

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.

LIONS ROAR

Zion Lutheran School's Monthly Newsletter - November 2018

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, Nov. 7
Veteran's Day Celebration @ Chapel
School-wide Photo Shoot
Chess Club

Thursday, Nov. 8
Early Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, Nov. 9
Parent Teacher Conferences

Saturday, Nov. 10
School Dance 7-10 pm

Sunday, Nov. 11
8 am and 10:45 am Worship at Zion Lutheran Church

Monday, Nov. 12
Veteran's Day - No School
ZLS Auction Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday Nov. 13-Friday, Nov. 16
Hello Week @ ZLS (Student Council)

Tuesday, Nov. 13
2nd Grade Field Trip - Magic House
Kindergarten Readiness Night

Wednesday, Nov. 14
Chess Club

Monday, Nov. 19
Fall Sports Banquet

Tuesday, Nov. 20
Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm

Wed, Nov. 21 - Nov. 25
Thanksgiving Break

"THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER"

From the desk of Ananda Baron, principal

Together, the staff, students, and you (our families) have been digging deeper into this year's focus of being "Rooted and Grounded in Love". In October and November, we are backing up a few steps (before roots) and looking at seeds and planting. We will take a look at this parable within our faith families this week, and since your children will be hearing about it, I thought we could examine it as parents ourselves.

I grew up in Southern California but more than half my lifetime now has been lived in the midwest, yet I cannot claim to know any more about farming than I did when living on the west coast. I guess I always imagined it happening the way I saw it portrayed in the Johnny Appleseed cartoon - John Chapman carefully plows each row and then takes one seed at a time and places it purposefully and thoughtfully in the ground to plant his first apple orchard. However, as I read more about this parable, I learned that farmers actually scatter seed here and there and far and wide before plowing, and that's what this farmer (the "sower") does in Mark 4:4-8:

"And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

As all parables do, this one was told by Jesus to teach a lesson. Often referred to as "The Parable of the Soil", this one appears to be a lesson to us about the condition of our hearts. The seed represents God's word and the soil represents the person hearing the Word. Some people hear the Word but immediately allow Satan and sin to take away what they have heard. Others hear the Word and have joy because of it, but because they don't have a rooted relationship with God the joy is short lived. A third group hears the Word, but allows worldly views to speak louder than the truth that is offered. Finally, there are those who hear the Word, accept it, and believe its truth, developing a strong relationship with Christ and going out to make disciples.

God reminds us to check our hearts' conditions, for at any time, our heart may fall into one of these four categories. He reminds us to guard our hearts against temptation, sin, the devil, and the cares of this world and to center our lives around a relationship with Jesus Christ with the ultimate goal of glorifying God and make disciples who can, in turn, make disciples.

However, let's not forget about the scattering sower. Who is this person? I can remember thinking that, compared to my cartoon Johnny Appleseed, this sower seems a bit careless and wasteful as the seed falls on all types of ground - most in which it will never take root.

I was taught that the sower represented all of Jesus's disciples who go out and share the Word of God to anyone who has ears. It is not our job as his witnesses to determine who should hear it and who shouldn't, and it is not our job to make sure that the people we have shared it with take to heart. This is the work of the triune God.

But I also like to think of the Sower as Jesus Christ Himself? It shows Jesus as a man of action, one with an urgent mission to usher in the kingdom of God. It makes clear His mission on earth - "Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick" (Luke 5:31) - to rescue sinners, to seek and save the lost, and to bring salvation to everyone.

Christ's Word and His love are available to everyone. May we all examine our hearts that we may hear and receive it, allow it to take root in our every-day lives, and share it with all who will listen.





"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above..." James 1:17

2018 Shopping Dates: Monday Dec. 3th - Thursday, Dec. 6th
Donations Accepted Nov. 12-Dec. 3rd

Mouse House is a Christmas gift shopping experience for all Zion students, PreK - 8th grade.

- We ask each family to donate **NEW store bought or hand crafted** items of any type. Please keep in mind gifts for men, women, kids, and pets. Edible treats are a hit, as are creatively packaged Dollar Store, bargain bin, and clearance items.
- Families are asked to create a list of people for whom they wish to shop, and to write the names on the outside of an envelope containing the shopping money. Students are usually allowed to shop for 4-6 people.
- Students shop from the donated items to fulfill their "gift list".
- Items are priced \$.50 - \$1.50.
- Preschool-1st grade will have assistance with their shopping from the older students.
- Mouse House volunteers will "wrap" the presents by placing them in decorated bags (or gift wrap for larger items) and putting them all together in a large paper bag along with the student's change envelope.
- The items will be brought home at the end of their shopping day.
- Adult volunteers are needed during setup/clean up and shopping days! Volunteer forms will be coming home soon for sign-up times, or you may sign up online.

Any profit from Mouse House goes directly back to our school and students. Some funds are used to purchase Bibles for the Second Grade 1st Bible Faith Stepping Stone. Other funds go toward teacher requests and Teacher Appreciation.

That is how it works! If you have questions about any aspect of Mouse House, please feel free to contact Jessica Baack at 973-3993 (phone calls and texts are welcome). We hope that this information will shed some light on this very special, long-standing Zion tradition. We look forward to sharing in this experience with your family!

God's Blessings,
Mouse House Coordinators
Jessica Baack and Dawn Holcomb



A huge thank you to all who contributed to this year's Lions Roar Fun Run. God blessed us with beautiful weather and fast legs as our students ran laps and had fun. The classroom themes, colors, excitement - complete with Freckles and Go-Go - was a huge hit and surely raised lots of funds to go towards our air conditioning Fund-A-Need project for the gymnasium. Final donations are due in the school on Wednesday, Nov. 7 - a total raised is yet to be announced! God is good - all the time!



SCRIP PROGRAM -GREAT FOR CHRISTMAS!!!

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: tmarino@zionschoolbelleville.org

NOW HIRING

Zion Lutheran School has an available position in our school kitchen starting immediately.

Description: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am-1:30pm; assist with preparing and serving lunch; wash trays and other dishes; additional fill-in shifts available as needed.

Interested applicants should submit an application to Ananda Baron, principal, via email abaron@zionschoolbelleville.org or bring to the school office.

All information should be submitted for consideration as soon as possible. Applicants will be considered on a first come - first served basis.

2019 SCHOOL AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 6
Regency Conference Center - O'Fallon, IL

Let's meet and start planning this year's auction!
Join us on Monday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 pm at Alongside Commons in the school to discuss how you can help with our school's largest fundraiser!

Can't make the meeting but want to help? Contact Jill Batchelder at jbatchelder@zionbelleville.org or call her at the school 618-234-0275.

SAVE THE DATE
Father-Daughter Dance
Saturday,
March 9, 2019

Shop Amazon Smile this holiday season and support Zion Lutheran Church & School.



Zion Lutheran Church and School Spirit Night
Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Join us for food and fun! Come support your local school and a portion of the night's sales will be donated accordingly.

Chic-fil-A
Green Mount Commons
Belleville



**Kindergarten Readiness Night
Tuesday, November 13th**

6:00 - 7:30 PM



5:30 PM = PRESCHOOL PERFORMANCE IN GYM

6 PM = KINDERGARTEN PERFORMANCE IN CHURCH

6:15 PM = 1ST-4TH MUSICAL IN CHURCH

7:30 PM = ADVANCED CHOIR & BAND PERFORMANCE IN GYM

Zion Lutheran School
Friday, December 7

Christmas
EXTRAVAGANZA

Below you will find your Class Party Leaders for the 2018-2019 school year. There are a few blanks, please text Dawn Gray @ 406-4962 or email neededby3@gmail.com to fill in the gaps.

Please contact your Class Party Leader to offer help or donate to the party. Be on the lookout for party details and party needs as it gets closer to each date.

Thanks!
Team School

2018-2019 Class Party Leaders

Kindergarten- Ziegler

Christmas Party – Jessica Carter
Valentine Party – DeAsha Gower
Easter Party – DeAsha Gower

Kindergarten- Griffith

Christmas Party – Naomi Wuest
Valentine Party – Becky Bertram
Easter Party –

1st Grade- Ill

Christmas Party – Leah Dukowitz
Valentine Party – Dannielle Wade
Easter Party – Elizabeth Hansen

1st Grade- Hasstedt

Christmas Party – Tricia Burge
Valentine Party –
Easter Party –

2nd Grade- Lotz

Christmas Party – Jaime Brinkman
Valentine Party – Jennifer Pagen
Easter Party – Rebecca Ritz

2nd Grade- Haynes

Christmas Party – Erica Stelling
Valentine Party –
Easter Party –

3rd Grade- Barradas

Christmas Party – Leah Kemper
Valentine Party –
Easter Party – Melissa Stein

4th Grade – Matthews

Christmas Party – Lynn Jezik
Valentine Party – Monica Wilson
Easter Party – Ashlie Kuehn

4th Grade – Bennett

Christmas Party – Tara Kopf
Valentine Party – Ashlie Kuehn
Easter Party – Faith Spelbring

5th Grade- Sehr

Christmas Party – Juli Donahue
Valentine Party – Jaime Dill
Easter Party – Lisa Boerm

6th Grade- Redman

Christmas Party – Mandy Pyles
Valentine Party – Mandy Pyles
Easter Party – Mandy Pyles

6th Grade- Schmid

Christmas Party – Mandy Pyles
Valentine Party – Mandy Pyles
Easter Party – Mandy Pyles

7th Grade – Hackstadt

Christmas Party – Jamie Dill
Valentine Party – Joely Landreth
Easter Party – Jill Tantillo

8th Grade – Ledebuhr

Christmas Party – Dawn Gray
Valentine Party – Jill Tantillo
Easter Party -

Why Not Join the Christmas Joy Choir?

Zion will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 16 at 3 p. m. Lloyd Larson's Christmas Cantata "The Glory of Christ!" is the basis of the concert, with carols and hymns used throughout the concert. The congregational singing and choir are accompanied by strings and instrumentals, as well as handbell choirs.

Rehearsals:

Our choral rehearsals are on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the months of November and December and you can choose to come either night (whatever suits your schedule):

-Wednesdays: Nov. 7, 14, 28 Dec. 5 and 12

-Thursdays: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 Dec. 6 and 13

During the week of Thanksgiving, we will have a joint rehearsal on Tuesday, Nov.20 at 7:30 p.m.

All of these rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m. and generally will last 1 ½ hours.

Our instrumental rehearsals are on Sundays, Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9 from noon until 1:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 is our final instrumental rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Our combined rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 15, beginning with a bite to eat at 8 a.m. and rehearsal from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.

A choral/instrumental folder with the music and a rehearsal CD will be provided to all who join us.

If you are interested, please contact Dawn Tayon, Director of Music at Zion Lutheran (222-7428 or dtayon@zionbelleville.org). We'd like to know your voicing or instrumentation so music can be provided ahead of time.

Please pass this information along to your musical friends!

Christmas Baskets

Every year Zion supports an outreach program called the Christmas Baskets. We provide food for families in the area who need a little help this time of the year. Last year we made baskets for about 200 families. Because we no longer have our own food pantry and instead support the Community Interfaith Pantry, we will be providing a Christmas Dinner menu instead of just groceries. The following are items that we would like to include in our baskets. Donations of these items would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to Zion for the Thanksgiving Service Thurs Nov 22, or the following two Sundays Nov 25th and Dec 2nd.

Items needed: •Marconi/Cheese (4) •Instant Potatoes, (4) •Gravy packets or cans, (4) •Yams, (3) •Can veg, (4) •Can Fruit or Cranberries,(4) •brownie mix or other box desserts. (4)

We also need donated paper bags for the food, and cookies to have on hand during our event. We will be purchasing hams, bread, pies to go with this. If you would like to help hand out baskets on Sat Dec 15th from 10am-2pm, please let me know. This is a great event where families can serve together. Your continual prayers as well, as monetary support is welcome, for those who are unable to get out and buy groceries. Thank you for serving and making a difference in someone else's life.

Bev & Tim Reeb
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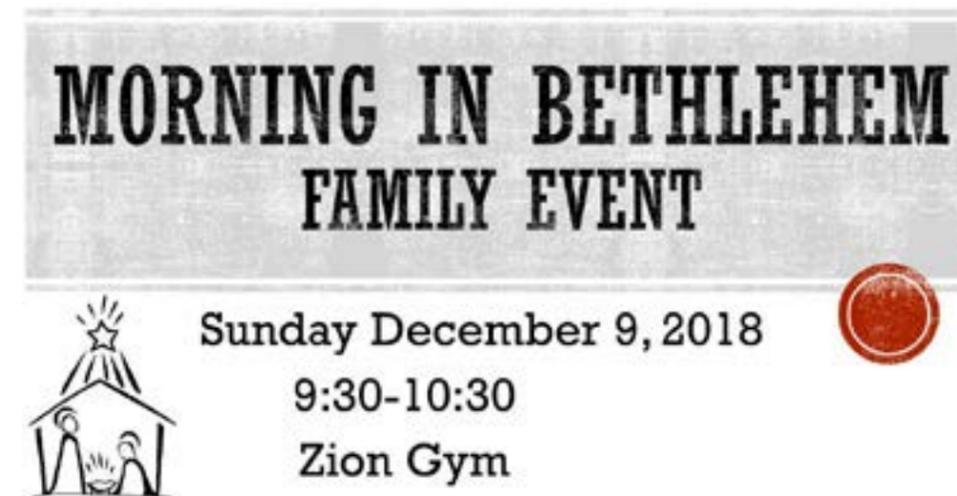
Opportunity to serve!

Zion is in need of members to serve in various lay leadership positions that will be up for election this November. Positions are open for President of the Ministry Leadership Group (MLG), the MLG, Financial Secretary, the Board of Elders, and the School Board. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to use your talents in one of these areas. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jeff Papka at papkajm@att.net or call (618)213-6104. Nominations will be open until Sunday, November 11th.

The Tradition Continues

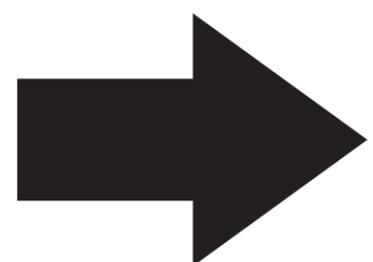
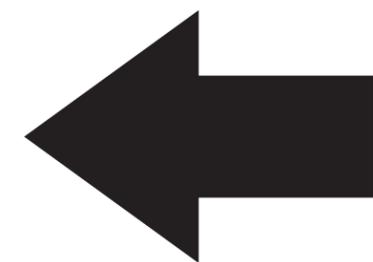
As we have for many years, our congregation will have the opportunity to help our community through the Angel Tree program. Angel Tree is a Prison Fellowship ministry which helps prisoners give Christmas gifts to their children. Over half of incarcerated parents are 100+ miles from their families. By supporting this program, you are helping a child - possibly your neighbor or a student in your child's grade school or high school - connect with their parent in prison. You can be the one to help bring joy and hope to their families.

A Christmas tree will soon be in the narthex. Pick a child's name from the tree, buy a gift, and return it to the tree. It's that simple. The gifts will be given to the children at a Christmas party on December 8.



**MORNING IN BETHLEHEM
FAMILY EVENT**

Sunday December 9, 2018
9:30-10:30
Zion Gym



God Squad
(5th & 6th graders)
Sunday
December 2,
12-3P.M.

Christmas cookie and tree
decorating, games, devotion and
merry more.
Wear comfy clothes, bring \$5,
lunch provided.



ALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 • 12:30-3 PM



Our All School Open House is a chance to stop by, hear from parents, teachers and more. Learn about how we take individualized approaches to learning and teach our students to be leaders. A school where every child is known by name. Whether you are just starting the journey of school for your family or are looking for a change, we invite you to get to know us at Zion Lutheran School Belleville.



**Preschool 2-
8th Grade**



**Christ Centered Education
Academic Excellence**

More info available at zionschoolbelleville.org
Email Erica Stelling, Admissions Director at estelling@zionschoolbelleville.org or call 618-234-0275

LUNCH BALANCE INFO

Lunch balances can be found by either logging into your TADS account or by calling the school office. At this time, all lunch payments need to be paid by dropping off payment to either Julie Kienitz in the kitchen or in the school office. If you have a balance or would like to add money to your account, please bring in cash or check made out to Zion Lutheran School.

SPORTS

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

LUNCH

[CLICK HERE FOR LUNCH CALENDAR - NOVEMBER](#)



**THANKSGIVING BREAK:
NOV. 21-25**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK:
DEC. 21-JAN.6**