

Zion Lutheran Church and School
Mission: *"Knowing Christ; Sharing Christ"*
Vision: *"Gathering in Grace"*

Zion School Expanded Mission Statement
"Zion Lutheran School Nurtures Children in God's Grace Now and Forever"

At Zion Lutheran School, our mission is to provide a nurturing environment where children can grow in God's grace and develop a full understanding of the world He created and the salvation He offers through Jesus Christ. We are committed to partnering with our church and school families, combining faith formation with academic excellence to prepare students for their future.

1. Gathering in Grace

Zion Lutheran School is a caring and nurturing community of families where our children grow and learn to live in the grace of Christ each day. Nurturing the children's faith inside our school, outside on our campus, and in our community is our greatest joy and most important task. It is a privilege to serve each child and family.

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When teachers and students in Lutheran schools understand that God has a purpose for them, they respond with a desire to work toward excellence. "If we wish to have proper and excellent persons both for civil and ecclesiastical government, we must spare no diligence, time, or cost in teaching and educating our children so that they may serve God and the world." -Martin Luther.

3. A Distinctly Lutheran Education

"But where the Holy Scriptures are not the rule, I advise no one to send his child. Everything must perish where God's Word is not studied unceasingly." Martin Luther

Baptism

Each teacher and student is a sinner in need of salvation. We receive salvation through faith from the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism.

Vocation

God calls teachers and students to love and serve their neighbors. Through vocation, we understand humanity's purpose and thus our purpose for educating—to prepare students to love and serve their neighbor.

Biblical Instruction

Through Biblical instruction, teachers and students learn who they are—forgiven sinners—and how to live in the faith of their baptism as they love and serve their neighbor.

4. Academic Excellence

Zion Lutheran School pursues the highest academic standards to provide students with a rigorous yet nurturing Christian education. We focus on curriculum development through the highest instructional quality and incorporating best practices to ensure academic excellence. Each student is uniquely and wonderfully made (Psalm 139), which informs our strategies for providing the best instructional strategies to care for each student.

5. Partnering with Families

Parents are the students' first and most important teachers. Our faculty and staff embrace the knowledge and wisdom that parents can share to meet the needs of every student. The positive partnership between parents and school is of the utmost value. The partnership begins through regular communication. We do this through weekly classroom newsletters, weekly school newsletters, parent-teacher conferences, in-person meetings, and emails. Parents can view grades and communicate with teachers through our student information system (FACTS) when needed.

6. Volunteering

The best way to ensure long-term academic success for your student is to be involved in their education. Academic research demonstrates that when parents volunteer their time at their child's school, the child benefits long-term. We want our parents to be involved!

7. Fully Accredited

Zion Lutheran School is a fully accredited institution. Our accreditation through NLSA means Zion has undergone a rigorous continuous improvement process to create the best academically successful school in our community.