



Zion's Lutheran Church

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Dear Zion's Families:

God's grace and peace to you this day! Welcome back to Sunday School! We are so excited to begin a new year of learning, exploring, experiencing, and growing in faith with you and your child. This letter includes some helpful information about registering for Sunday School and important dates to mark and remember.

Sunday School at Zion's is for all children and youth ages 3 – high school. Based on estimated enrollment, our classes are currently divided into four groups: ages 3-1st grade, 2nd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade (Confirmation class), and 9th-12th grade. Once the year gets rolling, we will evaluate class sizes and adjust as necessary. All classes meet from 9:15 – 10:10 AM, except for the last Sunday of the month when classes adjourn at 10:00 AM so everyone can gather for “Get to Know You” time in the Social Hall.

We also offer a Sunday School class for parents that meets each week in the nursery (you are welcome to bring along your kids who are not yet old enough for Sunday School) and is led by Matt and Leah Wolfe. This is a time for fellowship with other parents, sharing of support and wisdom, and studying God's Word as it applies to raising children in the faith. All are welcome. There are additional Sunday School classes for adults in the upstairs classrooms, see your September newsletter for more information about these.

All of our teachers are trained in Christian Education classroom basics and our Child Protection Policy. Each teacher also has all the required clearances on file. We always welcome additional teachers for our teaching rotation, or to serve as substitutes as needed. If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, please see me or Tracy Hoy.

NEW THIS YEAR! All parents/guardians of children in our age 3 – 1st grade class will be asked to serve as classroom assistants on a rotational basis. You won't need to do anything to prepare in advance for this position, but you will need to be present as an active participant in the class during your assigned week. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be on the door of the classroom.

ADDITIONALLY, children in the age 3 – 1st grade class *must be picked up* from their classroom by a parent, guardian, or an older sibling (so long as permission to do so is

indicated on the registration form). For safety reasons, we won't dismiss them to go find their parents upstairs or outside.

Choir practice for Cherubs and Junior choir happens from 9:15 – 9:30 AM each Sunday. Students will meet in the downstairs choir room for rehearsal, and then be dismissed to their classrooms.

Our teachers for 2017-2018 include: Monica Bortz, De Mohn, Janet Bird, Michele McQuaide, Sharon Houser, Irene Fortna, Sharon Northridge, Tracy Hoy, Irene Hess, and Linda Wenrich

Registration forms with emergency contact information are included in this mailing. You can also register your child online by visiting our website: www.ZionsJonestown.com Additional forms are available from the church office. Your registration for each child each year helps us keep our information up-to-date, and ensures we have contact information in the event of an emergency.

Finally, we hope you'll join us for the special events listed below. If there's ever a way we can better serve you or your family as we grow together in faith and life, please let us know. We can't wait to continue this journey of faith formation with you!

In hope,
Pastor Caitlin and Tracy Hoy (Christian Education chair)

Upcoming Events and Invitations

Backpack Sunday – Sunday, August 27

Students, teachers, and everyone who works in our schools are invited to bring their backpack or bag to worship on Sunday, August 27 at 10:30 AM. We will offer a special blessing for you, your backpack, and your ministry as this new school year begins. If you are in need of a new backpack or know of a child in need please contact Pastor Caitlin (865-3652) or Tracy Hoy (821-2888).

Rally Day – Sunday, September 10

8:45 AM – 9:30 AM *Pancake Breakfast* in the Social Hall – this is a fundraiser for our Youth Group's Christmas Mission. Breakfast will be available for all, with a suggested donation of \$2/person or \$10/family.

9:30 AM *Sunday School Kick-Off* – we will all meet in the Social Hall. Children ages 3 – 5th grade will be dismissed to their classrooms, everyone else will stay in the Social Hall for a Bible study with Pastor Caitlin. **Bring your Family! Bring a Friend!**

10:30 AM *Worship*

Noon *Lunch followed by an afternoon of service* There will be something for everyone! People of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend.

Sept. 17 – 9:15am – Fall Classes begin – Gather in Level 3 Room for Choir Practice