



# 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

**Issue # 19**

**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## Living in the "Son-light"

It seems lately that we have not seen much of the sun. Foggy mornings, dreary afternoons, long, dark nights. Having started my teaching career living in the tropics, I sometimes miss the bright year-round sunshine and its effects. One thing I remember fondly is the sight and smell of clothing out on the clothesline. We had a washing machine, but no dryer. We didn't need one. 95% or more of the time the bright sun and warm breezes did the work. Even for people who had to wash their clothing by hand in a tub, you could always be impressed by how crisp and bright their clothing was. Sunlight kills germs. Germs didn't stand a chance on freshly washed sheets hanging out in the intense Caribbean sun.

But we need not be in the tropics to see the effects of "Son-light" in our lives. As washed and redeemed children of God, by faith we live as "children of light", having the promise that Christ's righteousness covers our sins completely, that we will stand one day perfect and holy with the multitudes in heaven in our white robes, washed in the saving blood of Jesus, God's Son and our Savior.

***"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." - Ephesians 5:8-17***

Sometimes we prefer to hide portions of our lives from the "Son-light": secret sins we carry and refuse to seek forgiveness for; harbored anger and resentment toward others that we fail to reconcile; sinful habits and actions that we would rather justify than repent of. The infection of sin can fester and spread if left out of the "Son-light", putting the whole body and soul in danger.

May we take the time to daily bask in the brilliant warm light of the "Son", Jesus. Dig in to God's Word with your family for your daily dose of "Son-light". In prayer and repentance, lay your whole self out in the light of God's mercy and grace.

One last thought. When those white sheets were on the clothesline, the bright sun reflecting off them at times made them almost too brilliant to look at. May we also reflect God's love to the world around us in our daily lives. May we walk as "children of light" in this dark, dreary world.

God bless your week!

Principal Schneck ☺

---

**There are no school classes on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.** Classes resume Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cheerleading and Pee Wee Poms**

Cheerleading meets Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 p.m. Pee Wee Poms meets Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 p.m. Please speak to Mrs. Sordahl if you have any questions.

## Co-Ed Basketball

Practices this week: Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Practices are 3-4 p.m. for C team and 4-5:30 for B and A.

Our first games of the season are AWAY games for A and B teams on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at Cross of Glory Lutheran School in Washington, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Our first HOME game is Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> vs. St. John's, Westland. Go Warriors!

## Chapel Service

School families are invited to join us for our morning school chapel service Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:05 to 8:30 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!

## School Closures

Please note that Zion does NOT automatically close for weather when Monroe Public Schools close. We will contact families via the TADS alert system when and if we call a closing or delay due to weather. School closures and delays for Zion are also published online at [https://www.clickondetroit.com/school\\_closings/](https://www.clickondetroit.com/school_closings/). If you are not sure, you may also call or text Principal Schneck (907-331-7761) or your child's teacher.

**Report Cards for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter** will be sent home Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch this week and next for those who ordered:

*Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Ham with Mac and Cheese*

*Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Pizza*

## On the Calendar...

- Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> –  
*Worship at Zion 9 a.m.*  
*Sunday School, Teen and Adult Bible Class 10:15 a.m.*
- Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> –  
No school classes for Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> –  
Basketball practices 3-5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> –  
School Chapel 8:05 a.m.  
*Hot Lunch – Ham with Mac and Cheese*  
Cheerleading practice 3-4 p.m.  
*Evening Worship at Zion 7 p.m.*
- Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> –  
Pee Wee Poms practice 3-4 p.m.  
Basketball practices 3-5:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> –  
*Hot Lunch – Pizza*  
*Basketball Games (A and B) AWAY vs. Cross of Glory, Washington 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

