

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 May Newsletter

MAY CALENDAR

- 1 Band Concert
- 2 Chapel
Chess Club
- 3 Fifth Grade Field Trip
- 4 Band Field Trip
- 7 Taco Truck Day (3rd)
Service Club
- 8 Piano Recital
- 9 Chapel
Chess Club
- 10 Fun Spot Field Trip (3/4)
- 11 Advanced Choir
Spring Musical
- 13 Won By One Sings at
worship (10:45 am)
- 15 Kindergarten Field Trip
- 16 Chapel
Chess Club
- 17 Artist In Residency @ ZLS
8th Grade Graduation
- 18 First Grade Field Trip
Second Grade Field Trip
Preschool Celebration
- 19-20 Art on the Square
- 21-25 8th Grade Trip
- 21 Third Grade Field Trip
Fourth Grade Field Trip
Sixth Grade Field Trip
Family Table Night - Chipotle
- 22 Seventh Grade Field Trip
- 23 Last Day of School
Kindergarten Graduation
- 24 Teacher In Service
- 25 Kindergarten Screenings
- 31 Advanced Choir sings at
Cardinals Game

Family Connect Faith 5 - "Pray"

In our Lion's Roar publication 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 "enrich-ual" 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. After that, we talk about how God might use our Bible reading to reveal something from our highs and lows. Last month, Rick and Dorothy Gove shared with parents the fourth step in the Faith 5 - Pray.



Any time you are talking to God, that prayer has power for you and your family, but this fifth step invites us to pray for one another's highs and lows specifically. Have you ever heard someone pray for you by name or pray with you for a specific need? Have you ever been affected as the pray-er? Dr. Rich Melheim, author of "Holding Your Family Together" says, "Prayer brings comfort and hope. It brings thanksgiving and exercises maturity. It allows us to share our deepest selves with God and others. It brings intentionality to love. Intercessory prayer - praying for another - makes God part of our highs and lows. It teaches children a boldness that allows them to think...Prayer changes things, but first it changes you."

What will intercessory prayer among your family members do for your family as a unit? Melheim says it creates a strong bond to God and to one another. Isn't that a desire that God has placed on all our hearts and minds as parents? This bond, by the way, isn't just made to help us feel good. It is a bond of power, and together, a family (and a body in Christ) can fight off any problem that Satan throws our way; "...it switches us from defense to offense," (Melheim). Couldn't we all use more confidence and strength when facing our giants?

If you have not yet begun the "Faith 5" routine in your homes, start it tonight, and allow God to take up residence at the front of your minds and the depths of your hearts and experience for yourselves and your children the power of prayer.

Mrs. Ananda Baron, principal

Family Connect Review - Sunday, May 6th
9:30 am at Alongside Commons

A Thank You from Mrs. Papka, Librarian

Thank you, Zion families, for supporting our school's 2018 book fair! We were able to get lots of new books for our classrooms and library (with more on the way), which benefit all of our students.

You were also a blessing to the Honduras mission by providing a full box of Spanish-language books for the children there.

I would like to especially thank those parents and grandparents who volunteered their time to set up, run, and clean up the book fair. None of this would have been possible without you!

Mrs. Papka



Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is Coming!

Let's thank our amazing teachers and staff with a week-long celebration at ZLS for Staff and Teacher Appreciation Week, happening May 7-11th.

This year's theme: Thank you for GROWING our children mentally, physically, spiritually and socially.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Here is an outline of the week. Read in full to find all the ways you can help make it special!

Monday, May 7th: A SNACK BAR will be set up for the whole Zion Staff at the concession area in the gym from 9am-4pm. Let me know if there is a special snack that you like to make or buy to add to the goodies. (text Dawn Gray @ 618-406-4962)

Tuesday, May 8th: FLOWER DAY. Please bring your teacher (and any other support staff that you wish), a single stem flower to add to their vase to enjoy all week long. Flowers will also be available for sale before school by the flag pole from Schnucks Florist. (10-15 additional vases needed if you have extras you want to get rid of)

Wednesday, May 9th: All staff will enjoy a SIT-N-STAY OR GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST at 7:30am. Please be sure to check the wejoinin link <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/hbvmf> to see what food contributions are needed OR contact Dawn Gray (618-406-4962) and she can add your name to the list.

Thursday, May 10th: EXPRESSION DAY. Please have your children and/or yourselves, write teachers (and any other staff) an encouraging note of appreciation.

Bounty Baskets: Bring something to contribute to your teacher's "Bountiful Basket". Lists will be coming home with some of your teacher's favorite things. Text Dawn Gray @ 618-406-4962 for lists of other teachers or staff you wish to gift.

Friday, May 11th: All staff will be treated to a LEISURELY LUNCHEON. Lisa Borem will be heading up the luncheon in the church Fellowship Hall. See Lisa to provide extra hands. <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/ppbno>

Lunch recess volunteers are needed Friday, May 11th to give the teachers an extra long uninterrupted break. Sign up at <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/judwv> if you can help with lunch duty (11:20am-1:20pm).

WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE:

BREAKFAST FOOD

Donation items for the Staff Breakfast <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/hbvmf> please sign up at this link or let me know and I'll sign up for you.

Bring **FLOWER STEMS** on Tuesday to contribute to our staff vases. (10-15 additional vases needed if you have extras you want to get rid of)

NOTES of ENCOURAGEMENT are a great way to let our staff know how special they are.

BOUNTIFUL BASKET ITEMS a favorites list will be sent home to help you out.

FRIDAY RECESS VOLUNTEERS 11:20-1:20 to give our teachers an extra long lunch hour. <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/judwv>

FRIDAY LUNCH SET UP/SERVE/OR CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/ppbno>

TABLE DECORATOR for the Friday Staff Luncheon

Anyone interested in creating a **BULLETIN BOARD** in the main entrance using a Flower theme? (contact Dawn Gray 618-406-4962)

BECAUSE OF JESUS, I AM...BLESSED!



Family Table Night is Back!

Join us on Monday May 21st
@
Chipotle in Fairview Heights
Family Table Night
benefiting both:
Zion Lutheran School and Zion Lutheran Church's Youth Group.
Enjoy some Mexican food and
support your school and youth!



Annual School PICNIC

Monday, May 14, 2018
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Zion Lutheran School



Bring in your **Box Tops**!! Apr 23rd - May 11th



Top 10 students who bring in the most **Box Tops** during this period will get a turn **at the School Picnic on May 14th** to get in a **Hamster Ball and Race...**



Mrs. Baron



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ART ON THE SQUARE



For the second year in a row, ZLS is participating in the Children's Art Garden at Art on the Square in downtown Belleville and we are in need of a volunteers. Have a love for art, kids, service and more? This is the opportunity for you!

Shifts need to be filled on Saturday and Sunday, May 19 & 20th between 11 am and 4 pm. Older children are welcome to join you in this volunteer opportunity.

Please consider helping out by volunteering as a ZLS representative at one of the largest community events in the Metro East! Questions?

Here is the signup link: <https://goo.gl/forms/JEScU8ugd4dAtsMZ2>



SUMMER PROGRAM STARTS MAY 29

ZLS Parents,

Registration for Zion's Summer Program 2018, "Cruisin' through Summer" is now open! It would be our pleasure to continue serving your family during the summer months by offering a program that encourages their spiritual and academic growth in a fun-filled way.

Finishing touches for our staff and our schedules are still in the works, but Rene Owens and Dawn Holcomb, our summer program directors, would be will be happy to answer any of your questions in the meantime (summerprogram@zionschoolbelleville.org).

[Click here to find our fees and costs sheet for this year's program.](#)

[Register here to reserve your spot and begin receiving more detailed information about this summer's staff and schedule of events!](#)

In His Service,
Mrs. Ananda Baron, principal



Women's Softball – 2018

Zion Lutheran Church and School

Registration for Women's Softball is Now Open!

- Recreational slow-pitch league - all ability levels welcome (must be 16 to play)
- Games are on Tuesday evenings (6:00 or 7:15)
- Season is from May 29 to August 7
- Registration is \$30.

To register or get more information, use the link or QR code below:

Link: <https://goo.gl/g3gyoE>

QR Code:





VBS AT ZION IS JUNE 18-22



This fall, Zion Lutheran Preschool will be expanding, with the addition of a 2-year old preschool program.

Because we know that many families need a safe and loving environment to which they can entrust their greatest toddler blessings, the program will have the same look and feel and will operate under the same standards as our preschool 3 and 4-year old programs.

“Creative Curriculum” will be utilized by a certified early children educator in the 2-year old room; this is the same curriculum used in all of our preschool rooms. It is a purposeful-play curriculum that equips teachers and assistants with developmentally, age-appropriate activities that help children grow socially, emotionally, and cognitively. These special students will also spend time with Jesus each day through the One in Christ Bible Stories series.

To be eligible, your child must be 2 years old by the first day of school (Aug. 15) to start the program, and a child is eligible for the class as soon as he/she turns 2. For example, when your child turns 2 on December 10th, he/she would be eligible for the program on that date.

We offer a variety of options for attending, including 1-5 days, full and half days. Your child does not have to be potty trained.

Learn more and the tuition costs by clicking here.

Start the application process today! <http://mytads.com/a/zionbelleville>

If you have a 2-year old child, we hope you will consider enrolling him/her in our program. Please help us out, also, by sharing this great news with your family, friends, neighbors and others. Encourage them to learn more today by visiting our website at zionschoolbelleville.org, emailing Erica Stelling, Admissions & Marketing Director, at estelling@zionschoolbelleville.org or calling the school at 618-234-0275.

NOW ENROLLING

**Preschool 2 - 8th Grade for the 2018-19 School Year
Invite friends, families, neighbors and all to visit our school!**



GOD'S BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE THIS SUMMER

Save the dates....

June 18-21, 2018



Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church - Join us!
Registration opening soon at zionbelleville.org

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION THAT MORNING AT CHAPEL - STARTS AT 8:30 A.M.



CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS 8TH GRADERS - CLASS OF 2018 -



This summer Zion will be preparing and delivering 200 lunches every Wednesday to kids who would otherwise go hungry.



Volunteers still needed to bake sweet treats [click here](#)

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program



COMMUNITY EVENT

Believe Believe Memorial Run/Walk In Memory of Mary Rust Mabry Cappello

Where: Rock Springs Park - O'Fallon, IL

When: 9:00 am - June 2, 2018

Mail in registration postmarked by **May 20th** to:

Believe Memorial Run - ATTN: Sandie Rust
101 N. Lawn Ave. O'Fallon, IL 62269

****Make checks payable to McKendree University****

Packet Pick-Up and Late Registration

Friday June 1st from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Blessed Savior - 1205 N Lincoln, O'Fallon, IL 62269

Net proceeds will benefit education and cancer research through the Believe Memorial Foundation

**** Don't want to run? You can still show your support and join us with a small donation ****

****Make donations payable to Blessed Savior****

All participants will receive a yearly participation pin and T-shirt

Runners will also receive a Limited Edition participation Medal

~~ BelieveMemorialFoundation.org ~~

Adult _____ \$30

Youth _____ \$20 (12 & under)

Name: _____ Gender: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Shirt Size: Adult S / M / L / XL Youth S / M / L (not guaranteed after 5/20)

Believe Memorial 5K race waiver of liability. You must read and agree to the following waiver in order to participate in this event.

I know and understand that running in a road/trail race is a potentially hazardous activity. I attest that I am medically able and properly trained for the event, and agree to abide by any decisions of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running in this event, including but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, effects of the weather, traffic, the condition of the road/trail, and gastrointestinal discomfort. All such and related risks being known by me.

Having read and understood this waiver and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Believe Memorial Foundation, race organizers, volunteers, and all sponsors, their officers, employees, agents, representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind resulting from my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver.

I grant permission to all foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished electronic, photograph, or printed matter that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future. I will abide by these guidelines.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



COMMUNITY EVENT

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