

School Year Theme: “Grace Given/Grace Driven”

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God” - Ephesians 2:8

Product Loyalty

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” – 1 Corinthians 15:58

The only cola my mom ever drank was Pepsi. I have an uncle whose snow machines are all Arctic Cat. A cousin of mine wouldn't own a truck that wasn't a Chevy.

Only Nike shoes. Only Hershey's chocolate. *Product loyalty.* Manufacturers depend on it. Advertisers encourage it. “*Our product is the best, the most comfortable, the tastiest, the most refreshing. No other product will do.*”

Some people may be obsessive about it, but there is some comfort in it. People like to know what they are getting. They like to know it will be the same today as it was the last time they ate, wore or drove it. Surprisingly, however, many will continue to be loyal to a product even when it lets them down, or when it doesn't meet their expectations. Stranger still, some will insist that a certain brand is the best simply because others tell them so, or the advertisers have made the most convincing commercials.

There is a certain “product loyalty” aspect to faith as well, though we don't often recognize it. God expects product loyalty. He has planned and prepared our salvation through eternity and carried out that plan through his own Son Jesus. His promise and plan of salvation isn't just the best one; it's the *only* one. No other religion or faith can compare. There is no other way to forgiveness, life and salvation but through Jesus. Or as it says in Acts chapter 4:11, “***Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.***”

Yet the world around us preaches just the opposite: “*Pick the religion that is right for you. Trust in the “god” that appeals to you. It's your choice. It's your life.*” The world teaches that your choice of religion is no more important than your choice of fast food french fries. As a result, many in the world are loyal to a faith that does not satisfy their real need - that does not save.

We can certainly argue whether or not New Balance are the best shoes, or Coca Cola is the best soft drink. But make no mistake; there is only one faith that truly refreshes, only one means of salvation that truly saves, and only one God who, through his Son Jesus, makes you his heir and heaven your home. That's not propaganda or an advertising gimmick. That's truth. Salvation in Jesus is the only faith that delivers what it promises.

“***...stand firm. Let nothing move you.***” In regard to faith, don't be afraid to declare what you believe. Show product loyalty. Share the reason for the hope that you have with your family and friends. Through the Holy Spirit's power and God's Word, you may just have the opportunity to bring “another satisfied customer” to Christ.

God bless your week and your Thanksgiving celebrations as you give thanks not only for God's physical blessings, but also his eternal blessings through Jesus!

-Principal Schneck

Thank you!

Thank you to all the grade 3-8 students who joined in singing with the MLS Choir on Sunday, as well as the Handchime B group who played for pre-service. Thank you for being a blessing to us!

Thanksgiving Holiday Break

There are no school classes this week Wednesday through Friday, November 22-24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. May God bless your celebrations and time with family.

Sports - Co-Ed Basketball

There will be NO basketball practices on Monday and Tuesday, November 20 and 21.

School Pictures

Picture packets are being sent home today. Our Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, December 13. Please see the attached flyer for details.

PLEASE NOTE: Original packages MUST be returned to the Lifetouch photographer on Picture Retake Day.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunches this week and next for those who ordered it:

Monday, November 20 - Chicken Nuggets/Mac and Cheese

Monday, November 27 - Pancake Bar Wednesday, November 29 - Sloppy Joes

Friday, December 1 - Pizza

Delicious Coffee with Friends!

The Warrior Oasis Cafe is open on TUESDAY in the gym. After dropping off the kiddos, come enjoy a great cup of coffee or hot tea with fellow parents and friends before heading out for the day, or grab a cup to go. Coffee is served starting at 7:45 a.m. Cost is a free-will donation to the 7th-8th Field Trip Fund.

On the Calendar...

- Monday, November 20 - HOT LUNCH - Chicken Nuggets with Mac and Cheese
Parents and Littles at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 21 - Warrior Oasis Coffee available in the gym 7:45 a.m.
Kindergarten Turkey Trot
- Wednesday, November 22
through Friday, November 24 - **No School classes for the Thanksgiving Holiday**
- Sunday, November 26 - *Worship Service at Zion Lutheran 9 a.m.*
Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15 a.m.
- Monday, November 27 - HOT LUNCH - Pancake Bar
Parents and Littles at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Basketball Practice 3-5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 28 - Warrior Oasis Coffee available in the gym 7:45 a.m.
Basketball Practice 3-5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 29 - HOT LUNCH - Sloppy Joes
School Chapel Service 2:30 p.m.
Basketball Practice 3-5:30 p.m.
Advent Worship Service at Zion Lutheran 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 30 - Grade 6-8 Field Trip - Cranbrook Science Institute and Planetarium
Cheerleading/Pee Wee Poms 3-4 p.m.
- Friday, December 1 - Warrior Oasis Coffee available in the gym 7:45 a.m.
HOT LUNCH - Pizza
- Sunday, December 2 - *Worship Service at Zion Lutheran 9 a.m.*
Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15 a.m.

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Christmas for Kids

DECEMBER 2 9AM-1PM
AGES 3-12

+ Luncheon provided by Friends in Faith

Drop your children off for a morning of fun while you go Christmas shopping!

Join us for an exciting morning of games and activities focused on God's greatest gift to us - JESUS!

Women's Advent Tea by Candlelight

Sunday, December 3rd
6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy an evening of **Christian Fellowship and Music of the Season**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Program begins at 6:00 p.m.
with a Luncheon and Tea

All women are invited
Please sign-up in the West foyer

Hostesses are needed!
Please call for information:
Brenda Chandonnet, 734-915-5477 or
Ruth Peters, 734-731-6983

Suggested Donation of \$9.00

Lifetouch

PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS COMING!

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
miércoles, 13 de diciembre, 2023
Retake Day! Zion Lutheran School

You can still order on mylifetouch.com with your Student ID or Picture Day ID: **EVTZ9ZPBZ**

Scan to order!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA NUEVA TOMA FOTOGRÁFICA! Aún puedes encargarte en mylifetouch.com con tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. ¡Echa un vistazo para encargarte!

Want us to retake your picture?
Simply return your original package on Picture Retake Day.

¿Quieres que volvamos a tomar tu foto? Simplemente envía tu paquete original el día de la nueva toma fotográfica.

Important!
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