worker (under authority), Supervisor (has authority)

A lot could be said about these thirteen vocations, but I'll highlight just four key things here:

1. God gives these vocations in everyday ways—not through inner voices or signs.

He calls a man and woman into marriage through vows and the pronouncement, "I now pronounce you husband and wife." He calls a woman into motherhood when she becomes pregnant and gives birth. Everyone is given the vocation of child simply by being born to parents. This gives us confidence that we are serving God even in normal, everyday tasks!

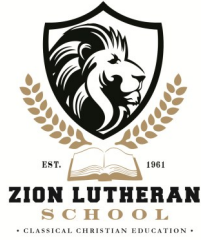
2. Each vocation has a God-given purpose.

Christians often wonder, "Am I living the way God wants me to?" To answer this question, look at your vocations. Are you living faithfully in the roles He's given you? The purpose of our lives isn't for us to define—God defines it. If a child wonders what his purpose in life is, Scripture gives him an answer: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother...'

(Ephesians 6:1–3)

3. God reveals the purpose of each vocation in nature and Scripture.

First, God designed our bodies and souls for these roles. A woman's body and soul are uniquely created for nurturing children in a way a father is obviously not. So nurturing ought to be her focus. While fathers can help nurture, they are uniquely designed as protectors and leaders.



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Second, Scripture clarifies the purpose of each vocation. For example, fathers are told to: “Bring [children] up in the training and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4) So fathers are to protect, lead, *and* teach the faith. Scripture also teaches wives to respect and submit to their husbands, husbands to love their wives, children to obey parents, slaves (workers) to obey their masters, and masters (supervisors) to treat their workers fairly. To learn more, read the Table of Duties from Luther’s Small Catechism: <https://catechism.cph.org/en/table-of-duties.html>

4. Vocations fall into three God-given estates: Church, Family, and State.

These three estates are institutions God established for our good. They are also prioritized:

First is the Church—because it is eternal.

Then the Family—as the foundation of earthly life.

Then the State—which promotes good in society.

Because of this, fellow believers in Christ are our highest priority, then our families, and then our communities and country (Keep in mind that your family members may also be part of your church).

These estates help us rightly order our lives. Today, many people elevate their jobs above all else—as if the workplace were a fourth estate or sacred calling of its own. But our jobs are a means to support our families and churches, and part of our role as citizens. A career is not an estate in itself. Understanding this will help us prioritize what truly matters.

Praise be to God for calling us into these wonderful roles. They truly are a blessing!

In Christ,

Headmaster Swigart

ZLS Prayer Requests:

- Hudnall Family - July 2nd - Evelyn’s Surgery - Praise be to God! Evelyn’s surgery went well and she continues to get stronger.

CERTE DE FASTIS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 June	30 June	1 ZLS Summer Hours Continue M-TH 10 am to 3 pm	2	3	4 4th of July Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 CCLE Conference 15-18 July	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Student Summer Meet Up #2 1:30 - 3:00 pm Water Fun	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 August 2025-26 Enrollment Deadline	2 August

July

15th - 18th

CCLE Conference at Concordia University Wisconsin

22nd

Student Summer Meetup # 2 of 3

1:30 to 3:00 pm

August

1st

Families not enrolled by August 1st will pay a \$50 Late Enrollment Fee

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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
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

NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

♦ **New Teachers and Staff for School Year 2025-26.**

Let me introduce you to our newest teachers and staff and a little about their background and what role he or she will be playing this year.

• **Dr. Martin Zummersch :**

Dr. Zummersch will serve full-time as the Home Room Teacher for 5th and 6th grade, and as the Math and Science Teacher for 5th-9th grade. He has 15 years of teaching experience. He attended the Fachhochschule Aachen and the Fachhochschule Kiel in Germany, where he received bachelor's degrees in Marketing and Cost Accounting, as well as Mechanical Engineering. He attended Case Western Reserve University – Weatherhead School of Management and received a Master of Business in Operations Management. He attended Case Western Reserve University – Weatherhead School of Management and received a Doctorate Degree in Business Administration.

• **Mr. Aidan Menuge:**

Mr. Menuge will serve part time as the Music Teacher for Zion Lutheran School this year. He has 13 years of experience in Music.

• **Mrs. Katie Winterstein:**

Mrs. Winterstein will serve part time as Zion Lutheran School's Consultant and Communications Assistant. She will be a resource, coach, and communicator for faculty and parents. She will be a key resource for our bridge parents and will be available to answer their phone calls and emails during the day while teachers are teaching.

• **Zion Lutheran School 2025-26 Staff:** We are blessed to have our returning and new staff members who are servants of God and share their time and gifts with our school, students and families. Combined they have (12) Bachelor Degrees, (8) Masters Degrees, and (1) Doctorate Degree. Praise be to God!

CONMEMORATIOS - REMINDERS:

♦ **Zion Lutheran School's 2025 - 2026 Enrollment:**

- 5 % Tuition Discount for tuition paid in full by August 25th, 2025
- Families will pay a \$50.00 Late Registration Fee after August 1st, 2025

♦ **Report Cards:** Report Cards were mailed out at the beginning of July, after all Tuition, After School Care Charges, Lost Library Books, and IT items were turned in and paid for.

♦ **Bridge Program Training with Katie Winterstein for Teachers and Families:**

- Tuesday, **August 12th, from 9 am to 12:30 pm** by appointment. Mr. Swigart is sending out a separate email to all teachers and Bridge Program families.

♦ **Student Summer Meet Ups:** During the summer, Zion Lutheran School along with the PTF hold summer meet ups so the students can maintain friendships and see each other during the summer. The first 45 minutes will be a planned activity and the second 45 minutes will be snacks and playtime. The remaining two summer meetups are:

- Tuesday, **July 22nd, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm** - Activity is Water Fun!
 - **Swim Attire:** If you wear a swimsuit, boys wear a shirt and girls wear a one piece swimsuit with running shorts. Also, please bring a towel, change of clothes, shoes and sunscreen as needed.
- Tuesday, **Aug 12th, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm** - Activity is Etiquette!

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- ♦ **Zion Lutheran School's June 24th, Student Summer Meetup:**
 - Pictures from the June 24th Summer Meetup, with Mrs. Kris Bockenstette, Zion Lutheran School's volunteer Art Teacher for over 20 years!



MEET REV. SEAN RIPPY!

We would like to say a heartfelt thank-you and welcome back to Rev. Sean Rippy!

Pastor Rippy is a familiar face to some of our staff and families who have been with Zion Lutheran School over the years. This is the second time that Pastor Rippy has served at ZLS. In 2013, he was one of several key staff members that paved the way to transition the school from a secular curriculum to a classical curriculum. He also served as ZLS's principal from 2013-2015. He returned during 2024-25 as a part time paid and volunteer teacher in Logic and Literature for our 5th - 7th grade students. He also blessed us by leading the morning Matins service at least once a week. Starting in 2025-26, Pastor Rippy will serve as the home room teacher for the 7th - 9th grades, and teach Theology and Latin to the 5th - 9th grade students.

In 1972, Pastor Rippy was born in Massachusetts to Gerald and Karolyn Rippy. His father was in the Army, so he grew up wherever his Dad was stationed. Those areas were Germany, El Paso, TX and Yakima Valley, WA. He attended Concordia College Portland and received a Bachelors in Theological Studies. He attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO and received a Masters of Divinity. He has served as a Pastor in Eugene, OR, Grand Rapids, MI, Sunderland, England and received a Masters of Creative Writing from New Castle University, and then settled in the Treasure Valley. He is currently serving as the Pastor of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, in Homedale, ID. He has one sister, Angie who resides in St. Augustine, FL with her husband Matt. Pastor Rippy's love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ began at his Baptism and has continued ever since.

In 1994 he married his best friend, confidant and the love of his life, Jennifer Rippy at St. Timothy's Chapel in Georgetown Lake, MT. They have three children who all attended Zion Lutheran School during their elementary and junior high years. Kaelyn attended from 6th to 8th grade, Jonathan, attended from 5th - 8th grade, and Ian attended from 1st - 7th grade. Kaelyn is now married to Patrick Millar who serves in the AirForce National Guard and they reside in Caldwell. Jonathan and Ian still reside in Caldwell.

Pastor Rippy feels it is an honor and a privilege to serve God through being a pastor and teaching the little ones He sends to Zion Lutheran School.

Thank You Pastor Rippy!



(Below) Pastor and Jennifer Rippy at the Literacy Program Kickoff Night

