

THE MUSTANG Memo

...a newsletter for Zion Grade School's families and the congregations of Zion and St. Mark's

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Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!

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...walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

Welcome Back

From all the staff, pastors, and faculty at Zion Lutheran School, we warmly welcome you back or welcome you for the first time to our school family. God's blessings on the year ahead!

FROM THE School Administrator...

Greetings! I want to welcome everyone to the start of the 2017-2018 school year. We especially welcome all of the new students and families to Zion. It is great to have you here! New student names and pictures are included in the memo. We also want to welcome our new 5th grade teacher, Mr. David Zittergruen. It is great to have you here!

Our theme verse this school year is Ephesians 4:1-3 and can be found at the top of this section. I am excited to walk together with your family this school year as we investigate what it means to be humble, gentle, patient, and loving. Please take a look at the devotion for this week that focuses on what it means to walk.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Back to School Picnic & Meeting. A special thanks goes out to Lisa Kubasch and Donna Hoese for taking care of the Theme Shirts. I also want to thank Donna Hoese, Carolyn Toenies, DeAnn Chmielewski, Lisa Kubasch, and Katie Baumann for helping in the kitchen on Sunday. A BIG thank you goes out to Bryan & Colleen Sicheneder for donating the hamburger and making the barbeques for the meal and Ryan and Beth Schuette for donating the buns. Thank you to all of our families for bringing a dish to share! It was a great meal.

Thank you to everyone who turned in their forms and folders. If you have not done so, please turn them in as soon

as possible to the office.

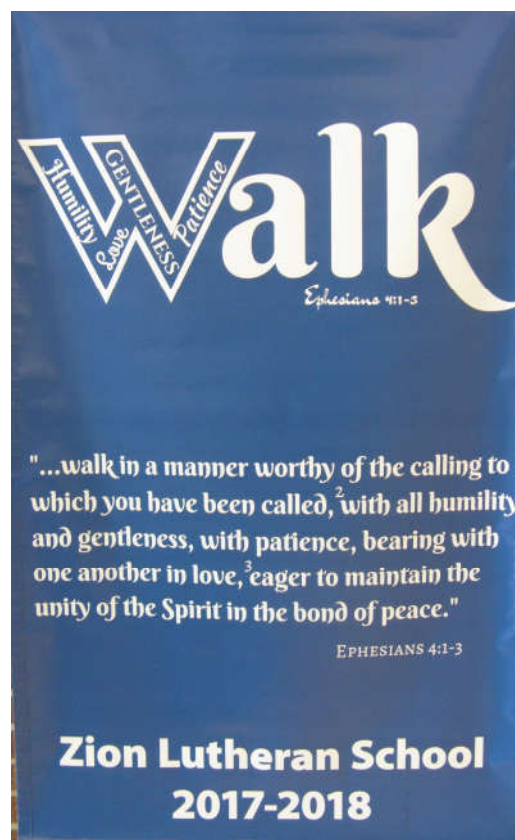
Thank you to everyone who filled out volunteer sheets and turned them in. If you still have one, you can bring it by the office at any time. I am attaching a copy to the memo just in case.

Outdoor Education Day is Thursday, September 14. We are in need of chaperones to go with us. If you are interested, please let your child's teacher know.

Again, welcome back to each and every one of you and please let us know how we can assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to a great year!

In His Service,

Mr. Joshua Baumann





PRAYER CORNER

Please keep the following students in your prayers on the day indicated:

Tuesday, Sept. 5 – Jada Zajicek
Wednesday, Sept. 6 – Christopher Gless
Thursday, Sept. 7 – Mason Hoernemann
Friday, Sept. 8 – Lucia Turner



Power of Devotions at Home

Walk

Ephesians 4:1-3

What does it mean to walk? This is a difficult word to define because everyone does not walk at the same pace. There are many factors that affect the pace of a walk – age, height, and weight are a few. Usually, when we hear the word walk, we think about moving forward at a steady pace. It is slower than a run but faster than a stroll or saunter.

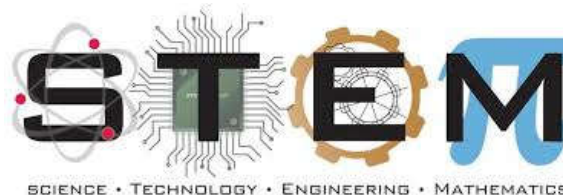
Paul uses the word walk many times in his letters. Take a look at some of these Bible verses: Romans 6:4, 8:3-4, Galatians 5:16-17, Ephesians 2:1-2, 2:10, 5:2, 5:8, 5:15, and Colossians 2:6. What did these verses tell you about what Paul means by the word walk?

Before his conversion, Paul was a Pharisee and very familiar with the Hebrew Old Testament. In the Old Testament, walk is a common term that describes one's life or way of life. In Genesis 5, we learn that Enoch walked with God. What a close relationship to God. That must have been a walk to remember!

According to our theme verse, we are to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called.” In other words, we are to live a life in God's word. We are to trust Him and follow His example. We are to live a life of faith and examine our deeds in light of His commandments.

We cannot find faith by ourselves. We were “called” by God's grace. Because of God's love for us, He sent His Son and gave us His Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us life – a new life. We are to walk in a manner worthy of that new life. We are to live a life worthy of that calling.

We will never be able to walk the way that God commands. However, Paul gives us a guide to follow in our theme verse. Next week we will start to look at what that life looks like.



The first STEM Club meeting is almost upon us and will be held on Wednesday, September 20th. This year pre-registration will be required along with a registration fee. The registration fee is \$10 and that will cover the first four meetings of September, October, November & December. Once the first four meetings are complete, there will be an opportunity to join again in January for the second half of the year. This session, which covers January through April, will require an additional \$10 registration fee. To register for the first four sessions, please fill out the registration form and return it with the fee as soon as possible, but no later than September 8th. In addition, we ask that you check your calendars and consider volunteering for one of the meetings, as we NEED at least two per meeting. Anyone who volunteers may bring a younger sibling; we just ask that you use discretion to avoid the potential distraction it may cause. See attached flyer for dates and times. Questions? Call Kristin Iverson at 612-508-0656 or send a FastDirect



VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE: Grades 5-8

Tues., Sept. 5 – 5/6 Practice 3:15-4:30
7/8 No Practice
Wed., Sept. 6 – 5/6 Practice 3:15-4:45
7/8 Practice 4:15-6:00
Thurs., Sept. 7 – 5/6 Practice 3:15-4:45
7/8 Practice 4:15-6:00
Fri., Sept. 8 – 5/6 No Practice
7/8 Practice 3:15-5:30



There will be no Watertown bus until Tuesday Sept. 5th, and there will be no Waconia bus until Sept. 11th.



FIRST QUARTER MISSION CHAPEL OFFERINGS WILL GO TO.....

Independent Evangelical—Lutheran Church SELK

Independent Confessional Lutheran Churches developed in Germany, especially in Prussia, Saxony, Hannover, and Hesse in the beginning of the 19th century. The main reason for this was the forced union between Lutheran and Reformed churches into an “evangelical” church.

The confessional Lutherans were persecuted at this time by the state. Many of them were not allowed to have church services or get their children baptized or confirmed according to the liturgy of the Lutheran Church. In some areas of Germany, it took decades until the Confessional Lutherans were granted religious freedom.

The Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK) continues to see remarkable numbers of Iranian Muslims converting to Christianity.

First quarter goal: \$400.00
Offerings to date: \$44.05

Reminders

- ❖ Front Doors open at 8:00 and students should be in the building by 8:10. Please do not park and get out of your vehicle on the side of the street closest to the school.
- ❖ K-8 students should enter and exit from the New Addition Entrance.
- ❖ School lets out at 2:50. Parents can form a line in their cars in the front of school. When you drive up, Mr. Baumann will let your child be dismissed.



CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY Week of Aug. 31 – Sept. 6

Tuesday Sept. 5 – Jada Zajicek

Wednesday Sept. 6 – Christopher Gless

Happy Birthday and God's many blessings in the coming year!

Woo Hoo!

Did you know that we have 12 new students and 1 new teacher this year? Please welcome:



Top Row: Mr. Zittergruen (5th Gr. Teacher), Marguerite Holland (8th), Chloe Kirt (8th), Caleb Olsen (8th), Connor Olsen (8th), Maddison Saulsbury (8th), & Olivia Shimanski (8th)
Bottom Row: Karle Samuels (6th), Seth Aurich (5th), Caleb Frey (5th), Jonah Aurich (3rd), Abigail Frey (3rd), & Samuel Frey (2nd)

We are grateful for God's continued blessings!

We also welcome our new Kindergarten class!



Top Row: Annalyse Baumann, Jacob Bouma, Will Gless, Sydney Grossinger, Isaac Hindermann, Brea Hoernemann, Warner Iverson & Jayce Jopp

Front Row: Jay Klevann, Judah LaPlant, Ryan McArthur-Buckentin, Isabella Mead, Landen Schrupp, Whitney Schuette, Hannah Thaemert, & Ekklacia Woodford



Exercise for Education Walk-A-Thon 2017

Our ninth annual Walk-A-Thon will take place on Friday, Sept. 29th. Students will walk the Dakota Regional Trail from St Mark's Church in New Germany to Zion Lutheran School for afternoon activities. The money raised in this fundraiser supports our PTL budget. The funds supplement field trips, curriculum, learning resources, library updates, etc. with a focus this year on purchasing new student computers.

School Rewards:

- \$5,000 -- Extra ½ hour recess
- \$10,000 – Ice Cream Sundae celebration
- \$15,000 – Pajama Day with Movie in Afternoon
- \$18,000 - Turn a full day of school into a half day of school on Wed. Nov. 22

Top Family Reward: Hollywood Sports Complex kids pack: 2 games of bowling up to 8 kids, 2 pizzas & pop.

Weekly Giveaways:

With every \$100.00 donation your family raises, your name will go into the weekly drawing. Each family name drawn will be assigned a number, and that number will rank the order in which they can select their reward. For any family that collects the minimum goal of \$250, their name will be put in an additional time. The list of possible giveaways has already grown ☺ In addition to those listed on the Parent letter, we are also giving away passes to the Emagine Movie Theatre and Smaaash (virtual reality at MOA).

Goal is \$18,000

Let's make this happen!!!!!!

Important Dates/Items:

- ❖ **First PTL meeting** will be Monday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Outdoor Education** is Thursday, September 14th. We will need parent chaperones to go with us.
- ❖ **Walk-A-Thon** date at Dakota Regional Trail is Friday Sept. 29, 2016.
- ❖ **Scrip** order form is on the back of this memo.



Special Thanks to Gary Hoese, Dave Hoese, and Katie Baumann on their work redoing the signs on the school!

Extended Care

Attention Kindergarten Parents: Extended Care will be available all day on Fridays in September for Kindergarten students. Please let Katie Baumann know if you need this service. Thanks!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

- Fri. Sept. 1st – No School
- Mon. Sept. 4th – No School – Labor Day
- Tues. Sept. 5th – First Day of Preschool – 3's
- Wed. Sept. 6th – First Day of Preschool – 4's
- Wed. Sept. 6th – Chapel 8:30 A.M.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

- Sept. 14th – Outdoor Education Day – Bag Lunch
- Sept. 20th – STEM Club
- Sept. 29th – Walk-A-Thon – Bag Lunch