

# 2026-2027 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

# ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL



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**Dear Families,**

Thank you for your interest in sending your child to Zion Lutheran School. Our mission is Knowing Christ, Sharing Christ, which informs what we teach and how we teach and sets the tone for the school's daily life. The Lord has provided Zion with faithful pastors, teachers, families, and volunteers who fully realize that instruction in God's Word enables the message of salvation to become a permanent part of a child's life.

To complete the registration and enrollment process, please complete registration using the QR Code at the back of this booklet, which will provide us with an outline of your child and their educational needs.

The non-refundable registration fee is \$95 per student before March 13th. After March 14th, the registration fee is \$105. The registration fee holds your child's spot in the classroom and directly impacts your child's education.

Please read through our family handbook and other included materials upon registration completion. You will be contacted for an educational consultation.

We are excited for your child(ren) to attend Zion Lutheran School next year. Welcome to the Zion Cougar family.

**Making Disciples for Life,  
Andrew Strickland, Principal**

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# Our Objectives

- To equip our students to function as living, loving Christians now and as adults.
- To provide an educationally sound experience in all appropriate branches of learning within a Christian framework.
- To promote spiritual, mental, social, and physical development through loving discipline, with reverence and respect, in accordance with God's holy will.
- To develop the ability to study and find information to increase knowledge, learning, and understanding now and in the future.
- To develop students' God-given talents for their personal good and for the good of all mankind.
- To learn to be tolerant, creative, and cooperative.
- To learn limits of behavior regarding safety, health, and respect for others.



# CURRICULUM

We offer a well-rounded Christian-based curriculum patterned after Minnesota state guidelines. What we teach and learn is done in relation to God and His Word. A period of instruction for faith-building and Christian life growth is vital in everyday activities. But equally important is the interpretation of secular subjects in the light of God's Word and guidance in Christian living.

## **Standardized testing**

Standardized achievement NWEA tests are given to students in grades K-8 each year. These tests measure Zion students against a representative national sampling. They are a tool to help us evaluate the student's year-to-year growth and our program's effectiveness. Our math test scores are 20 percentage points higher than District 206 and 30 percentage points higher than Minnesota average. Our reading test scores are 20 percentage points higher than District 206 and 25 percentage points higher than Minnesota.

## **Accreditation**

Zion Lutheran School is accredited through the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. All teachers are certified and licensed by the Minnesota Department of Education.

## **Curriculum Trak**

Zion Lutheran School's teachers are currently mapping all curricula onto Curriculum Trak, which creates an ever-growing database of curricula, benchmarks, and alignment within our school. You can view our progress at <http://tinyurl.com/45tk6txm>. You can also access Curriculum Trak by visiting our website at [zionalex.org](http://zionalex.org).



# ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

## Volleyball

In the fall, the school year kicks off with the girls volleyball. The following volleyball program is offered:

**5th - 8th grade girls**

## Basketball

Winter brings a busy basketball season, competing against area schools - both private and public. The following basketball programs are offered:

**1st - 4th grade students, skills practice**

**5th - 6th grade boys**

**5th - 6th grade girls**

**7th - 8th grade boys**

**7th - 8th grade girls**



## Cheerleading

A great opportunity to show school spirit, encourage others and have fun!

The following cheerleading program is offered:

**5th - 8th grade girls**

## Track and field

Spring brings about multiple track meets. The following track and field program is offered:

**4th - 8th grade students**

## Softball

Practice during school hours to get ready for the annual softball tournament held in Fargo, ND.

The following softball program is offered:

**5 - 8th grade students**

## District 206

In addition to the opportunities that students have to pursue athletics at Zion, students may also participate in the District 206 athletic teams.

Many of Zion's students participate in the various sports teams that practice and play after school at Discovery Middle School.



# MUSIC PROGRAMS

## Music basics

Zion Lutheran School provides a weekly music program to all students in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

## Choir

Weekly choir practice is provided for all K-8th graders. The choir participates in multiple Zion Lutheran Church services in addition to singing at other locations in our community.

## ECHO, Eternally Committed to the Holy One

ECHO is a team of 4th through 8th grade students whose purpose is to share the Gospel in our school, church, community and beyond using music and drama. This special group will meet once a week during the school day to prepare for performances and worship opportunities at various churches, schools, and organizations in our area and district.

## Orchestra and Band

Beginning in 5th grade for orchestra and 6th grade for band, Zion students have the opportunity to participate in instrumental music through District 206. These opportunities are offered during the school day, at Zion and District 206 schools.

# SPECIAL EDUCATION

## Evaluations

For students who have special needs academically, behaviorally, or physically, District 206 provides evaluations to determine qualification for services and provides psychological counseling services. The principal and teacher work with the evaluators.

## Services at Zion Lutheran School campus

Speech and Language services, via District 206

Title I - reading and math, via District 206

Transportation to a District 206 school for off-campus special education services is provided.



# Z-Care

Zion's Z-Care program is an extension of Zion Lutheran School and an extension of the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church. Our goal is to provide our school families with a quality, Christ-centered childcare program for students in grades Preschool-8. The program is structured and well-supervised by a caring and committed Christian individual hired by Zion, who has gone through a background check and other training to provide for student safety.

## Daily Activities

All children participating in Z-Care will have many opportunities to enjoy physical/athletic, educational, creative, social, and spiritual activities. A typical afternoon might include arts and crafts, homework/reading time, playtime outdoors or in the school gymnasium, movies, prayer/devotional time, and more!

## Snacks

As part of the program, a nutritious snack will be prepared for each student by Zion School's cooks. Snacks from home are allowed as long as they are nutritious (no candy or other "junk" food). For the safety of all our students, snacks from home should only be consumed by the student who brings them and should not be shared with other students.

## Days and Hours of Operation

Z-Care will operate on all days when school is in regular session. Morning Z-Care(K-8) operates from 7 AM to 8 AM. The after-school sessions of Z-Care begin at 2:55 PM and end at 5:30 PM.

## Z-Care is provided at the following rates:

Z-Care fees are \$3.50/hr rounded up to the nearest ½ hr.

Minimum charge per week is \$5.00

Z-Care invoices will be assessed monthly. Parents can log into their Facts account at anytime to view and pay their fees.



# Tuition Assistance

Zion has two programs that can help families lessen their tuition payments:

- 1) Tuition Assistance Fund
- 2) The Scrip Program

## **Tuition Assistance Fund**

Tuition assistance, up to 50% of the tuition for each child, is available to those who show need. The Tuition Assistance Fund receives donations from individuals, groups, businesses, and sister congregations. Families apply for tuition assistance from their Facts account.

## **Scrip Program**

The scrip program is the easiest and most effective way for families to lessen their tuition payments! Families can allow local, regional, and national retailers to pay a significant portion of their tuition simply by shopping for gas, groceries, clothing, etc., and purchasing store gift cards (scrip) from Zion. Families pay the same amount they normally would for these items, but a portion of the store's profit is "given back" to Zion. These "rebates" are split, with half going to Zion to pay operating expenses and the other half being deposited into the family's tuition account. Zion keeps many cards on-hand for local and regional (St. Cloud, Twin Cities) retailers. These can be purchased during office hours in the school/church office or ordered online. More information including registration forms and lists of participating retailers is available in the office. SCRIP rebates will be applied in FACTS in January and May.



# Staff



**Lucy Roste**  
Preschool/Preschool Director



**Angela Hughes**  
Preschool



**Mandy Meyer**  
Kindergarten



**Rachel Harbig**  
1st Grade



**Mallory Chan**  
2nd Grade



**Kristina Kuhnau**  
3rd Grade



**Bryce Ludwig**  
4th Grade



**Mary Seehafer**  
5th Grade



**Brett Ludwig**  
Middle School



**Amber Rousu**  
Middle School



**Andrew Strickland**  
Principal



Middle School

# Registration & Tuition Fees 2026-2027

## REGISTRATION FEE – PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 8

\*PAID ON or BEFORE March 13th - \$95 (Plus FACTS Fee)

\*REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE – AFTER March 14th - \$105(Plus FACTS Fee)

SCHOOL START TIME: 8:15 AM

SCHOOL END TIME: 2:50 PM

### PRESCHOOL TUITION:

CLASS	YEARLY FEE	2 PAYMENTS	4 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	12 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
<b>DUE DATES:</b>	7/30/2026	7/30/26 & 1/30/27	Begins 7/01/26 & Ends 6/30/27	Begins 7/01/26 & Ends 6/30/27
3-YEAR-OLD (2 DAY)	\$1,467	\$734	\$367	\$122
4-YEAR-OLD (3 DAY)	\$2,142	\$1,071	\$536	\$179
PRE-K (ALL DAY-M, W, F)	\$3,744	\$1,872	\$936	\$312

### KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8 TUITION:

COMMUNITY MEMBERS	YEARLY FEE	2 PAYMENTS	4 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	12 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
<b>DUE DATES:</b>	7/30/2026	7/30/26 & 1/30/27	Begins 7/01/26 & Ends 6/30/27	Begins 7/01/26 & Ends 6/30/27
1st Child	\$4,610	\$2,305	\$1,153	\$384
2nd Child	\$4,110	\$2,055	\$1,028	\$343
3rd Child	\$3,610	\$1,805	\$903	\$301
4th Child or More	\$3,110	\$1,555	\$778	\$259
Pay in full 2% DISCOUNT	\$4,520			
ZION MEMBERS	YEARLY FEE	2 PAYMENTS	4 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	12 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
<b>DUE DATES:</b>	7/30/2026	7/30/26 & 1/30/27	Begins 7/01/26 & Ends 6/30/27	Begins 7/01/26 & Ends 6/30/27
1st Child	\$3,810	\$1,905	\$953	\$318
2nd Child	\$3,310	\$1,655	\$828	\$276
3rd Child	\$2,810	\$1,405	\$703	\$234
4th Child or More	\$2,310	\$1,155	\$578	\$193
Pay in full 2% DISCOUNT	\$3,735			

# REGISTRATION

Thank you for your interest in Zion Lutheran School. We have tours of our facility available and can answer any additional questions you may have. You can schedule by emailing [csteidl@zionalex.org](mailto:csteidl@zionalex.org) or by calling the Zion School office at 320-763-4842.

If you are ready to register, scan the QR code below or visit the office for a paper copy.

Again, thank you for your interest in Zion Lutheran School. We look forward to working with your family!





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