



Zion Lutheran School Connection

This year's theme: "We Are God's Masterpiece"

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." – Eph. 2:10

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...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. – Romans 3:23-24

I have never had a traffic ticket. Not one. I am somewhat proud of that. However, it doesn't mean that I haven't ever deserved one. For example, early one morning a few years back, I was heading out of my neighborhood to pick up a friend. I was at the intersection, and when the light turned green I made a left turn onto a four lane road, and apparently I moved too quickly into the outside lane. No one else was around, that is, except the police car watching from the corner. I think every driver knows the feeling. The flashing lights flare up behind you. Your stomach drops. You pull over to the side of the road and quickly rehearse in your mind what you will say. I reached into my back pocket to get my driver's license and...I realized that I forgot my wallet. I won't go into any more detail, but long story short, he let me off with a warning and a reminder not to forget my license in the future. With a lesson learned about lane changes on a left turn and prayers of thanks to God for the blessing of an understanding police officer, I was on my way. What a relief! No ticket, no fine, no points. A moment of undeserved grace.

We all have received much greater grace in our Lord Jesus. Far more than a mistaken lane change, we all have been "caught red-handed" in sin – a LOT of sin. God knows every sin you and I have ever committed. Every impure thought. Every selfish deed. Every hurtful word and action. Each one makes us worthy of eternal punishment in hell. We have fallen woefully short of the glory of God.

But God doesn't treat us as our sins deserve. Instead, he laid all of our sinful thoughts, words and deeds on Jesus, who took them to the cross, taking on himself our punishment, and granting us complete and undeserved forgiveness, full and free. Now God looks at us and sees Jesus' perfect obedience and life credited to us. We are declared "Not Guilty"! What grace!

As we continue our Lenten journey remembering Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, take the opportunity with your family to remember and thank Jesus for his wonderful gift of grace-God's underserved love for us-and rejoice in the gifts of forgiveness, salvation, and eternity in heaven that is ours through him.

God bless your week,
Bryan Schneck ☺

Friday, March 17th Early Dismissal

Friday, March 17th marks the end of our 3rd quarter and will be an early dismissal day. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

Third Quarter Parent-Teacher Consultations

This year we again have scheduled optional 3rd quarter parent/teacher consultations. These are not required meetings, but we encourage our parents to make the most of this opportunity. Appointments will be available in the evenings from March 21st to 23rd. An email was sent out with details on signing up for an appointment via a Signup Genius page. You can also use the following link to access the appointment page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B45ABA82FA0F58-3rdquarter1>

Please contact Mr. Schneck if you have any questions. For those not signed up for consultations, 3rd quarter reports will be sent home on Friday, March 24th.

MLS Children's Theatre Presentation Monday, March 13

The Michigan Lutheran Seminary Children's Theatre group will be presenting **Camelot, Camelittle** to our school students as well as visiting students from Trinity, Jenera in our gymnasium at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 13th. Although we don't have Kindergarten class on Monday, **Kindergarten students of Zion with their parents, preschool students with their parents, and family of our Zion students are welcome to come attend the presentation at 10:30 a.m.**

Chapel Service

School families are invited to join us for our monthly morning school chapel service on Wednesday, March 15th at 8:05 a.m. Parents, family and friends are welcome! Our chapel offerings this year continue to support Costa Maya Ministries. Please remember Costa Maya Ministries Mexico Mission in your prayers and chapel offerings!

Cheerleading

Thank you, Cheerleaders and Pee Wee Poms for keeping up our school spirit this basketball season. Special thanks to Mrs. Sordahl, Mrs. Schneck, and Mrs. Roth for coaching our girls!

Co-Ed Basketball

Congratulations A,B, and C teams for your efforts and success this basketball season. We are very proud of you! Special thanks to coaches Steve Sordahl and Ryan Roth for their hard work with our teams.

Basketball/Cheer Uniforms returned

Basketball players and cheerleaders, please wash and return your uniforms to school by Friday, March 17th. Uniforms can be turned in to Mr. Roth.

Zion CEA Meets Next Week Tuesday, March 21st

Our next Zion Christian Education Association (CEA) meeting is Tuesday, March 21st at 3:05 p.m. The agenda includes the Mother/Daughter Tea on March 26th, The Art and Literacy Night Open House on March 28th, and our upcoming school musical, "The Sailor's Bible", on April 28th. All Zion parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Update on the Zion CEA Auction: the finally total raised for CEA activities and purchases was \$18,466.75! Thank you, everyone who participated, for your help and generosity!

Are you interested in finding out more about God's Word?

Pastor Ulrich has just started up a new Bible Information Class (BIC) that meets weekly. This is a great class for those interested in learning more about the Christian faith as well as for longtime Christians looking for a refresher course on the basic teachings of God's Word. Please contact Pastor Ulrich for more information.

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch this week and next for those who ordered:

Monday, March 13th – Chicken and Dumplings

Wednesday, March 15th – Pizza Rolls

Monday, March 13th – Walking Tacos

Zion School Open House and Art and Literacy Night – Coming up on Tuesday, March 28th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

For Zion students and families as well as guests. Introduce your interested friends and family to our school family! We will have our usual book exchange (we have lots of free books for kids and adults available! You can also bring in books you no longer want, to donate and share with others.)

Following our school year theme, we will also have a number of art activities available for families to do together. School tours and enrollment information will also be available.

Mother-Daughter Tea

On March 26th is our Zion Mother-Daughter Tea. Please see the attached flyer and RSVP slip attached to this newsletter. RSVP slips need to be returned to school by March 24th. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Freiny.

What is your family doing for Lent?

The Lenten season is a wonderful time for families to focus on Jesus' work of salvation for us. We welcome our school families to join us for our evening Lenten services here at Zion Lutheran, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. until Holy Week.

Looking for a regular devotion for your family? WELS Family Devotions are posted on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and are written for families with children, with discussion options for different age groups. Check them out here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/family-devotions>
Time spent in God's Word together is never wasted!

Also, we invite our school family to join us at Zion for a special event on Saturday, April 1st from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Zion – “Journey to the Cross”. *Journey to the Cross* is a special interactive “walk through” presentation for families and people of all ages to review the events of the story of Jesus, from his entry into Jerusalem through his suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection, as told through the eyes of witnesses of the events. It is a multi-sensory experience to help the young and old alike to remember all that Jesus has done for us. Please put it on your family's calendar, and look for more information in the coming weeks.

St. Paul's Playgroup

Looking for some fun for your little ones on Mondays? Zion's sister congregation in Monroe, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, hosts a weekly playgroup for parents and children Kindergarten age and younger on Monday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Albain Road. You are invited to join them for play, snacks, and fellowship. Please contact Chelsea Kowalski at 507-766-5679 for more information.

St. Paul's is also hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th, starting at 10:00 a.m. The program includes devotion, songs, crafts, brunch and coffee, and of course an outdoor egg hunt, weather permitting. For more information contact Pastor Nate Fager at 734-790-1294

On the Calendar..

- Monday, March 13th –
MLS Children's Theatre
Presentation 10:30 a.m.
Hot Lunch – Chicken/Dumplings
- Wednesday, March 15th –
School Chapel 8:05 a.m.
Hot Lunch – Pizza Rolls
Lenten Supper (Taco Bar) 5:30
p.m.
Lenten Worship at Zion 7 p.m.
- Friday, March 17th –
Early Dismissal 11:00 a.m.
End of 3rd Quarter
- Sunday, March 19th –
Worship at Zion 9 a.m.
Sunday School, Teen and Adult
Bible Class 10:15 a.m.
- Monday, March 20th –
Hot Lunch – Walking Tacos
- Tuesday, March 21st–
Zion CEA Meets 3:05 p.m.