



Zion Lutheran School
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Parent Memo

November 30, 2011

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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 – Equipped"

The 2012 NLSW theme is based on 2 Timothy 3:16-17~ March 5-11, 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 2	BBB @ CCH, 8PM; Mid-Terms go home
December 3	BBB @ Trinity, Lansing, 1PM
December 5	Advent by Candlelight, 7PM
December 12-15	Christmas Gift Shop open
December 10	5 th Annual Cookie Walk, 9-Noon
December 14	Geography Bee
December 16	BBB Scrimmage game @ Oak Lawn, 8PM
December 17	BBB @ home vs. Crete, Noon
December 21	Noon Dismissal - beginning of Christmas break
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship - 4:30PM
December 25	Christmas Day Worship - 10AM
January 4	School Resumes
January 7	BBB @ St. John Lansing, 1PM
January 8	Epiphany Worship Service



Advent
By Candlelight

From now on, BASC morning hours begin at 7:00 a.m. This is a change from our previous time. If you do need this service starting at 6:30 a.m., we need to have a two day advance warning to be sure we can cover the time

Boy's Basketball practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-5:30PM

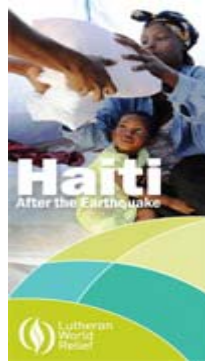
Cheerleading practices are Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30PM

Bell Groups: Joyful ~Mondays from 3-3:45; Jubilate~ Wednesdays from 3-3:45

WANTED: PART-TIME BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE WORKER: We have a need for someone who would be interested in working 9-15 hours per week in our Before and After School Care program. The hours are 3:00-6:00 p.m. on days school is in session. Pay is \$8.25 per hour. **This position is available immediately.** If you are interested, please contact Shevelle Freeman (BASC Director) or Douglas Rebeck to set up an interview.



November-January
Chapel Project
Clean Water for Haiti



After the January, 2010 earthquake, Lutheran World Relief has helped provide water and sanitation to the earthquake survivors. Water is a daily in Haiti need and through our offerings over the next couple of months we hope to purchase a Bio-sand filter. This filter will purify enough water for a whole community.

If each of Zion's 56 students saves \$1.50 per week for the next 7 weeks, we will have \$588 - enough to purchase the large filter, plus enough left over to buy 2 emergency filters; with some change left over! *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in."*

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT



The Board of Evangelism would like to invite the ladies

of Zion to the "Advent By Candlelight" evening. This is an evening of Christmas music, desserts, devotions and fun. It will be Monday, December 5 at 7PM in the Parish Activity Center (PAC). This is an opportunity to share a special evening with friends, family and neighbors; and to proclaim the good news that "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Advent by Candlelight is an exciting and spiritual way to open the doors of Zion to our relatives, neighbors and friends. The way it works is that you (and a friend if you want) host a table. You decorate the table in a Christmas Theme (examples are Angels, Christmas trees, nativity scenes, and advent wreaths; no Santa's, please.) You will need to provide table settings and a dessert that will be shared. Then you invite others to attend and fill out the seating at your table (8 persons to a table). There will be special Christmas Music. To find out more and how you can participate, please call the church office at 708-747-1116. We hope that you can come and be part of this very Special Christmas Event at Zion.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEO BEE

Just two more weeks until The National Geographic Geography Bee Classroom Rounds take place at Zion Lutheran School in grades 5-8.



Read the newspaper, study regions and capital cities, major rivers and mountain ranges; familiarize yourself with other cultures of the world. Get ready! In 2007, Zion sent a student to the Illinois State Geographic Bee. One of you can qualify! DON'T WAIT - PREPARE NOW!! Use the National Geographic Bee website for assistance and sample questions: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobe/>.

PARKING IN FRONT OF SCHOOL



When you come to volunteer or visit we would appreciate if you not park directly in front of the sidewalk leading to our doors. This means that deliveries often have to park too far away making it difficult for them. Please help them out by leaving the sidewalk area clear enough for a delivery vehicle.

Thank you!



Please remember to send the appropriate outdoor clothing for your children. We do go outside on most days that the wind chill is above zero. Be sure they have coats, hats, mittens, gloves and boots. Keep them warm and healthy.

T'was the Month before Christmas

*T'was the month before Christmas
When all through our land,
Not a Christian was praying
Nor taking a stand.*

*Why the PC Police had taken away
The reason for Christmas - no one could say.*

*The children were told by their schools not to
sing
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and
things.*

*It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers
would say*

December 25th is just a 'Holiday'.

*Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks
and credit*

*Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!
CDs from Madonna, an X BOX, an I-Pod
Something was changing, something quite odd!*

*Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa
In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.*

*As Targets were hanging their trees upside down
At Lowe's the word Christmas - was no where to
be found.*

*At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears
You won't hear the word Christmas; it won't
touch your ears.*

*Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty
Are words that were used to intimidate me.
Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf
Blitzen*

*On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton!
At the top of the Senate, there arose such a
clatter*

To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.

*And we spoke not a word, as they took away our
faith*

*Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace
The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and
discarded*

*The reason for the season, stopped before it
started.*

*So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your
'Dream Tree'
Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.
Choose your words carefully, choose what you
say
Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS,
not Happy Holiday!
Please, all Christians join together and
wish everyone you meet
MERRY CHRISTMAS
Christ is The 'Reason' for the Christ-mas
Season!*

**AND WE
HAVE A
WINNER!**



Donald Hagenwald sold the most pies for the Market Day sale in November.

Donald gets to throw a pie at Mr. Rebeck as previously agreed. The date and time will be announced later. Congratulations DJ; and sorry Mr. Rebeck!

Luther East High School Christmas Concert

Kick off the holiday season at Luther East's annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 9th at 7:00pm. You'll enjoy an evening's program of lovely Christmas music performed by our Luther East Concert Band, Eagle Choir and featured soloists.

Dinner Auction Thanks

Thank you to the parents, grandparents, and friends of Zion Lutheran School. Your attendance, support, and donations helped to make Zion's Dinner Auction a success. 187 people attended the dinner auction and we made a profit of \$10,605.25 to support Zion's School ministry. With the Thrivent Financial match of \$500.00, our total profit for the dinner auction was \$11,105.25. To GOD be the Glory!

Mark the second Saturday in November on your 2012 calendar for next year's auction. Hope to see you there!



EAGLE EYE

Focus on Luther East High School

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.
John 10:9

December-2011

Eye on Upcoming Events

- Toys for Tots ■ Drop off before Monday, December 12th
- Thanksgiving Feast Day ■ Friday, November 18
- Basketball Season ■ Go to www.luthereast.org for the Schedule of Games
- Market Days ■ Orders due Monday, December 12
- Christmas Vacation ■ NO SCHOOL Friday, December 23 until classes resume Monday, January 9
- Open House ■ Sunday, January 22nd at 2:00pm

Toys for Tots

Luther East is now accepting donations for our "Toys for Tots" drive. Please drop off your **unwrapped, new toys** at Luther East High School between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:15 pm, before Monday, December 12th. When you're out doing your Christmas shopping, please consider picking up a toy to donate so underprivileged children can have toys to open on Christmas morning!

Basketball

The Luther East Basketball season is underway, and we're hoping you can come and cheer on our Eagle athletes. The 2011-2012 basketball schedules for the boys' and girls' teams are posted on the Athletics page at www.luthereast.org. For more information, contact Athletic Director Chris Craven, crcc53@netzero.net (put Basketball in the subject line).



This month's orders are due Monday, December 12 (December 14 for on-line orders) with pickup on Saturday, December 17 at 10:00am from Zion-Matteson's gym at 3840 W. 216th St. in Matteson, one block east of Governors Highway. Submit order forms OR create a Log-In ID at www.marketday.com to submit orders online for Account No. 2760, and *get e-mailed coupons for added discounts!* Questions? Contact Kathy Hagenwald at 708-481-3156.

Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year!

Note the dates for the holiday break! The mid-term exams occur during the week leading to Christmas, and the break begins in the afternoon following the exams on Thursday, December 22 and extends through the week after News Years Day. Classes resume on Monday, January 9, 2012.



OPEN HOUSE

Looking for a **Quality Christian Education** for your future high school student? On Sunday, January 22nd at 2:00, you have an opportunity to meet with our Luther East faculty and take a tour of our school. A **Placement Exam** for prospective students applying for admission to LEHS is scheduled for Saturday, February 4th at 8:15 am. Please call Luther East High School for more information at 708-895-8441 and ask for Nancy Ferguson.



Zion Lutheran Church
5th Annual Holiday Cookie Walk

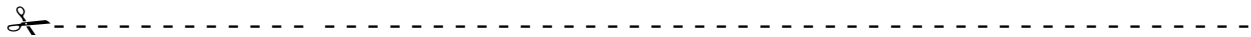
Saturday, December 10 9AM-12 Noon
Parish Activity Center (PAC)

Zion Church is planning our 5th Annual Cookie Walk and we need your help. We are asking for volunteers to bake and donate 6 dozen home baked cookies or candy.

We also need help to set up on Friday night, December 9 and to weigh and sell the cookies on Saturday, December 10.

All cookies and candy are sold by the pound and you choose your favorites that you would like to purchase. Christmas Cookie Jars, Mugs, Tea Pots, Tins, Baskets and many small gift items, as well as a Raffle Basket are available. These make great gifts for teachers, friends and co-workers.

Last year our proceeds paid for new windows in two of the school classrooms. The Cookie Walk will continue to support this project.



_____ I would be willing to donate 6 dozen cookies or candy.

_____ I can help setup on Friday night, December 9.

_____ I can help with the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10.

Name _____

Phone _____

Please return this form to the school office. If you have any questions, please call Carol Diersen at 708-747-5838.



**ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL
PARENT VOLUNTEER TALLY SHEET**

December, 2011

Turn in this sheet by January 4, 2012

Zion Lutheran School relies on the cooperation of both the church and home as we work to bring the best quality Christian education for your child. To that end, we need volunteer help in order to offer the most beneficial programs and events for our children. This tally sheet is for your family to work up to 30 volunteer hours for a \$250 tuition reduction to be used during this current school year. **It is your responsibility to have your volunteer hours verified by having the teacher/supervisor signed and this sheet turned in at the end of each month.** Debbie Hicks will be in charge with keeping track of your hours and will notify the office when you have accumulated 30 hours. Please do not lose this sheet. Again, thank you for your support and cooperation.

In Christ,
Douglas C. Rebeck
Principal

Family member	Relationship	Date	Event Volunteered	Time Spent	Signature of Teacher/Supervisor

Total for the month:



*Zion's
Children & Musicians
Invite*

*YOU
To a
Musical Christmas/Epiphany Service*



*Celebrating
"The Night of the Father's Love"
At 10AM
On January 8, 2012*



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December

December Special Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	BBB= Boys Basketball			1	2 BBB@ CCH, 8PM	3 BBB@ Trinity, Lansing 1PM "B" Team Only-No cheerleaders
4	5 Advent by Candlelight, 7PM	6 Boys Practice, 3:30-5:30	7 Girls Practice, 3:30-5:30; Bells Practice	8 Boys Practice, 3:30-5:30	9	10 COOKIE WALK 9-Noon
11	12 Girls Practice, 3:30-5:30 Bells Practice	13 Boys Practice, 3:30-5:30	14 Girls Practice, 3:30-5:30 Bells Practice	15 Boys Practice, 3:30-5:30	16 BBB @ Oak Lawn, 8PM	17 BBB Home @ 12PM
<i>Holiday Gift Shop</i>						
18	19 Bells Practice	20	21 Noon Dismissal Singing at Lincoln Mall in morning	22 NO SCHOOL	23 No School	24 Christmas Eve
	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Break Return on January 4th, 2012						

5—Advent By Candlelight, 7PM (Christmas Evening of Devotions, Music and Desserts for the Ladies of Zion)

14 - National Geographic Bee

21—Noon Dismissal

22—Christmas Break begins; return on January 4

24—Christmas Eve Worship, 4:30PM

25—Christmas Day worship, 10AM (with Communion)

31—New Year's Eve Remembrance Worship Service—7PM

Chapel Project— Clean Water for Haiti
Chapel on Wednesdays @8:45AM



