

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 - March 2018

ON THE HORIZON

March 5-9

Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, March 5
Service Club

Wednesday, March 7
Lenten Service 3:30 & 6 p.m.
Preschool sings at 3:30
Lenten Dinners, hosted by 8th graders 4-6 pm

Friday, March 9
Grandparents Day
Early Dismissal at 1:15 p.m.
End of 3rd Quarter

Wednesday, March 14
Lenten Service 3:30 & 6 pm
3rd & 4th Grade Sings @ 3:30
Lenten Dinners, hosted by 8th graders 4-6 pm

Monday, March 19
Service Club

Wednesday, March 21
Lenten Service 3:30 & 6 pm
Kindergarten Sings @ 3:30
Lenten Dinners, hosted by 8th graders 4-6 pm

Thursday, March 22
Family Table Night w/Papa Johns

Friday, March 23
Disney Dress up Day

Saturday, March 24
Festival of Arts

Tuesday, March 27
Easter Parties @ 2:20 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28
Easter Break Begins

Family Connect using the "Faith 5" - Introducing Talk

Recent events in our nation's schools have been heavy on my heart both as a parent and as your children's principal. I'm sure they have been on your mind and heart as well. Senseless acts like these leave us all with a lot of insecurity and unanswered questions. Sometimes I am too immersed in anxiety to look for an answer, or sometimes I am too busy spinning my wheels and going nowhere to realize that the answer is simple. In my former classroom, it was written on a banner as a daily reminder that "Jesus is the Answer for the World Today".



So, in times like these, I ask God for answers, and the words He gives me are words like, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go," (Joshua 1:9) and "...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control," (2 Timothy 1:7), and I am reminded that God commands us and gifts us with courage, strength, and love to share with this world.

God also tells us what to do with these words that He's given. "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

This year, I have been sharing with our school families the "Faith 5" - a simple faith practice to put into a 5-15 minute nightly routine to encourage communication and promote mental and spiritual health and strength among your family. We start by sharing our highs and lows of the day. Then, we read a Bible verse, passage, or story together. Since our last publication, we've added the third practice to the routine, which is "Talk".

The talking portion of our routine asks us to relate the Bible reading to our highs and lows for the day. At first, this seemed like it was going to be a difficult concept for my six and four year olds to grasp, but hearing them try to do it is all I need to hear. It also amazes me night after night how our random Bible story is so relevant to our highs and lows of the day, and in these moments (even in the difficult days), He is reminding me that no matter how far away He may seem, He is always near, and He is the answer.

If you have not yet begun the "Faith 5" routine in your homes, start it tonight, and allow God to draw you and your family back into the security and the support of His loving arms.

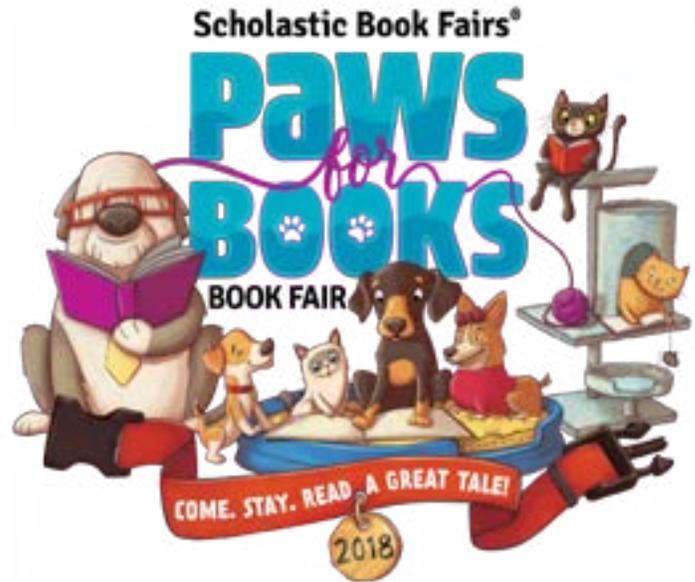
In His Service,
Mrs. Ananda Baron, principal

VOTED #1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 3-STRAIGHT YEARS

THE BOOK FAIR STARTS MONDAY, MARCH 5 *March 5-9, 2018*

Scholastic has lots of great books available, from favorite authors as well as exciting new series. The fair benefits our entire school by earning us a large number of books for our library and classrooms. We look forward to celebrating this special week with you and your families.

Mrs. Papka - Zion Librarian



Spring edition of Kindergarten Readiness Night: Tuesday, April 17

What does your child need to be ready for Kindergarten?

We'll let you know that and more on Tuesday, April 17 at Kindergarten Readiness Night at ZLS.

[Reserve your spots today!](#)

Topics that will be discussed include academic, emotional, and social readiness, which can make for a successful Kindergarten experience.

You'll hear from our Principal, Mrs. Baron, Kindergarten teachers Mrs. Ziegler and Mr. Griffith and current Kindergarten parents. Prepare both yourself and your child for this exciting transition.

A promotional banner for Kindergarten Readiness Night at Zion Lutheran School. The top part has a blue background with white text: 'KINDERGARTEN READINESS NIGHT AT ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL'. Below this is a photo of two young children, a girl in a pink jacket and a boy in a white shirt with a ninja graphic. At the bottom, there is a blue bar with white text: 'Tuesday, April 17 6-7:30 p.m. @ Zion Lutheran School'. There are also logos for 'Zion Lutheran School' and 'BIB's Readers' Choice Awards'.

Zion Girl Scout Troop #88's Buddy Bench Project



Zion's Girl Scout Troop #88 needs your plastic caps and lids!!

Troop 88 (5th and 6th grade) is collecting plastic caps and lids to be recycled into a buddy bench for the school playground. The girls are completing this project as part of their Bronze Award.

How can you help? Please save all of your plastic caps and lids and place them in the collection bins at both the main entrance of the school and the entrance near the church office.

What caps/lids do we need?

Acceptable Caps/Lids	Please don't bring these!
Drink bottle caps	NO metal
Caps with recycle numbers (2) (4) (5)	NO Trash
Milk jug caps	NO Pump Lotion/Soap Dispensers
Yogurt, cream cheese, coffee, peanut butter container lids	NO Caps or Lids with (1) (3) (6) (7) recycle numbers
Medicine bottle lids	NO Fast food drink lids
Ice cream bucket lids under 8"	NO Ziploc bags or food containers



Green Tree Plastics and Zion Lutheran School ABC Promise Partnership

DID YOU KNOW? OUR MASCOT IS LUKE THE LION



31ST ANNUAL ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION

KENTUCKY-DERBY THEMED -
WEAR YOUR BEST DERBY ATTIRE,
INCLUDING HATS AND BOWTIES.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018
REGENCY CONFERENCE CENTER IN O'FALLON
DOORS OPEN AT 5 P.M. - DINNER AT 6 P.M.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE! \$50 EACH OR TABLE OF 8 FOR \$300

HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S AUCTION?
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS YOU CAN HELP, AND
ACUTALLY, YOUR HELP IS MOST IMPORTANT TO
MAKING OUR AUCTION A SUCCESS.

WHAT DO WE NEED?
DONATIONS! NOTHING IS TOO SMALL (OR TOO BIG).
PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WISH LIST!

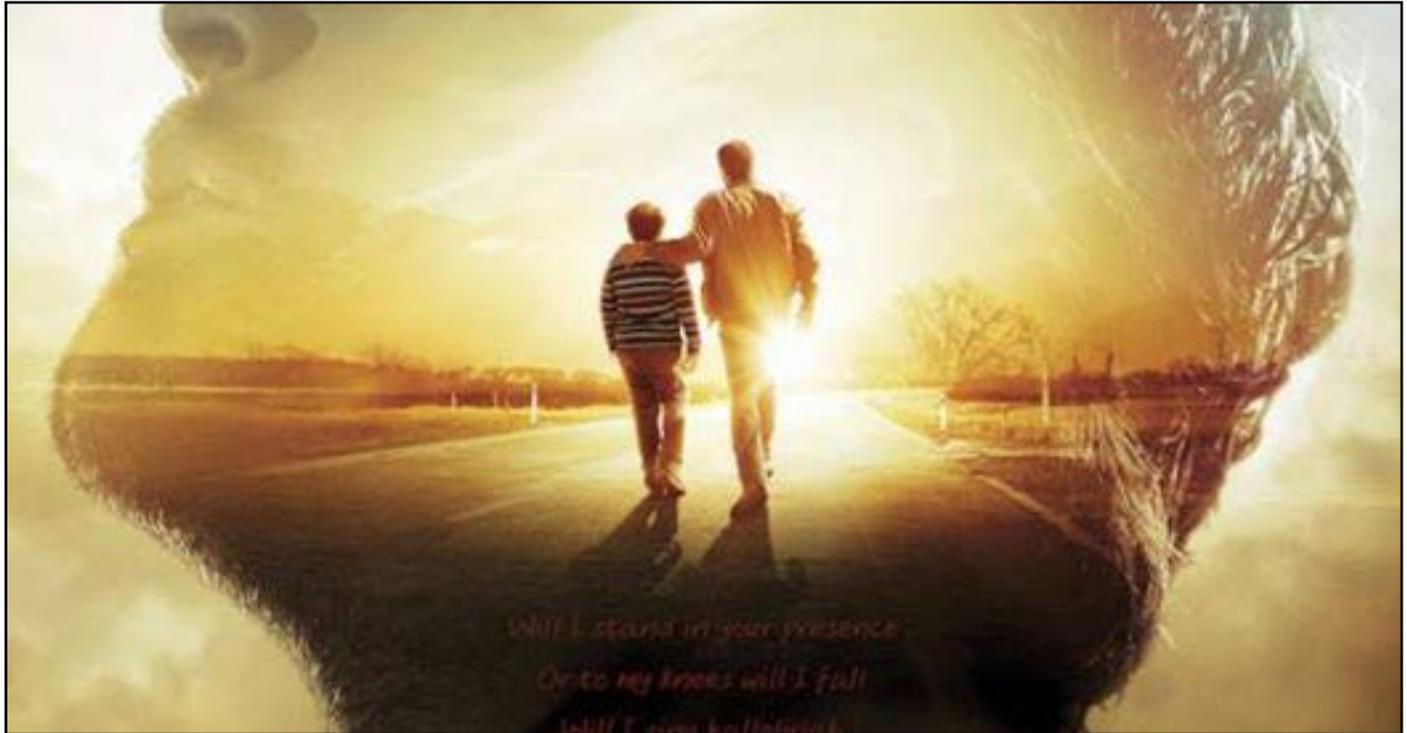
GRAB A BASKET STARTER.
THESE ARE LOCATED IN THE MAIN SCHOOL ENTRANCE.
GRAB THE BASKET, FILL IT WITH THE THEMED ITEMS
AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL.

[CHECK OUT OUR AUCTION WEBSITE TO GET ALL YOUR
QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT THE AUCTION!](#)

CONTACT CARRIE BALDUS (CARRIEBALDUS@YAHOO.
COM) OR TERRI MARINO (TMARINO@ZIONSCHOOL-
BELLEVILLE.ORG) TO OFFER YOUR ASSISTANCE AND
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.



DEADLINE FOR NEXT LION'S ROAR: MARCH 28



Zion Lutheran Church's Prime Time Connections Group invites you to a special screening of "I Can Only Imagine."

Prime Time Connections is thrilled to announce that we are hosting an exclusive movie viewing for our Zion family. We have reserved the main theater (no steps) at the Lincoln Theatre on Sunday, March 25 2:30pm for a showing of the soon to be released movie "I Can Only Imagine".

Tickets are \$5.50 a piece and we have 500 available, so invite your family and friends. Tickets may be procured in the Church lobby or in the Church office during the week. You may also reserve your tickets by emailing bergt@charter.net.

Enjoy an inspiring movie about the trans-formative power of Christ's love with your faith family, a perfect way to celebrate Palm Sunday and begin Holy Week. We hope that you will join us.



SAVE THE DATE
The next Family Table Night is
Thursday, March 22 with Papa John's
Pizza.
More info to come...

EASTER BREAK - MARCH 28-APRIL 3

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. Keri Ziegler - Kindergarten teacher

Mrs. Ziegler is starting her third year as a teacher at Zion, but came to our school with 17 years of teaching Kindergarten in Belleville public schools.

Favorite Bible Stories? I love the Christmas Story and the story of Easter. I also love the miracle of Jesus feeding 5000!

Favorite Family Activity: Boating, Beach & Baseball

Favorite Restaurant: Anything Mexican

Who inspired you to become a teacher? Mrs. Brown (my Kteacher) and my parents

What are three essential items you'd need on a deserted island? Soap, Ice Tea and Sun Glasses

Zion Fine Arts Music Festival

Saturday, March 24

8 am to noon

Zion Lutheran Church/School

Students from Zion will be participating in a day of performing which will be critiqued by judges to enable the students to learn and grow in their music abilities.

The large groups will be performing first in the day both in the Church Nave and the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:20 am.

Vocal, instrumental and piano solos/ensembles will then perform throughout the morning.
All are invited to come and listen.



Don't forget to check out all the community flyers in our Virtual Backpack found online on our school website.

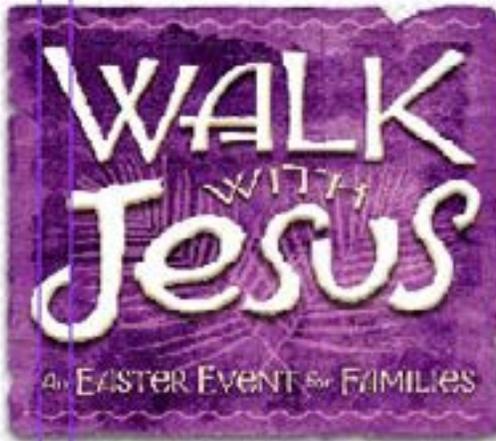
Lots of great info on spring events like Khoury League Baseball, Nerf Nights at Belleville Parks and Rec and More!

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Special Family Event
Presented Palm Sunday at Sunday School

"Walk With Jesus"
March 25 at 9:30 a.m.
Zion's School Gym

Join us for an unforgettable family experience this Easter.
This is an engaging family friendly event.
Families will be guided through the stations of Jesus's last few days on earth.



WALK WITH Jesus
An EASTER EVENT for FAMILIES

Scheduling Note
There will be no Steppin' Up Sunday School or Adult Ed on Easter Sunday.



FAMILY
Connect

Prayer
Sunday, March 18
9:30-10:30 a.m.
Alongside Commons

"Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint . . ."
Psalm 61:1-2

New Love and Logic Class – Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun – Starts Tuesday, April 10

This awesome class for parents of children ages 6 months through 6 years of age offers practical tools for your parenting toolbox. It runs on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm for 5 weeks through May 8! The cost is just \$35 per individual or \$50 per couple. Your class fee includes a workbook and a Love and Logic

CD (\$30 value). Financial assistance is available. (Alumni of the same class are welcome back for free – but please register and bring your book.) Childcare is available until spots are full. As always those who wish to may attend the first class for free to see if it is a good fit before they invest. (Pssst – there will be a Sunday morning sneak preview too!) Financial assistance is available.

Tuesdays
April 10- May 8
6:30 – 8:00 PM



[Register here: https://goo.gl/hczLKn](https://goo.gl/hczLKn)

Questions? Feel free to call Zion's Director of Family Ministry, Jill Hasstedt 618-920-6278.

Box Tops Breakfast and Valentine's Day Parties bring lots of smiles to our students' faces!



Lenten Dinners 2018

Sponsored by the 8th Grade Class

Free will donations accepted
All donations help the 8th grade attend their Class Trip in May

Feb 14th

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green beans
Rolls
Pies

Feb 21st

Spaghetti
Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

Feb 28th

Taco Salad
Corn
Fruit
Dessert

March 7th

Italian Beef
Chips
Italian Salad
Dessert

March 14th

Chili
Corn Bread
Dessert

March 21st

Brats/Hamburgers
French Fries
Salad
Ice Cream Bar

Available at every meal:

Hot dogs

Ice Tea
Lemonade
Coffee

To Busy to Cook??
Don't worry we
have you covered.

Take dinner TO-GO

Dinner served on the
above dates

@ 4 pm - 6 pm

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER BRACKET CHALLENGE

STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSORS: "DRIVE AWAY HUNGER" MARCH MADNESS COMPETITION

Matthew 25:40: The King will reply. Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brother and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Zion's Student Council is excited to team up with other Belleville School District 118 schools during the month of March in an effort to serve the people in our community through a service project called "Drive Away Hunger". This project benefits local food pantries in Belleville, and the goal of this combined effort is to fill as many school buses as possible with bags of food!

To make it fun for our students, the Student Council has created a March Madness competition bracket between the classes, which will be introduced to our students at a pep rally on March 1st. 16 teams will start out. Each week, the teams that are "eliminated" will be adopted by the winning teams so that no one is ever not collecting. In the end, the whole school will be on one of two different teams going for the "championship".

QUICK INFO:

Who: All students (& families) in grades K-8 and all Zion staff

What: Collect non-perishable food items and send to school with your child

When: Start Collecting on Monday, March 5th.

Collection and Competition end on Tuesday, March 27th

NOTES:

- Preschool students are invited to participate but are not included in the bracket due to a clothing drive occurring among our preschool classes.
- Since kindergarten classes already collected food for the 100th day of school, their classes have a "bye" week in the bracket during the first week.
- The first week of competition ends on Grandparents' Day - our special guests for the day are

I pray that your family is able to participate in this great opportunity that we have as a school to help make a difference in our community and to show love to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ by caring for this basic need.

In His Service, Mrs. Ananda Baron, principal & Mrs. Janel Mueller, student council leader



GRANDPARENTS' DAY INFORMATION

We are so excited about the special guests that will be joining us for Grandparents' Day next Friday, March 9th! Please share this schedule with your family members & special guests that will be joining us.

SCHEDULE FOR GRANDPARENTS' DAY

8:00 Grandparents (and special guests) are invited to Fellowship Hall for free continental breakfast (attendance optional)

8:05 Students report to classrooms for the start of the school day

8:30 Grandparents of Preschool 4s - 8th grade make their way up to the sanctuary for chapel. To make this transition smooth, it would help if the grandparents know the name of their grandchild's teacher. Pews will be marked with the teacher's name and the student grade level. Students will meet their grandparents already seated.

Grandparents of Preschool 3s, please go to child's classroom located in the D Hallway, room 2

8:45-9:30 Chapel Service (The offering will go to the "Holly Reeb Memorial Fund" that financially assists Zion families with tuition.)

9:30 Classes will be dismissed one at a time from chapel. During this time, they will see the classrooms, visit the Book Fair, and have their photo taken with their grandchildren. Teachers will inform them of the specific time frames for each activity.

LUNCH TIMES:

10:50-11:20 - 2nd and 3rd grades

11:05-11:30 - 4th and 1st grades

11:35-12:00 - preschool classes

11:40-12:05 - kindergarten and 5th grades

12:05-12:35 - 6th-8th grades

GRANDPARENTS' DISMISSAL TIMES:

1st grade - 11:30 (after lunch)

Preschool - 12:00 (after lunch)

2nd and 3rd grades - 12:00 (after Book Fair and Pictures)

Kindergarten and 5th grades - 12:05 (after lunch)

4th, 6th-8th grades - 12:35

Grandparents & parents may feel free to take their students with them at the designated end time for their grade level.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN OUT WITH THE CHILD'S TEACHER. This is for the children's safety and follows our emergency procedures.

School is dismissed at 1:15 on this day to allow for a faculty meeting. As always, after school care will be available AT NO CHARGE for all students until 3:15.

Friday, March 9th, also marks the end of our 3rd quarter of school.

Even though it's just a portion of our day, it is packed with activity...and people! Our special guests for the day are invited to go at their own pace to the various activities if needed. There are plenty of staff on hand to care for the students and to help facilitate communication across our campus. We've always had a positive experience and expect no different this year. We look forward to showing our special guests this great school.

In His Service,
Mrs. Ananda Baron
Principal