



# Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

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## **Zion Lutheran Families,**

Every other school year at Zion Lutheran School, we switch our focus of spiritual education between the small catechism and the Church calendar.

The catechism was the focus last year. Student memory work, my sermons, and chapel were all based on the catechism.

This year our focus of spiritual education is based on the Church calendar. The chapel readings, the colors of the altar paraments, the sermon texts, and hymns are chosen to fit the season of the Church calendar. Familiar seasons include Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. But right now we are in the Trinity season, or the long green season. At the end of this season the focus is on end times, judgment, and the eternal resurrection!

This week in Matins, I preached to the students that true Christian happiness is found in being with Jesus Christ forever. We have to wait for this ultimate happiness and often we suffer in this life, but the faithful look eagerly to the final coming of our Lord. On judgment day, repentant sinners who believe in Jesus Christ as the only true God will be made like Christ and will join Him in living forever. Thanks be to the Lord Jesus for saving us sinners, who deserve judgment, but will escape the Judgement by His grace through faith in Him.

### **The Hymn of the Week Next week will be: *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying***

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing;  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.

For her Lord comes down all-glorious, The strong in grace, in truth victorious;  
Her star is ris'n, her light is come. Now come, Thou Blessed One,

Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna!

We enter all The wedding hall, To eat the Supper at Thy call.

In Christ,

Headmaster and Vicar Joshua Swigart

## **November Virtue of “Charity” Scripture**

“[Charity]...beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.”  
“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”

**1 Cor. 13:7, 13**

# CERTE DE FASTIS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

| Sunday                                                                               | Monday                                              | Tuesday                                         | Wednesday                                                   | Thursday                                        | Friday                                               | Saturday |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                                                      |                                                     |                                                 |                                                             |                                                 | 1<br><br>NO SCHOOL                                   | 2        |
| 3                                                                                    | 4                                                   | 5                                               | 6<br><br>Make Up<br>Picture Day<br>(Individual)<br>10:15 am | 7                                               | 8                                                    | 9        |
| 10                                                                                   | 11<br><br>ZLS<br>Veterans Day<br>Program<br>1:45 pm | 12                                              | 13<br><br>PTF Mtg<br>3:00 pm                                | 14                                              | 15                                                   | 16       |
| 17                                                                                   | 18                                                  | 19                                              | 20                                                          | 21                                              | 22<br><br>ZLS<br>Thanksgiving<br>Feast<br>(11:00 am) | 23       |
| 24<br><br>Zion Lutheran Church<br>Reverend Swan's<br>Installation Service<br>4:00 pm | 25<br><br>NO SCHOOL<br>Thanksgiving<br>Vacation     | 26<br><br>NO SCHOOL<br>Thanksgiving<br>Vacation | 27<br><br>NO SCHOOL<br>Thanksgiving<br>Vacation             | 28<br><br>NO SCHOOL<br>Thanksgiving<br>Vacation | 29<br><br>NO SCHOOL<br>Thanksgiving<br>Vacation      | 30       |

- 1st** NO SCHOOL
- 6th** Make Up Picture Day for Individual Pictures
- 11th** ZLS Veterans Day Program - 1:45 pm
- 13th** Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Meeting - 3:00 pm
- 22th** Thanksgiving Feast - See Flyer for more information.
- 24th** Rev. Swan's Installation Service 4:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church
- 25th - 29th** NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving Vacation

# CERTE DE FASTIS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

| Sunday | Monday                                                                                           | Tuesday                                         | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                                                   | Friday                                                     | Saturday |
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| 1      | 2                                                                                                | 3<br><b>2nd Qtr.<br/>Mid-term</b>               | 4                                                  | 5<br><b>Hot Lunch<br/>Christmas<br/>Wreath<br/>Pick Up</b> | 6<br><b>Hot Lunch<br/>Christmas<br/>Wreath<br/>Pick Up</b> | 7        |
| 8      | 9                                                                                                | 10                                              | 11<br><b>PTF Mtg<br/>3:00 pm</b>                   | 12                                                         | 13<br><b>PTF<br/>Movie Night<br/>6-8 pm</b>                | 14       |
| 15     | 16                                                                                               | 17                                              | 18                                                 | 19<br><b>ZLS<br/>Christmas<br/>Program<br/>6:30 pm</b>     | 20                                                         | 21       |
| 22     | 23<br><b>PTF<br/>Parents Night<br/>Out (4-8 pm)</b><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Christmas<br>Vacation | 24<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Christmas<br>Vacation | 25<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Christmas<br>Vacation    | 26<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Christmas<br>Vacation            | 27<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Christmas<br>Vacation            | 28       |
| 29     | 30<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Christmas<br>Vacation                                                  | 31<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Christmas<br>Vacation | 1 JAN<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Christmas<br>Vacation | 2 JAN<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Christmas<br>Vacation         | 3 JAN<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Christmas<br>Vacation         | 4 JAN    |

**3rd**

**2nd Quarter Midterm**

**5th & 6th**

**Hot Lunch Program Christmas Wreath Pickup**

**11th**

**Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Meeting - 3:00 pm**

**13th**

**PTF Movie Night - 6:00 - 8:00pm**

**19th**

**ZLS Christmas Program - 6:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church (ZLC)**

**23th Dec - 3rd Jan**

**NO SCHOOL -Christmas Vacation**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ◆ **Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Meeting -Wed Nov 13th, 2024:**

We had a productive and fun PTF meeting last night. Thank you to all the parents who attended.

Note: Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, or family friends on Parent's emergency contact list are welcome to attend the PTF meetings. Don't forget that parents of Zion Lutheran School students are already voting members!

- ◆ **ZLS After School Care (ASC) Update:**

To improve our ASC pick-up communication, we have updated the information sheet posted at the ASC pick-up door. If you have trouble reaching one of our ASC staff members, please call Mr. Swigart's cell phone, the front office, or Mrs. Alverson's cell phone and we will help you contact the ASC staff promptly. Thank you!

- ◆ **November Virtue of "Charity" Awards and Luncheons:**

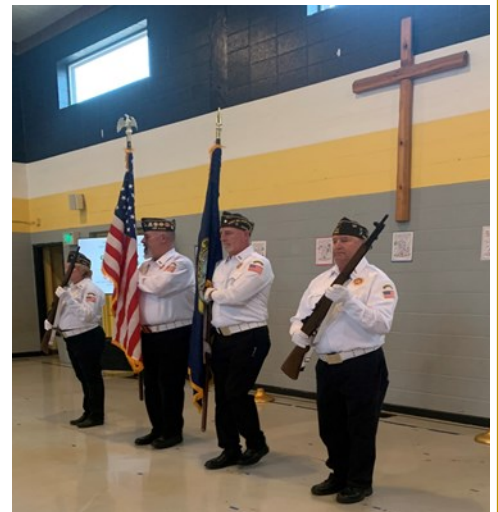
Our November Virtue of "Charity" Awards will be presented on **Friday, December 6th.**

The Luncheons will be held on **Thursdays, December 12th or 19th.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ **ZLS Families & Supporters:** A huge thank you to all that came out to support the Veterans Day Program. Thank you to our Teachers and Students for their hard work in preparing for their presentations. They did great! Thank you to all those who provided photos and information on their family Veterans. Next year we will continue to build on this important program and, as suggested by some students and staff, we will provide a display table for students and families to share some of the mementos that they have from their Veterans.

Next year's Veterans Day Program will be **Tuesday, November 11th, 2025 at 1:45 pm.**



## REMINDERS:

- ◆ **Late Work Policy**

Late work is accepted at ZLS for **50% credit** (It must be turned in during the quarter in which it was assigned).

This will help them meet deadlines and understand the consequences of late work. Exceptions to this rule will be given when approved by the teacher and headmaster and this will not apply for when children are absent.

# Zion Lutheran School

## 2024 Thanksgiving Feast



- ◆ Each family is asked to donate a food item. The students in the different grades are assigned a food item listed below.
- ◆ Please drop off disposable containers of food in the kitchen by Thursday, Nov. 21st, by 10:00 am.
- ◆ PreK - 2 dozen rolls per family
- ◆ Kindergarten - Prepared Mashed Potatoes for 8 servings per family
- ◆ 1st/2nd - 2 baked pies per family
- ◆ 3rd/4th /5th - Prepared Stuffing for 8-10 servings per family
- ◆ 6th, 7th - 6 cans of Green Beans per family
- ◆ ZLC Members - Vegetable Tray Items, Olives, Cranberry Sauce
- ◆ Families with multiple children, please coordinate with Heather Ratcliff in the Kitchen in the mornings.  
HLP Email: [zshotlunchhr@gmail.com](mailto:zshotlunchhr@gmail.com) Front Office Phone: 208-466-9141
- ◆ Zion Lutheran Church (ZLC) members please contact ZLS Front office if you will be able to attend.

**ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
**2024 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 404 NECTARINE ST. NAMPÅ**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 @ 6:30 PM**

## **THANK YOU TO ONE OF OUR ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL VOLUNTEER TEACHERS!**

We would like to say a heartfelt thank-you to Mrs. Kris Bockenstette our Volunteer Art Teacher for 3rd and Higher grades! This wonderful Art Teacher has been volunteering for over 20 years at Zion Lutheran School. She started volunteering in the early 2000's when she helped Mrs. Wollman with her class auction project. Initially for several years when she was working full time, she would come in once a month on her day off and to do an art project. Once her work schedule became more flexible she started coming in once a week and providing formal art lessons. She is an integral part of Zion's classical curriculum and teaches Art to the 3rd and Higher grade students every Thursday!



**Volunteer Art Teacher  
Mrs. Kris Bockenstette**

Mrs. Bockenstette is an alumni of Zion Lutheran School from first grade in 1969 through sixth grade in 1976. One of her favorite teachers was Miss Freda DeWald in first and second grade. She credits Miss DeWald with helping her overcome her slight dyslexia by tutoring her every afternoon after school. She said Miss DeWald was a kind and caring teacher, but could really whack a ruler on you if you were misbehaving! Another of her favorite teachers was Mr. Don Volkert who made subjects interesting. Kris enjoyed Idaho History and Earth Science during her early school years.

Mrs. Bockenstette has been a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church. She has taught crafts during Vacation Bible School and sang in the Church Choir. Kris has served in several positions within the church. She was a member on the Ministry Council for two terms, served on the Altar Guild and most recently served on the Pastoral Call Committee. She also served on the School Board for three terms as a member, secretary, and chairman. During her tenure with the School Board they painted the school inside and out, replaced some flooring, and other various projects. She also substituted one year as the Kindergarten Teacher.

She and her husband Jim like the outdoors and live in North Nampa where she enjoys growing vegetables, gardening and doing lots of craft and art projects.

**Thank-you Mrs. Kris Bockenstette!**

