

Zion Lutheran School Prospective Student Packet 2017-2018



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Thank you for showing interest in our school!

Zion Lutheran School offers a sound education, permeated by the Good News of Jesus the Savior, for children in preschool through eighth grade.

We pray that we will have an opportunity to assist you in the all-important work of instructing your children in the wisdom of this world as well as sharing with them *the grace* of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have adopted an admissions policy that opens the school to families who understand and are supportive of our philosophy, objectives, and standards of education, and whose children meet our enrollment standards. Our purpose is to serve families who desire not simply a private education, but a distinctively Lutheran education for their children.

Before applying for admission to our school, please read the Student Handbook provided on our school website, which will introduce you to many of the school's policies, procedures, and expectations. It also explains our religious purpose, mission, and beliefs. All subjects in our school will be taught from the perspective of, and in accordance with, the Word of God as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. If you do not agree with the beliefs and values that will be taught in our school, enrolling your child will likely cause him or her confusion. This internal conflict could drive a wedge between you and your child, cause your child to negatively judge you as a parent, or force your child to choose between our teaching and what he or she learns at home. We respect your desire to place your child in the best possible learning environment, but if you are uncomfortable with what your child will be taught, it will be best for all concerned if you do not enroll your child at our school.

At Zion Lutheran, we strive to offer the best possible education. Small class sizes, individual attention, and a safe family atmosphere make our school a very fine place for your child to grow and learn. Far more important, however, is the fact that *your children will daily hear the message of God's love for them and for others*. Not only is God's Word allowed in our school, it is a vital part in all the classes, in all of the necessary discipline of growing Christian boys and girls, and in all of the goals that we have established for the school as a mission of Zion Lutheran Church.

Please call us today (303) 985-2334 to schedule a school tour! We would love to get to know you and show you what our School is all about!

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran School exists to assist parents in training their children
to know Jesus and to live for Him. - ZLS Mission Statement**

Zion Lutheran School is part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). WELS has supported Lutheran education for over 150 years, and its schools represent the nation's 4th largest private school system.

Zion Lutheran School

What is our school's mission?

Zion Lutheran School exists to assist parents with their God-given responsibility to train their children in the truths and promises of God's Word. We strive to provide an excellent academic and co-curricular education with a Christ-centered focus within a caring family environment.

What does Zion Lutheran School offer?

- Experienced and dedicated teachers
- Low teacher-student ratio
- Parental partnership
- Christian fellowship
- Spiritual devotions
- Lasting friendships
- Sense of family
- Teamwork between child, parent, and teacher



What is the curriculum?

Zion Lutheran School's curriculum is in compliance with Colorado's Department of Education and provides for the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social needs of every child. *The heart of our curriculum is the Word of God, which permeates all classes and activities.* Our teachers regularly assess students' progress and communicate frequently to ensure the children's success at our school. A formal curriculum schedule is included in this packet.

Before and After School Care

Zion Lutheran School offers Before and After School Care for our students, whose parents work and are in need of the program.

Program Times

- 6:30 – 8:00 AM
- 3:15 – 5:30 PM

Before and After School Care is available on all days school is in session with the exception of half days (noon dismissal) when no After School Care is provided. Detailed guidelines and information are available.

Who may enroll?

Zion Lutheran School welcomes all children without reference to race, national or ethnic origin, or gender.

- **Preschool students must be 3 years by September 15th of the enrolling school year.**
- **Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by September 15th of the enrolling school year.**
- **All children must be potty-trained before applying to Zion Lutheran School.**

Zion Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten

Research studies continue to prove the importance of early learning. The mind of a young child is one that is constantly learning, continually making important connections. Zion Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten are here to help feed the minds of these young children. The teachers strive to provide students with meaningful, developmentally appropriate learning experiences. All learning is done in a loving, Christian environment.

What is our program?

The overall goal is to provide early learning experiences that assist parents in nurturing the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development of their young children. We believe this goal can be reached when children learn by doing – by hands-on, active learning experiences that are developmentally appropriate for young children. We further believe children develop best when all experiences occur in an atmosphere of Christian love, care, trust, and respect.

Who are the teachers?

The professionally trained teachers are Christian individuals who truly care about the needs of each child in the program. They have the unique ability to create an environment that is safe, encourages learning, and is fun. Our teachers have college training in early childhood education.

Hours of Operation

Zion's preschool is in session Monday – Friday from 8:30-11:30am. An afternoon program (12:30-3:30pm) is in session on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Parents can choose between 2, 3, 4 or 5 days with an additional “Lunch Bunch” (11:30-12:30) for an additional cost.

Zion Lutheran Kindergarten runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30am-3:30pm.

Both our Preschool and Kindergarten follow the health and safety guidelines as developed by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. This means:

- ***Regular safety checks on the facility***
- ***First-aid and CPR training for teachers and aides***
- ***Criminal background checks for teachers and aides***
- ***Proper teacher to child ratios***
- ***Safe handling of food/snacks***

Both the Preschool and Kindergarten operate under Zion Lutheran School, which is an approved school in Colorado. This means that the School is in compliance with the minimum standards of health, safety, and education as defined by Colorado.

Preschool Curriculum

Active Learning at Zion

Students enrolled in Zion Lutheran Preschool will have the opportunity to partake in active learning experiences each and every school day. This active learning will guide the children in their spiritual, physical, mental, social, and emotional development. The active learning experiences will be guided by the Colorado Standards for Early Childhood Education.



Religion	Language, Literacy, and Communication	Social and Emotional Development
Bible Lessons and songs	Treasures, Alligators to Zucchini, Read-a-Louds, Songs and Rhymes	Cooperative play and conflict resolution
Physical Development and Health		Mathematics
Kids in Motion Early Childhood Activities	Science	Saxon and Treasures
Creative Arts	Treasures Unit Study	Social Studies
Various Sources		Treasures Unit Study

Kindergarten Curriculum

Well Rounded Instruction

Students enrolled in Kindergarten will have active learning experiences that will help them develop critical thinking skills. Daily activities will guide the children's spiritual, physical, mental, social, and emotional development.



Religion	Math	Language	Science	Music
Word of God Bible History	Saxon	Wonders	Scott Foresman	Sing and Make Music
Physical Education	Social Studies		Art	
Various Sources	Scott Foresman		Various Sources	

1st-8th Grade Curriculum

1st-2nd Grade

Religion	Math	Language	Social Studies	Science	Music	Art
Word of God Bible History	Saxon	Wonders	Scott Forseman	Scott Forseman	Sing and Make Music	Various Sources

3rd-5th Grade

Religion	Math	Language	Social Studies	Science	Music	Art
Christ Light Old Testament	Saxon	Wonders	Scott Forseman	Scott Forseman	Music Time!	CLAL Art Fair Categories Based
Physical Education: Lifestyle Sports and Team Sports (Field Hockey, Bowling, Basketball, Volleyball, Jumping Rope, Softball, Punt/Pass/Kick)						

6th-8th Grade

Religion	Math	Language	Social Studies	Science	Spelling	Reading
Christ Light Old Testament	Saxon Middle School Math Courses 1,2,3	Shurley English	TCI	Pearson Interactive Science TOPS Units	Words Their Way	Novels, Comprehension & Think Aloud Strategies
Physical Education: Lifestyle Sports and Team Sports (Field Hockey, Bowling, Basketball, Volleyball, Jumping Rope, Softball, Punt/Pass/Kick)						

****Computers and Technology are integrated into all curricular areas with SMART Boards, Chromebooks and the Computer Lab.**



What We Believe and Teach

Zion Lutheran Church is a Christian Church

We believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior from sin and the Lord of our life.

<p>A Confessional Church We confess the Bible as God's Word and the only authority for Christian faith and life.</p>	<p>A Caring Church You will feel very welcome when you are our guest at our worship service. You will be treated as one of the "Zion family."</p>	<p>A Community Church We are a growing family of friends and neighbors sharing God's love to meet each other's needs.</p>
<p>A Place to Study God's Word We make no apologies for teaching the clear truth of the Bible. Nothing added. Nothing subtracted. Nothing changed. Just the time-tested truth of God's Word for everyone to come and learn for themselves. How well do you know what the Bible says? How about your children? Don't depend on someone to tell you what it says. Come and see for yourself!</p>	<p>A Place to Discover Life's Purpose The rat race and fast pace of the daily grind tends to strip life of its meaning. We share real life values and endless opportunities to "make a difference" in our families and communities.</p>	<p>A Place to Find Lasting Hope In our changing world, it is easy to feel uneasy and uncertain. Even things that once seemed secure are proven vulnerable. But God's promises do not change...ever. In Jesus, we celebrate peace for today and hope for the future... with eternal life in heaven thrown in! What could be better than that?</p>
<p>A Place to Make New Friends Remember the good old days when you knew your neighbors? At Zion good friends gather for food, fun and fellowship. Folks get to know one another. New families join in the fun all the time! We'd love to include you!</p>	<p>A Place to Raise Your Children Zion Lutheran School is part of the fourth largest school system in America. Our school is among the highest rated because our purpose is clear: to raise our children with time-tested Christian values and virtues. Our pastors and teachers are trained professionals, who care about our students and their families.</p>	<p>A Place to Feel at Home No gathering of people is perfect, but we are sure that you'll feel welcome...just like we did when we arrived at Zion. New faces become old friends in just a short time. You'll feel like a member of the family of Zion from the moment you arrive. You'll be glad you came!</p>

Zion Lutheran Church: Sunday Morning Worship: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Sunday Family Bible Hour: 9:20 AM

Please join us in worship at any time!



Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Zion belongs to the Colorado Lutheran Activities League (CLAL). We participate with other WELS schools from along the Front Range in several activities during the school year. *The team sports have an extra fee.

Athletics

- Punt/Pass/Kick
- Soccer*
- Basketball*
- Track and Field
- Softball
- Kickball
- Jump Rope for Heart

Music

- Junior Choir
- Melody Chimes
- Piano Lessons

Academics

- History and Science Fair
- Spelling Bee
- Forensics
- Math Bowl
- Art Fair

To participate in these activities, students need to maintain an acceptable grade average, turn in assignments on time, and maintain a behavior level that would represent our Savior and our school well.

2017-2018 Tuition, Fees, Info

The members of Zion Lutheran Church offer a large scholarship for each student due to the value and importance of Christian education. The actual operating **cost per student is \$5,500**. From an earthly viewpoint, you are getting a great value! From a spiritual viewpoint, your child is receiving a priceless gift!

We expect that our families use Vanco to pay their tuition online. ***Tuition is billed for a total of 10 payments (August 2017 – May 2018)***. Zion is blessed to have a Grant-In-Aid Fund that offers scholarships to students. Parents should speak to Mr. Tesch about filling out a GIA request.

***We offer a discount for tuition that is paid-in-full before June 1.**

***We also offer discounted rates for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th child in each family.**

**Members of Zion and members of other WELS/ELS churches should contact the school office for tuition rates.*

Preschool Tuition Rates (yearly)

Days Per Week:	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
Yearly Tuition:	\$580	\$1160.00	\$1740.00	\$2320.00	\$2900.00

Kindergarten Tuition Rates (yearly)

- \$2165.00 (\$216.50/month for 10 months)

First Grade – Eighth Grade Rates (yearly)

- \$3680.00 (\$368/month for 10 months)

Annual Fees (explanation of fees can be found in the Student Handbook)

- **Registration fee** \$50 per family
- **Book fees** due on Registration Night: \$35-\$125 (depending on grade level)
- **Activity fees** due on Registration Night: Preschool \$25/student; K-8 \$50/student
- **Yearbook fee** due on Registration Night: \$15/book

School Hours

Extended Care (Before School)	6:30 am – 8:00 am
Full School Day (K–8 th Grade)	8:30 am – 3:30pm
Preschool	8:30-11:30am or 12:30-3:30pm
Extended Care (After School)	3:00 pm – 5pm

- **Extended Care fees** (\$6/hour if child is at school before 8:00 am or after 3:15 pm) billed monthly.

Enrollment Process

1. Visit - Come for a campus tour where you can meet Zion's principal, director, and teachers to learn more about our academic programs. Read the handbook, along with this tuition and fee sheet.
2. Apply - Complete the enrollment application. Be sure to include any required supporting documents.
3. Interview and Recommendation - A visit will be scheduled with the principal or director to discuss the school policies and procedures in more detail. A meeting and/or placement test with the student may also be requested. Since the school is an extension of the church, the pastor may also schedule a visit to discuss the church. The Zion Lutheran School Board of Christian Education will consider your application, with a recommendation from the principal or director. You will be notified of the decision as soon as possible.
4. Admission - Upon acceptance, you will complete the rest of the enrollment forms.