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Parent Memo
January 20, 2010
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Chapel Every Wednesday at 8:45AM

MISSION STATEMENT:

To teach and equip students and their families for a life of service as Christ's disciples in an ever changing world.

"Lutheran Schools ~ A Great Place to Grow"
"Securing Each Child's Future – For a Life of Service" 1Corinthians 12:5



Please see the Chapel Project note for more information on how to donate through Zion.

Looking Ahead

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| January 20 | February Hot Lunch orders due |
| January 21 | Teachers Mtg. for Accreditation / 1:30 p.m. dismissal; "Good News" Bible Study begins |
| January 22 | Report Cards go home |
| January 26 | Market Day Pick-up 2-3:00 p.m. |
| January 28 | Field trip to Historical Museum gr. 3-6 |
| January 29 | Basketball tournament game vs. Oak Lawn - 6:15PM |
| February 4 | Mary Bethune "Black History" Assembly - 1:30PM |
| February 13 | Basketball Tournament at Crete |
| February 15 | Presidents' Day - No School |
| February 18 | Teacher's Meeting 1:30PM; Early Dismissal, 1:30PM |
| February 19 | Volleyball HOME game vs. Crete, 7PM |
| February 20 | Spelling Bee in Bourbonnais |
| February 26 | V-Ball game HOME vs. Trinity, Lansing 7:00 p.m. |
| February 27 | V-Ball game away vs. Country Club Hills 1:00 p.m. |
| February 28 | Choir/Chimes and Bells 9:00 a.m. service. |

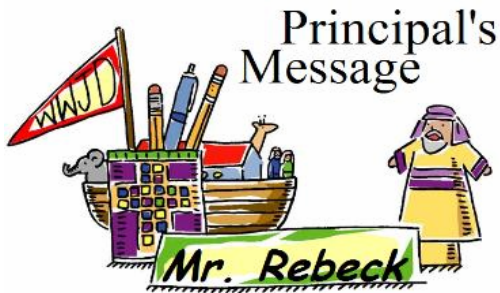


SPORTS PRACTICES THIS NEXT WEEK (January 21-27)

- Girls' Cheerleading practice Thursday - 3:15 -5:15 (gr. 5-8)
Boys' Basketball practices Mondays 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. and Wednesdays 4:15-6:15 p.m.
Girls' Volleyball practice Tuesday - 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

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- ▶ Science Fair news
- ▶ Pastor's Good News Bible Study
- ▶ **HATIAN RELIEF**
- ▶ Super Bowl Sub Order form



Greetings,

With a new quarter upon us, I wish you all the best as we head into the second half of the year. Report cards are coming home Friday. Parent/Teacher conferences are not “officially” held during this time, but I strongly recommend that if you have concerns or need to meet with your child’s teacher, please call to make an appointment. Call our school

office and they will get back to you with a day and time to meet. With half of a year left, there is plenty of time to improve on weak areas as well as maintaining the good areas. We all want the same....for the best educational experience for each child here at Zion.

Douglas C. Rebeck
Principal

HATIAN RELIEF

December/January PROJECT – Orphan Grain Train

Relief for Haiti –
Zion Students Help!!



Our current Chapel Project, **Orphan Grain Train**, has delivered a shipment of supplies to Haiti as recently as January 8. Our monies collected for the months of December and January will be channeled through *Orphan Grain Train* for Haitian Relief efforts. Mission banks will be sent home today to help families gather change for Chapel offerings. Personal checks for the effort can be made payable to Zion Lutheran School. We pray God will bless all of the efforts and opportunities in Haiti!

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEO BEE PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Which Central American country, whose capital is San Jose, has enjoyed stable democracy since 1949? (Answer elsewhere in the memo)

DO YOU HAVE AN OLD COMPUTER?

If so, we are having United Cerebral Palsy (7550 W. 183rd, Tinley Park) come to pick up our old computers that are either too old or have been cannibalized on Wednesday, January 20th. They will pick them up for us free as a donation so we can clean out the Youth Room (second level of the gym). If you have an old computer hard drive, keyboards, or monitor that you want to get rid of, drop it off at the gym entrance either before school 8:00-8:30 (where you drop off your child) or pick up after school 3:00-3:30 p.m. Please do this Tuesday, the 19th or Wednesday morning....they are coming anytime after 9:15 on the 20th.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Please mark Thursday, February 4, for a Black History Assembly on the life of Mary Bethune starting at 1:30 p.m. in our gym. This assembly will feature a professional actress who will portray her and perform for our students her life and contributions. Parents and families are invited to attend this assembly with the students if you are able to.

This assembly kicks off our Black History month where time will be spent in each

classroom learning from educational booklets each child will receive. One book goes through famous African Americans past and present who have contributed throughout our history in areas like science, government, education etc. Other students will use a book on 10 days in black history that changed our nation.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The Boys' Basketball / Girls' Cheerleading first game is Friday, January 29th at 6:15 p.m. The tournament is at St. Paul's, Oak Lawn. Cars

should park in the parking lot behind the school or in front by the church. Plan on arriving a half-hour before the start of the 6:15 game. Our players need to wear their red colors (but bring your white jersey in case you need it). Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children K-8. Readmission will be charged if you leave the gym. Concessions will be available. Lastly, a 3 point shoot, \$1.00 a shot, will be during the half-time of every game. Good luck and make Zion proud !

SCIENCE FAIR

Students are all now preparing for our upcoming Science Fair. This fair will be held during our Lutheran Schools' Week from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on March 11th. Basically, Kindergarten through grade 3 will be asked to prepare a science demonstration, collection, or model of some area of science. Also, they will need to write up a one page report (to be given later to the students to fill out). Grades 4-8 will each plan, document, carry out, and display an experiment following the **SCIENTIFIC METHOD**. A written report as well as a display will be required.

We will be looking for volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to serve as

science fair judges during the day of March 11th. If you are interested in giving a few hours looking over the projects (using a checklist scoring sheet), please let Mr. Rebeck know....we need several people to accomplish this.

BAPTISM BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and God's blessings to Mrs. Nadine Engel, our Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten teacher. Her baptism birthday is Jan. 30th. May God bless and keep her as we acknowledge the day she became a Child of God.

LUNCH SUPERVISION

We are in need of volunteers to help Mr. Rebeck with the lunchroom supervision 11:30-12:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. If you can help out (earn your hours for the \$250 tuition credit), please CALL the school office the morning of to make sure you can help.

ACCREDITATION PROCESS

The Zion Board of Education has given the green light for our school to start up its accreditation process. This involves taking over a year to evaluate and analyze how our school is doing. A visiting team from the National Lutheran School Accreditation will come April 14-15, 2011, to spend two very busy and intense days reviewing our report as well as coming up with their finding in their School Improvement Report, complete with recommendations and suggestions for improvement. The accreditation process helps us to see what we do well and what needs to be done to improve. In the end, this helps us make Zion Lutheran School be as effective and committed to growth and improvement.

Over the next month or two, we will be asking for volunteers to serve on these subcommittees (building facilities, student services, school's relationship with the

community and church, personnel, finances, curriculum, to mention a few). If asked, this will require volunteers to meet with their subcommittee 3-4 times during the year to work through the self-evaluation. Reports will be forthcoming via this newsletter keeping the congregation updated on this process.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Pastor Thompson and Mr. Rebeck will be attending a 2010 Leadership Retreat January 22-23 in Itasca. The topics included: "What Are the Criteria Necessary to Define a Good/Great/Superior School," "Economics of Your Lutheran School: Budgets and Break-Even Points," and "Out of the Box marketing Ideas to Help Raise Enrollment." This topic is very relevant to our Lutheran schools now. Reaching out to our community is so vital for our continued growth and mission. In Mr. Rebeck's absence, Mrs. Lisius will be in charge.



APPRECIATION & THANKS

Dear Students and Parents,

I want to thank all of the children for their part in presenting Jesus' Birth at the manger at Zion on January 10, 2010. With spoken Bible lessons and songs we recaptured our Savior's birth.

Thank you to all Zion teachers and staff for the extra time spend during the school day to prepare this Children's Nativity Service as our Christmas/Epiphany Service.

Many thanks also to parents, friends, Zion Church members, and all who attended the Children's Nativity that day. I pray that your worship was blessed by the children's gift to their Lord in this service.

Sincerely in Christ,
Mrs. Engel



We are always looking for help on sale days, which are usually the third Tuesdays (but not always) of the month. We set up in the church overflow or BASC room starting at 1PM and the sale is over at 3PM. If you are interested in helping please contact Kathy Hagenwald at 481-3156.

Kathy Hagenwald will be taking care of Market Day for Zion. Please support this important P.T.L. (Parent Teacher League) fund-raiser...this is where we get a lot of support for field trips, assemblies and other school-related activities. Market Day orders are due Tuesday, January 19th for paper orders and Friday, January 22 by noon online. Pick up will be Tuesday, January 26 from 2-3PM.

MUSIC NEWS



Music Notes

The children are looking forward to sharing songs in worship with you in the weeks and months ahead. Please make the dates below on your calendars. These dates include our Chamber Chimes,

Little Gospel Lights, Joyful Ringers and Celebrate Singers.

Music is such a wonderful way to give glory to our God! Thank you for the participation of your children and your commitment and support.

February 28

March 14

April 25

May 19 – Variety Show/Fine Arts Fair

May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

National Geographic Geo Bee Answer:
Costa Rica

Zion Lutheran's Spiritual Emphasis
Ministry

"SPIRITUAL SNACKS"



Lessons Written By
Vance Cole

January 20, 2010

TODAY'S LESSON TOPIC: HOW TO HAVE FRIENDS!

New International Version - Proverbs 18:24 *A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

New Living Translation - Proverbs 18:24 *There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.*

A friend is defined by www.dictionary.com as "a person you know well and regard with affection and trust; an associate who provides assistance; a person with whom you are acquainted; a person who backs a politician or a team etc.; supporter, protagonist, champion, admirer, booster".

True friends are hard to find! Many will say that they are your friends but actions speak louder than words. A true friend will be honest with you and not just agree with what you would say and/or do. Yes, a true friend will be there for you through the thick and the thin of one's life. In addition, they will have a shoulder for you to cry on and then will give one a kick in the rear to do the right things. Yes, friends will know when to listen and when to talk. Many times in my life, just having a friend with a listening ear had given me the motivation to go on. An encouraging friend is the greatest type of person to be. Below is a poem from www.teriscafe.com/friends.html.

*Friends are the flowers in the garden of life,
They help you through times of trouble and strife.
There's nothing like friends to make a heart sing,
True friends will share with you most everything.
They will not abandon you in times of need,
They aren't overcome by envy or greed.
Friends are the icing on life's great big cake,
Real friends will give and allow you to take.*

*I don't know how I would survive without friends,
They applaud my beginnings and mourn my sad ends.*

*Tell me, please tell me, what would I do,
If I didn't have a garden full of friends just like YOU!*

Solomon tells us that there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Jesus Christ is that kind of friend. Jesus loves us, cares about us and wants the best for us. Yes, my friend what a friend we have in Jesus! He gave his all for us so that we can be free. Do you have him as a friend? Not only is he my friend but also he is the most important person in my life.

In 1855, Joseph M. Scriven wrote a hymn to comfort his mother living far away from him. Having a solid relationship with God, Scriven wrote the following:

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Opportunities to Grow in His Word:

Monday Evening Worship 7PM

Wednesday Chapel Service 8:45AM

Sunday Morning Worship 9AM

Sunday Morning Adult Classes –
10:30AM

(Two classes offered)

"I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!"

(New Members Class)



On Thursday, January 21, 2010, a new "Good News" class from 7PM to 9PM will begin in the "Overflow" (the room at the back of the worship center). In this course we will go into an exciting Bible study entitled, "I Have Good News For You." This in-depth study reveals God's answers on subjects like: Marriage, Divorce, Baptism, Communion, the Holy Spirit, the Person of Christ, Death, Hell, Heaven, and many others. Above all, it

answers these two important questions:

1. Does God really care about me?
2. How can I know the way to heaven and be sure about it?

If you are not a Christian, you can come to know Jesus in a very personal way by the time the course is finished. If you are a Christian, you can get much closer to Christ and better understand God's will for your life.

We believe that God has a special plan for each of His children. That plan will be revealed to the child of God as he or she searches the Scriptures, begins to understand the plan, and then joyfully becomes obedient to it. The joy and new life that has come to hundreds of others through this course can also be yours in greater measure -- it's God's promise!

We meet each Wednesday evening for ten weeks. You may ask questions or just listen. **This exciting Bible study is required for people interested in membership.** In fact, everyone (including Lutherans) is encouraged to go through this course before joining. We are living in very difficult times, and indications are that they will become even more trying. Surely we need a Savior for our sins and an Almighty God, who loves us, forgives us, strengthens and guides us, and finally, when life is over, takes us to His home in heaven forever. That is really what this Bible study course is all about. I hope to see you January 21st!

Your friend and His,
Pastor Thompson

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WISH TO ENROLL, PLEASE FILL THIS OUT AND GIVE TO PASTOR THOMPSON, OR CALL PASTOR AT 747-1116, OR SEND FORM INTO SCHOOL OFFICE, AND WE WILL PASS IT ON. Child care will be provided if needed.

_____ Yes, I will need child care. Age of Child: _____

"I Have Good News for You!"

Date: January 21, 2010

Yes, I want to enroll in this Bible Study.

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City _____ State: _____

I believe the following people should be invited. (Give names with address and phone numbers, if possible.): _____



SUPERBOWL SUBS ARE BACK!

February 7th 2010

**HAVE A PARTY! INVITE FRIENDS!!
EAT LOTS OF SUBS!!!**

TO ORDER: Give completed order form and payment to Youth after worship services on January 10th, 17th, 24th or 31st.

OR: Leave completed form and payment in school or church office.

OR: Contact Mary Ellen Perkins at 748-3699 by Monday evening, February 1st.

Pick up subs at the PAC Kitchen on Sunday, February 7th between 10:00 a.m. and noon.

ORDER FORM

Quantity

_____ **Mama P's Delizioso Sub \$5.00**

Ham, salami, pepperoni, Provolone, lettuce, oregano & wine vinegar/olive oil vinaigrette

Options: _____ Tomato _____ Onion
 _____ Black Olives _____ Pickles
 _____ Hot peppers

_____ **Regular Sub \$4.00**

Options: *Pick up to two meats: Pick one cheese: Select any or all:*

_____ Turkey _____ American _____ Lettuce _____ Pickles
 _____ Ham _____ Mozzarella _____ Tomato _____ Onion
 _____ Salami
 _____ Bologna *Dressing:* _____ Mayonnaise _____ Mustard
 _____ Oregano & vinaigrette

_____ **Vegetarian Sub \$4.00**

Lettuce, mozzarella cheese, oregano & vinaigrette

Options: _____ Tomato _____ Cucumber
 _____ Black olives _____ Carrots
 _____ Onion _____ Roasted peppers
 _____ Hot peppers _____ Roasted eggplant

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Amount due: _____ (Checks payable to Zion Sr. High Youth Group)

Paid: _____ Check _____ Cash

