



Zion Lutheran School Connection

This year's theme: "Light the World!"

"...you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light" – Ephesians 5:8

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"Garbage In, Garbage Out" is an old computer programming adage. Basically, it means that the computer program will respond according to what is input. If the information input is corrupted, the information output will be as well.

The same adage applies to ourselves and our children. We wouldn't open our computer's system files and then let our five-year-old pound on the keyboard. Yet how often do we as Christians forget that the world is pounding its anti-Christian message through television, movies, and the internet. Though there are many media sources with positive messages, through television shows, movies, and streaming videos and music we can inadvertently open up our children and ourselves to exposure to behavior in actions and speech that we would not imagine allowing to occur in our home.

Sometimes we even hold ourselves to different standards. Have you ever said to your child, "Go in the other room. You shouldn't watch this show," and then we watch it ourselves? "Garbage in, garbage out." applies to adults as well. Parents, what are you watching?

And these influences can and do affect God's people. That is why Scripture warns against them.

"I don't know where in the word he learned that language, teacher. We don't talk that way at home." Maybe you don't, but your TV does.

"I don't know why she is acting that way. That's not the respect that we teach her at home." But what does her music teach her? Or her streaming video choices?

Too often we make excuses for our entertainment. "That's just the way it is nowadays." But Ephesians 5:8-12 reminds us of our reason to be different: ***"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret."***

Do our entertainment choices please the Lord? Or do we accept "what the disobedient do in secret" as our entertainment? Garbage in, garbage out. We must ask God to help us to be aware of all the sinful influences on our children, to avoid them, and teach our children to do the same. Be strong enough to say "no". Small influences have a way of becoming strong influences, possibly even putting faith in jeopardy- ours and our children's.

"Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things." –Philippians 4:8

God bless your week!

Principal Schneck ☺

Christian Education Association

There is a Christian Association meeting today, Monday, November 9th, right after school around 3:15 p.m. Preschool and elementary school parents are invited and encouraged to attend as we plan for winter and spring activities. Please join us! We will meet outside by the picnic tables near the playground.

Parking Lot Safety

Please be aware of children, your own and others, when dropping off and picking up before and after school. Be aware of traffic flow in the parking lot. Especially watch for students as you pull out to leave or pull around stopped vehicles.

Please do not park in the first row of spaces (under the basketball hoops along the playground) after school. This will make our students and parent movement more visible when going to and from their vehicles.

Students allowed to play on the playground after school MUST BE SUPERVISED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. Please do not send your children to the playground after school unless you are supervising them or have asked another parent to do so. If visiting with fellow parents outside after school, please practice social distancing and encourage your children on the playground to do the same. Let's all work together to avoid accidents and keep our children safe!

Hot Lunch this week:

(for those who ordered in advance)

Wednesday, November 11th – Ham with Mac & Cheese

Friday, November 13th – Personal Pizza

Wednesday Chapel Service

School families are invited to join us for our morning school chapel service this week Wednesday, November 11th at 8:05 a.m. Parents, family and friends are welcome! Parents attending chapel are asked to park in the circle drive (Cole Road entrance) and enter through door "D". This week's message: "No Time or Date". Our mission offering project continues to be WELS Committee on Relief, which provides help to communities and individuals suffering from the effects of natural disasters. Please pray that God continues to bless people through this ministry.

Winter Clothing Exchange

Do you have any good condition kids' or adults' winter gear that you no longer need or that your family has outgrown, or do you or a family member need winter gear?

From October 19th to November 13th we will be collecting and sharing gently used winter clothing. You can either donate winter coats, snow pants, snow suits, boots or other winter gear that you no longer need, or if you or your child needs a new coat or other item, you can trade up to a new size or get something you need for free. Nothing to trade? You may still help yourself to anything you need. If you know a family that needs winter gear, invite them to come and take a look. Please use the basket for hats, gloves, scarves and mittens. This is a great opportunity for our school and church families to help each other out, as well as assisting others in our community who have a need. **Please leave any donations on the ministry table next to the pastor's office starting on Monday, October 19th. Items will be available until November 13th, after which any leftover items will be donated to children's and families' charities in Monroe.**



NOTE: To facilitate parents who wish to look through the clothing exchange items, we will move the tables outside after school on Monday and Wednesday of this week.

On the Calendar...

- **Monday, November 9th** – CEA MEETING 3:15 p.m.
 - **Wednesday, November 11th** – School Chapel 8:05 a.m.
Hot Lunch – Ham with Mac & Cheese
Worship Service at Zion Lutheran 7:00 p.m.
 - **Friday, November 13th** – Hot Lunch – Personal Pizza
 - **Sunday, November 15th** – *Worship Services at Zion Lutheran 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*
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The following is from students in our school working on a community service project :

Friends of Companion Animals



We are Camden and Levi Fager, an eighth and a sixth grader in Mr. Schneck's classroom. We are doing a community service project for our first degree black belts, and we will collect donations for Friends of Companion Animals. Friends of Companion Animals is a shelter and rescue for cats that is 100 percent run by volunteers. They care for the cats until they are adopted.

We are going to set out a donation box in the school hallway starting November 16 through December 11. If you would like to donate items for the cats at Friends of Companion Animals, you can put them in the donation box, and we will take the items to Friends of Companion Animals in December. The most needed items are: Tidy Cat Clumping Litter, Purina Naturals Original, Purina Gentle Food, Purina Kitten Chow, Friskies Canned Cat Food, Monroe Feed gift cards, Gasoline gift cards, Kroger, Meijer, or Walmart gift cards, PetSmart gift cards, hand sanitizer, regular bleach (not the splashless kind), antibacterial dish soap, and paper towels.

Thank you for your consideration and any help with our project!

Camden and Levi Fager