

Crusader Chronicle

Zion Lutheran School

God Satisfies Our Needs

As evening approached, the disciples came to [Jesus] and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. (Matthew 14:15-21)

Life is not about "getting what you want, but about wanting what you get". When Jesus fed more than 5,000 people, he drove home that point. In that remote place no one was in a position to complain about the menu. Five dinner rolls, two fish, and the all-powerful and compassionate Son of God would have to do. Apparently the crowd was happy with what they got: "They all ate and were satisfied..." What they got was a miracle. Sadly, the great crowd missed the true significance of the event. They followed after Jesus looking for more bread. Jesus said to them: "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill" (John 6:26). They wanted bread and a "bread King". Jesus had so much more to offer. He said: "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), and explained that through faith in him they would have the life that never ends.

Jesus came to be the Savior of the world, not the supervisor of the world's largest soup kitchen. I wonder, however, if that is what people want Jesus to be. We want God to wipe out poverty and put everyone back to work. Maybe we miss out on the greatest miracle of the all-powerful and compassionate Son of God: the forgiveness of sins, spiritual life and a place at the banquet feast of heaven. What we get from Jesus is an answer to the deepest hunger of our soul.

When we leave our house in a crabby mood with harsh words spoken to our children and spouse, our greatest concern is not what we will eat for lunch. Deep inside, we don't want a sandwich; we want forgiveness. We care about our soul and then we want what we get from Jesus. We get the Bread of life. We get the One who did not have a crabby day. We get the One who died for all of us who have. We get the One who performed great miracles on earth so that we see him as the almighty God he really is and live with him who is our Savior both here on earth and in heaven.

1st Semester Missions:



Amazing Grace in Roscoe Illinois
A mission church!

Next Week's Hot Lunch

Mon. 9/1	No School, Labor Day
Tue. 9/2	Grilled Chicken Parmesan, Corn, Oranges
Wed. 9/3	Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Pears
Thurs. 9/4	Pizza (Pepperoni, Sausage or Cheese), Lettuce Salad, Mixed Fruit
Fri. 9/5	Friday Buffet

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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 1: No School, Labor Day
- Sept. 2: Powerschool Training Meeting at 4:45pm (Mr. Ihde's classroom)
- Sept. 3: V-ball vs. Juneau, Away, 4pm (no bus)
- Sept. 6: Eastside Soccer Tournament, TBA
- Sept. 10: V-ball vs. Pardeeville, Away, 4pm (no bus)
- Sept. 12: CC meet at Lake Mills, 4pm
- Sept. 16: PATZ Meeting at 6pm
- Sept. 16: V-ball vs. Sun Prairie, Home, 4pm
- Sept. 17: V-ball vs. Watertown, Home, 4pm
- Sept. 19: Soccer Quadrangular at Juneau, 4pm—7pm
- Sept. 20: V-ball Tournament at St. Mark's (TBA)
- Sept. 22-25: Standardized Testing
- Sept. 24: V-ball vs. Helenville, away (Bus)
- Sept. 25: CC Meet at Sun Prairie, 4pm
- Sept. 26: No School, Teachers' Conference

Preschool News

I sent home a parent information letter for our reading curriculum. Read through it, some of the suggestions are really good. I also sent home some letter formation sheets. Please look them over. I notice some children are forming their letters incorrectly, we always start from the top of the letter. I am following these diagrams and instructions as I teach letters at school and am encouraging you to do the same as you work with your child at home.

In Christlight we learned the story *Jesus the Savior is Born*. We made magnetic manger scenes with characters. We also made Baby Jesus as the best gift. Ask your child about Jesus and why He is the best Christmas gift. We are also working on the John 3:16 passage. See the clue cards hanging in our windows.

We started our weather books this week. We will put individual pages in the hall for your enjoyment. Be sure to check out the "cloud" page, that one is always a class favorite.

We still don't have any birds at the feeders by our windows. We are ready to watch them, name them and feed them. Any suggestions? Ellie thought that perhaps they don't like our food.

Keep up the good work! See you in church!

1-2 Grade News

The 1st and 2nd graders are off and running this school year! On Monday, the class earned their 25th Baseball (they were caught being good a lot!). The class chose to have Stuffed Animal Day on Tuesday. We had fun with our extra friends in class!

2nd graders completed their first spelling test of the year this week! 1st graders are half-way through their review material of Superkids. It was also our first week of Centers. Students did a great job of working together quietly.

Something new in our room this year is our Vocabulary Cartoon of the Day.

Each day we learn a new vocabulary word, read its meaning, and have a cartoon which uses the word. Be sure to ask your child what our Vocabulary Word of the Day was. 😊

Book orders were sent home today. They are due Friday, September 5. You may either return the order form with a check made out to Zion School or order online. If you order online, our class code is: L4GBL.

Remember to sign the church attendance sheet and return it to school.

Memory Work

Monday– No School

Tuesday– None

Wednesday– 1 John 4:10- "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us."

Thursday– 2nd Article- "I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead."

Friday– Hymn 38 **st.3**- "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Reminders

Please check the binder each day for notes and updates.

Remember to check out the weekend work sheet. Try to do at least one from in each category. You can use the suggestion sheet or your own ideas. Please date and sign the sheet so I know you were able to do something in the long four days without school.

Skill to work on: Cutting with scissors. We have cutting projects just about everyday. Remember: Thumbs up! Turn the paper-not the scissors as you cut.

Spelling

- 1st Grade New List Home- 9/12*
*The first weeks will be review
- 2nd Grade Spelling Test– 9/4

1st Grade Reading Assignments

Tues. Night– Workbook* p.23-26

"Golly's Fitness Plan"

Wed. Night– Workbook* p.31-34

"Sal's Closet"

Thurs. Night– Leveled Reader

*Workbooks **MUST** be returned the next day for class.

2nd Grade Reading Assignments

*All assignments will be out of the SUPER Magazine. These **MUST** be returned the next day for class.

Tues. Night– p.26-29

Wed. Night– p.36-38

Thurs. Night– p.39-41

* Please sign the behavior sheets that reading assignments were done.

Kindergarten News

In Christ Light, we learned how Jesus the Savior was born and how some believers worshiped Jesus. The Bible lessons will be sent home on the days we have the lessons. After you read through the lesson with your child, please initial next to the title on the weekly binder sheet.

We began Superkids. We are learning Cc from Cass. We have been working on the /k/ sound, finding c's, listening to the initial sound, and top, middle, and bottom.

In Math, we have been working with direction words. We learned: top, mid-

dle, bottom, before, after, between, inside, outside, right, and left. Please continue to practice these words at home. They are a base for what we build on in kindergarten.

We began Science with the PK class. We are learning about seasons.

In Gym, we are working on different locomotor movements and pathways.

We learned about lines in Art and practiced making different kinds.

Reminders

Important dates:

1. Sept. 9: planting bulbs with the PK. Please send gloves and labeled hand shovel if you have them.
2. Oct. 2: Pumpkin patch field trip grades PK-2
3. Oct. 16: field trip to the woods at the Beyer residence with the PK from 10:00-11:00. We will be looking for drivers.

Please send in a picture of your child for our kindergarten board if you have not done so already.

3-4 Grade News

Our year is going by so fast! We are done with two weeks of school and it seems like it has been an easy transition into the school year. Student behavior has been great! Feel free to email me about how your child is doing so far.

Religion class has been studying the baby Jesus and how people have been reacting to his birth.

Our math classes have been reviewing place value charts and how to compare and order numbers.

Science class is deep into the classification system of organisms. We also talked about what makes things alive and what makes up the ingredients of an organism.

English classes have been exploring the parts of a sentence. We also are learning just what makes sentences "make sense".

Reading classes read their stories this week and learned about story structure.

Phy-ed class has started a soccer unit.

Art class is using Google spreadsheets to design a new school.

Reminders

- Spelling Unit 2 next week. Pretest Wednesday. Regular test Friday.
- Please be sure to return the church attendance form in the envelope on Monday.
- The code for online ordering for Scholastic Book orders is "J6KPY"
- Contact information: 414-313-4308 or chadnrache@gmail.com

5-6 Grade News

Extra Milk at Lunch—Many of the 5th and 6th graders are taking 2 milks at lunch which is fine.

Please note that the extra milk costs one milk punch from the milk card just like the morning milk. Please discuss this with your child if this is not something you want them taking.

Christ Light—This week we studied the account of Jesus' birth. The joy of

our Savior coming to save us causes us to praise God and tell others what He has done for us!

Catechism—We begin the year by discussing the authority and value of two books—the Bible and the Catechism for learning about the true God.

Science—We studied motion in Science this week. We learned how to describe motion and how to calculate speed.

Reminders

- ChristLight Family Study: *What Puts the Merry in "Merry Christmas"?*
- Remember to bookmark/favorite our classroom website—<http://zioncolumbus.webs.com>
- Contact information: 920-623-9282 or mkanzenbach@hotmail.com

7-8 Grade News

This week, students learned that God's Word is powerful. It is able to work faith in a person's heart and is able to comfort and console with the promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus. What a blessing!

In science, we learned about skin, the digestive system, and began studying the circulatory system. We looked at cells under a microscope and began learning about how nutrients are used in the body.

In math, both groups of students are setting up equations with commonly used

formulas such as perimeter and area. On Friday, we reviewed the Problem Solving Plan as a strategy to solve complicated math problems.

In literature, the class is continuing through "Where the Red Fern Grows." We studied 20 common Figures of Speech and identified several of them in Wilson Rawl's writing.

Students have received their jobs for the semester and were paid handsomely. Now we'll see who is able to budget their money most efficiently!

Reminders:

- Review corrected homework and sign your child's Take Home Folder and return to school
- The Live It! Health and wellness class will begin after Labor Day. Stay tuned for more information!
- Our student teacher, Mr. Holzhueter, will be joining us on Monday, Sept. 8!
- Hymn 284 st. 1,3,4 is due as memory work for next Friday

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Individuals who would still like to volunteer at Zion during the school day should contact Mr. Ihde at 608.712.7991 to set up a time for orientation.

PATZ OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Individuals interested in serving as our parent organization's Chairperson and Secretary should attend the first PATZ meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6pm. Meetings are held in the 7-8 classroom. Stay tuned for more details.

POWERSCHOOL WEB ADDRESS

The Powerschool web address has changed since last May. The new address is www.wels.powerschool.com. Powerschool can also be accessed on our church/school website under the heading "Academics".

POWERSCHOOL TRAINING

Zion uses Powerschool in grades 4-8. This program is handy because parents can log on and check out their child's progress. If you are new to Powerschool, or just need a refresher, please come to our training on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 4:45pm. We'll teach you how to log into the system and view the online gradebook. If you miss the training, we will send login instructions home in your child's Friday folder.

OUR 1ST SEMESTER MISSION: Amazing Grace in Roscoe Illinois

Amazing Grace is a new congregation located just south of us in Roscoe Illinois. We don't often think of mission work being carried out so close to home, but that is exactly what is happening in Roscoe! Pastor Tom Engelbrecht has been working to build up the new church. Currently, the congregation is worshipping in a local grade school gymnasium. In the near future, the congregation would like to build their own church. We will be collecting offerings for

Amazing Grace on the last day of school each week. Please consider supporting the mission work being carried out right here in the Midwest!

DRIVEWAY PAVING

Our driveway's old concrete has been removed. Paving will start next week Monday (Sept. 1). The paving company has stated that it will be able to always keep one "loop" open, so that traffic can have separate entrances and exits. However, it will tighten our current entrance and cause increased congestion. The whole process shouldn't take more than a week. Your patience and careful attention to teachers at dismissal will be greatly appreciated!



I RUN KIDS MARATHON

Some children from Zion completed the I Run Kids Marathon. Over the summer, they walked or ran 25.2 miles and read 26 hours or books. On Saturday, they met at WLC's Raabe Stadium to run the final mile with all the other children from different cities that participated. Great job!



Be Strong in the LORD

Ephesians 6:10-11