

## **Just What Is The Scrip Program? How Can I Help Students at ZLS?**

Zion Lutheran Church members can help their school and students by making regular household purchases. "How can that be?" You may ask. Read on. . .

### **What Is Scrip?**

Scrip is an opportunity for you to purchase gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue to help a student and benefit the school. Think of all the lunches and dinners you eat out that could be paying you back! All it requires is a little planning.

You can purchase scrip/gift certificates by stopping by the school office (8-4) Monday thru Friday to purchase gift cards, place an order or you can order online. Usually on hand: Applebee's, Kohl's, Red Lobster/Olive Garden, Shop-n-Save, St. Louis Bread Company, and many more. Examples of other cards available include: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Dillards, Ace Hardware, Eckerts, and Macy's. There is even a store that will allow you to pay your monthly charges using gift cards – Kohl's! A list of participating vendors is available on the turnstile outside the school office and in the church narthex at the Welcome Center. Or online at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). (call the office for the code).

We encourage all of you to use the gift certificate program as often as possible. Credits received July through December 2017 will help reduce second semester tuition payments. Credits received from January - June 2018 will be applied towards the 2018-19 school year. You may donate your earnings to a student attending Zion or give the money to Zion's Tuition Assistance Fund (where it will potentially help many families through financial assistance). If you have a child involved with the youth group, the earnings can be placed in his/her youth account.

**Farmers Market** is one of the easiest to use. Just register with them and use our school number #52 every time you purchase something. They donate a percentage and all the proceeds will go to the Financial Assistance Program. To date they have donated over \$1,500 to the Financial Assistance Program. We also have gift cards available for purchase at 10% with a 50 – 50 split between your tuition and the school.

### **E-SCRIP!**

Schnucks has a program called- e-scrip which is very easy to take advantage of! All you have to do is register. You register by completing an entry form and activating your card online or by phone, or you can just stop by the school office during office hours and we'll gladly sign you up. With each purchase you make, present your card and you will receive 1, 2 or 3% toward a student named by you, or if no student is selected, it will go into the Financial Assistance Program to benefit the many students at school who are receiving financial aid. You may pay your bill any way you'd like, but the total will be applied to your account every time you shop at Schnucks. So whether you spend \$5 or \$200 you will receive credit toward tuition/financial assistance program. You may sign up as many people as you like to benefit your student or the Financial Assistance program!

**If you have any questions, call Terri Marino in the school office at 618-234-0275.**

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