

Founded in 1861



Zion Lutheran School provides a Christ centered approach to education. This education nurtures the child's faith, equipping him/her to use and share that faith on a daily basis. Our Vision: That every child knows Jesus as his/her personal Savior.

# LION'S ROAR

Zion Lutheran School's Monthly Newsletter

## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, Sept. 14  
Skate Party - Fun Spot

Sept. 11-15  
Internet Safety Week  
Digital Citizenship Week

Thursday, Sept. 14  
HALF DAY - In Service

Friday, Sept. 15  
NO SCHOOL - In Service

## CHAPEL

During the 2017-18 school year, our weekly chapel services will take place on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

Parents and families are welcome to join us!

Our first quarter chapel offerings will go to the Honduras Mission Team from Zion Lutheran Church.

**Happy Birthday to all who celebrate in September.**

## LOVE - SEPTEMBER FOCUS ON THE FRUIT

*"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control..." Galatians 5:22-23*

### From the desk of Mrs. Ananda Baron, Principal

As a school of choice, it is our daily mission to provide our students with an excellent education which prepares them for the next steps in their academic careers, but we never want to lose focus in our vision which is that every child know Jesus Christ. To help our students and families get to know Jesus better this year, we are putting our focus on the fruits of the spirit.

Paul uses a farming metaphor throughout this passage to illustrate what happens when we are connected to The Vine, drinking from the Living Waters. We are transformed on the inside, and the Holy Spirit works in us to bear fruit that makes us look more like Christ on the outside.

Love is the first fruit of the spirit and our first focus for this school year. Love as a fruit of the spirit looks very different from the earthly love we experience in our lives. The love we're talking about here is agape love - not a feeling but a deliberate act involving choice, faithfulness, and sacrifice. This love gives without consideration of the worthiness of the one receiving it, and it gives without expecting anything in return. This is the love that God has for you.

Because of our sinful nature, we are incapable of producing this kind of love on our own. The only hope we have of even coming close to agape (love) is through connection with the Father. Being rooted in His Word, we can begin to comprehend the love He has for us and to love Him and others in return - the 2 greatest commandments.

You can help your family Focus on the Fruit by discussing some of these questions in your homes:

*Why do you think love is the first fruit listed?*

*What can you do to show God that you love Him? What can we do as a family?*

*What can you do to show others that you love them?*

*How do we love people that are difficult to love?*

## Voted #1 Elementary School for the Third-Straight Year!



# VOTED #1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 3-STRAIGHT YEARS

2nd Annual

# ZION OPEN

Benefiting the Tuition Assistance Fund at Zion Lutheran School

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

The Orchards Golf Club Belleville - 1499 Golf Course Dr.

**\$90**  
Per Player

**\$360**  
Foursome

**4-Person Scramble**  
Includes 18 holes of golf, cart,  
team prizes, dinner and more!

REGISTRATION begins at 11:30 a.m.

SHOTGUN START at 1 p.m.

RECEPTION/DINNER to follow golf

**Register today!**  
**zion.gives**

Want to become a sponsor? Visit [zion.gives](http://zion.gives) for sponsorship opportunities

Questions? Contact 2017 Zion Open Co-Chairs

Jon Stelling (314.369.6672), Justin Kuehn & Torre Tributout - Email: [zionopen@outlook.com](mailto:zionopen@outlook.com)



## Golfers and Sponsors Wanted!

Registration is now open for the 2nd Annual Zion Open - a golf outing benefiting the Zion Tuition Assistance Fund. 100% of funds raised goes towards tuition assistance.

Join us on Saturday, October 14 at the Orchards Golf Club in Belleville for a day of fun, fellowship and fundraising. The 4-person scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Don't want to golf but want to support the event and our amazing school? Consider a sponsorship! Starting at \$75, you can use your family name, shout out to a teacher, or a purchase a sponsorship to promote your business

All registration and purchases can be done online at [www.zion.gives](http://www.zion.gives).

## HURRICANE HARVEY HOW CAN YOU HELP?

ZLS alum, Ross Owens, serves as Director of Student Ministries at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas, and he has provided us with a direct connection to help victims of Hurricane Harvey.

There is an immediate need for cleaning supplies, and they have created an Amazon Wish List with all of these supplies, so you can purchase them online.

[CLICK HERE to purchase the items for a cleaning kit on Amazon and have them sent directly to Gloria Dei.](#)

2017-18 Zion Lutheran Church & School Theme

## Because of Jesus, I am...

**How would you finish this thought?**

Be on the lookout on our social media channels for members of our church & school family who fill in the blank!

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8



**Check out the Virtual Backpack at [zionschoolbelleville.org](http://zionschoolbelleville.org) for some great community events happening this month!**

## FIRST QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERING

The Honduras Mission Team from Zion Lutheran Church serves through "Open Door Ministries" to care for orphaned children and new mothers in Tocoa, Honduras.

Zion Lutheran School encourages children and families to give whatever you are able to give each Wednesday during chapel offering collection and watch what God can do with this act of giving in faith.

In October, we will hear from the mission team and see the work that God was able to do through the team and through our offerings.

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Honduras Mission Team - September 2017**

Zion's Mission Team members headed to work at an orphanage in Tocoa, Honduras



**1st Quarter Chapel Offerings**  
**Zion Lutheran School**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**Father-Daughter Dance**  
**Saturday,**  
**February 24, 2018**

## SCRIP PROGRAM - LEARN MORE

The Scrip Program is a fundraising program for the school and a method of deferring tuition payments for families. The program works by simply purchasing gift certificates to buy items that you would normally buy from your favorite merchants. Each merchant listed earns a certain percentage and that percentage will be split between you and the school. Some merchants included in the Scrip Program include: Shop-N-Save, Kohl's, Chick-Fil-A, Wal-Mart, Panera Bread Co., Applebees and Olive Garden/Red Lobster/Longhorn.

Orders are on sale in the school office daily. 618-234-0275

Contact Terri Marino for more information: [tmario@zionschoolbelleville.org](mailto:tmario@zionschoolbelleville.org)

## SKATE PARTY AT FUNSPOT

Thursday, Sept. 14

\$5 for pizza & soda,

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Just Zion students, however you may bring family and friends but the rink is all ours! Skate rentals available- prices vary depending on type. Student Council & your Scrip/Gift Card proceeds pay the rink fee.



### ASBESTOS

In accordance with EPA regulations we are informing, all parents of children enrolled in Zion Lutheran School & Preschool that the school does contain asbestos. There is an asbestos maintenance plan available in the school office for all to review at anytime. You may also call Frank Rudolph, 628-0355 with any questions you may have concerning our maintenance program. Mr. Rudolph is our designated person as required by the EPA.

# DID YOU KNOW? OUR MASCOT IS LUKE THE LION

## TEACHER TIME

Throughout the school year, we will be introducing you to our wonderful teaching staff via the Lion's Roar and our edition of "Teacher Time". Learn more about our amazing teachers and what interests them outside of teaching your children.



### Mrs. Carrie Ill - First Grade Teacher

First year teaching at ZLS, Mrs. Carrie Ill was hired over the summer to teach our firsties. Here she shares some of her favorite things (which includes the Chicago Cubs, but we don't hold that against her :)

**Favorite Book:** The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

**Favorite Family Activity:** Traveling the world

**Favorite Bible Story:** Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

**Favorite Movie:** Swing Kids

**Who inspired you to become a teacher?** Many people, but particularly my 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Lessner

**SPORTS**  
[CLICK HERE FOR ZION SPORTS CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER](#)

**LUNCH**  
[CLICK HERE FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES - SEPTEMBER](#)

## FROM THE KITCHEN

Free and reduced lunch forms are available. If you did not get a form and would like one, please [CLICK HERE](#) or download a form on our website at [zionschoolbelleville.org](http://zionschoolbelleville.org) - Parent Forms

# DEADLINE FOR NEXT LION'S ROAR: FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

## VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT OUR SCHOOL

Throughout the school year, we are in need of volunteers to contribute - whether it is in the library, cafeteria, or classroom, there are many chances to give back a little (or a lot) of your time and energies.

### Class Parties



Party leaders and  
helpers needed



Don't forget to sign up for a Holiday party  
in your child's classroom!!

### Library Volunteers



If you are interested in volunteering in the  
Zion Library, please contact Melissa Papka  
at [mpapka@zionschoolbelleville.org](mailto:mpapka@zionschoolbelleville.org)

### School Team - Teacher Support

Contact Dawn Gray - [neededby3@gmail.com](mailto:neededby3@gmail.com)

Goal:

To lighten the load of the teachers by completing requested classroom tasks, school support and encouragement throughout the year.

On Going Tasks:

Pick up and return completed 'work requests'  
from the teachers to the school office. Library and lunchroom volunteers.

Examples:

May include copies, cutting, laminating,  
bulletin boards, sorting, etc.

Specific Predetermined Events:

Teacher Appreciation Week, acquiring party planners, promoting library and lunchroom  
volunteers.

### Lunch Room Volunteers NEEDED!

**Q:** Why volunteer in the lunch room?

**A:** It's a great way to see your kids during the day (and get an extra HUG).

It's a great way to get-to-know other kids in the school.

It's a great way to get-to-know other parents and staff.

It's an easy fun way to be a blessing at Zion.

**Q:** What would I be doing?

**A:** Squirting ketchup, mustard, salad dressing and relish  
Helping younger kids open milk and packages at their seats

Wiping tables between classes

**Q:** What kind of commitment does this require?

**A:** *Whatever you can spare!*

One hour and 15 minute commitment once a week

OR

One hour and 15 minute commitment every other week

OR

One hour and 15 minute commitment once a month

**10:50am-12:05pm**

**Q:** Can I bring my little one with me?

**A:** YES!! This is the perfect job for a mom with little ones still at home. They are  
welcome to sit with their sibling and eat lunch, run around the gym, sit and do an  
activity or help you wipe tables ;)

## REPRESENT ZLS AT COMMUNITY EVENTS

Contact Erica Stelling @  
[estelling@zionschoolbelleville.org](mailto:estelling@zionschoolbelleville.org) to  
learn more!

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS & HAPPENINGS

## **WHAT'S FOR DINNER?**

Coming to Zion Lutheran Church in October. Zion church members will be hosting fellowship dinners in their homes for fun, fellowship and just to meet one another. 2-4 families will come together at a host's house. Contact Faith Spelbring, [dcefaith@hotmail.com](mailto:dcefaith@hotmail.com) for more information to join a dinner or host a dinner - 310-210-3844.

## **WHERE MOMS CONNECT – A YEAR OF ADVENTURE!**

WHEN: 1st and 3rd Thursdays starting September 21, 6:30-8:30

WHERE: Fellowship Hall at Zion (Church Lower level)

Cost: \$25 online until September 17 then \$30 at the door.

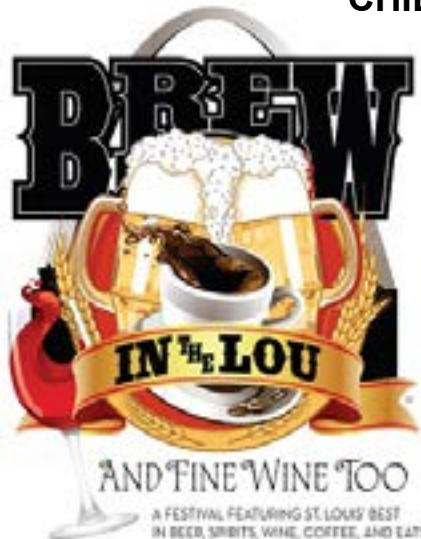
*(Financial assistance available for anyone who needs it)*

Childcare: Childcare is provided as a ministry for single moms or those who would otherwise be unable to participate (deployed military spouse, no family in area, spouse work schedule, etc.). No additional fee.

**What kind of moms is this group for?** Lol! We get that a lot! Our answer is ALL moms!

Contact Jaime Brinkmann for more information at [jaime.brinkmann@gmail.com](mailto:jaime.brinkmann@gmail.com) - 618-698-2789

## **OUR BREWS CREATE A LASTING BENEFIT TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**



Get your tickets early for the Brew in the Lou, presented by KLOU 103.3 FM and FOX 2 News, Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 1-5:00 p.m. at the Lily Pond at Francis Park. Wristbands include tastings for food samples, beer, home brew, spirits, wine, coffee and a commemorative glass. Featuring the best barbecue from Gobble Stop Smokehouse and Vernon's BBQ and Catering, Stellar Hog and much more.

Wristbands are \$40. On the day of the event the price is \$50.

Festivities include live entertainment, arts and craft vendors, the "People's Choice" Home Brew, Bratwurst and Chili Contest. Vendors will be on-site conducting product sampling and selling their wares.

Proceeds benefit 35 member schools, including Zion Lutheran School Belleville, serving 9,000 students.

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS & HAPPENINGS

## **JOIN US FOR NEW HAPPENINGS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

### **Potluck Preview Of New Adult Classes THIS SUNDAY - Sept. 10**

Bring a dish to share and join us for a sneak peek at coming classes.

Contact Jill Hasstedt, 618-920-6278.

### **Discovery Class - Starts Sept. 10 in Room E8 (school lower level)**

**Contact Pastor Chris, [cspelbring@zionbelleville.org](mailto:cspelbring@zionbelleville.org)**

Discover the basics of the Christian Faith from a Lutheran Perspective Ask questions and engage in conversation.

### **Family Connect – Faith 5 - Sunday, Sept. 17 from 9:30-10:30 am in school gym**

Zion would like to come alongside families to equip them with simple and easy -to-implement faith practices perfect for incorporating into your bedtime routine in 5 to 15 minutes a night. When done over time these faith practices carry the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding and nurture faith.

*Contact: Jill Batchelder, [JBatchelder@zionbelleville.org](mailto:JBatchelder@zionbelleville.org)*

### **New Adult Classes Starting Sunday, Sept. 17**

#### **Walking Through Romans with Luther –**

An in depth but user friendly walk through the book of Romans with a nod to Luther's writings. This is the book that ignited the Reformation. Starts Sept. 17, church lower level.

#### **Mission of Jesus/ Clash of Kingdoms –**

Ray VanderLaan , That the World May Know series' newest offerings. (DVD based) Starts Sept. 17, church lower level

#### **Sacred Parenting, How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls – Starts Sunday Sept. 24 –**

*Contact for Adult Class: Jill Hasstedt, [jhasstedt@zionbelleville.org](mailto:jhasstedt@zionbelleville.org), 618-920-6278*

**Weight Watcher's meeting weekly at Zion in the church lower level. Wednesdays Weigh-In starts at 11:45 a.m.**

## **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TO HOST WATER STATION AT BELLEVILLE MARATHON**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Belleville Main Street Marathon, to be held the morning of **Saturday, September 30** on the streets of Belleville.

Zion will be hosting a water station for runners and we are looking for people to help hand out water and encourage the runners on!

Our very own Associate Pastor, Chris Spelbring, will be running the marathon. Come out and support him and all the other runners with an extra dose of inspiration in the form of cheers, encouraging signs, music, and of course, water.

For more information, contact Faith Spelbring at 310-210-3844 or [dcefaith@hotmail.com](mailto:dcefaith@hotmail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



# SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL

