

Greetings!

Driving home the other night from the service in Martin, I found myself in the middle of a snowstorm. While I was driving trying to navigate a road that turned completely white, I was reminded of the passage from God's Word: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

The stain of sin is obvious. We can try and ignore it, but that works about as well as attempting to ignore the spilled juice soaking into the white carpet. We can try and wash the sin out on our own with doing the right things and promises to do better next time. But that just smudges the stain. We can try and point to why it happened or why it's not as bad as that stain over there, but it has not taken care of your stain of sin. Yes, that stain is obvious in your life, my life, and in the lives of our students. To make it all the worse, it is not just the bad things that we do but what we are. God's Word is also very clear In God's sight and on our own, the stain of sin is so deep and so corrupting that that even the good things we do are filthy (Isaiah 64:6).

But as the white snow covered the road, Jesus' perfect life and innocent death has covered your sins. He did not just ignore them and pretend it did not happen. He shed his blood that is more powerful than the strongest bleach to wash the stain away. He washed you in water and the word in baptism so that just as he is raised from the dead so you are made clean. Though you were scarlet, your sins are forgiven and sins stain is removed. Now when God sees you and the work you do he only sees what Jesus has made you: white as snow.

As the temperatures continue to drop and snow begins to fall, remember: this is how I stand before God.

-Pastor Thad Flitter



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Living History Night**

- You've seen the advertisements and heard your student talking about it. Living History Night is Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Attendance is required by your student for this event; they will receive a grade on their work. Be sure to help your student practice their speeches! We are looking forward to this night when history comes to life!

### **Students Singing in Church**

- Zion Lutheran School and Preschool will be singing in church on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. The PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade will all be singing together! We are excited to hear how they will all sound.
- It is always good to hear your student's voices singing in church and we hope that you are able to join us. If you will not be able to on that Sunday, please let your teachers know.

### **Soup Sunday**

- Following the service when your student sings on November 20<sup>th</sup> we will have a Soup and Sandwich lunch together. This is a great time to spend with fellow school families and enjoy time together!
- If you are able to join us, please bring either soup (big crock pot), sandwiches (2 dozen) or dessert (avoid nuts; please label if there are some) to share! There will be a sign-up that will be sent out in the not-so-distant future to give a list of ideas.

### **Christmas for Kids**

- Zion Lutheran School is hosting free 'babysitting' where your child will hear the Christmas story, do a craft, have snack and some free play. It will happen from 9:00-11:30 with the doors opening at 8:45 on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please use the Google form (check our Facebook page) to register your child (ages fully potty-trained 3 year old - 7 year olds). Registration will be open until December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **It's Getting a Bit Chilly...**

- Please be sure students are dressed appropriately for the colder weather. We don't want them to be too cold at recess! If you have questions about dress code, it is on page 11 of the School Handbook.

### **Tutoring on Fridays**

- On Friday mornings Miss Sarah Dewey is available to help students—especially in Mr. Kupsky's classroom—should they need tutoring help. If you feel your student would benefit from some time with Ms. Dewey, please have them sign-up in Mr. Kupsky's classroom.

### **Parent Resource**

- How can we teach children to be good friends? How do we discuss death with our children? What does it look like for a father to be a strong Christian leader? What life skills will help young people as they transition to adulthood? These are just a few of the topics that are addressed in the free parents' resource of "Forward in Christ." Go to <https://forwardinchrist.net/parents/> and check out all that it has to offer!

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## November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Tuition Payments Due	<b>2</b> 9 am—Chapel	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Hot Lunch—Cozad	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10 am—Church Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 am—Presentation from Luther Preparatory School  <b>Election Day</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6 pm—Living History Night	<b>11</b> Hot Lunch—Schumacher  <b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10 am—Church Service 11:15 am—Sunday School/Program Practice	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9 am—Chapel	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Hot Lunch—Hamilton	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10 am—Church Service 11:15 am—Soup/Sandwich Sunday <b>Zion Lutheran School and Preschool Sing</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm—Zion Parent Group Meeting	<b>23</b>  <b>Noon-Dismissal; no afternoon PreK</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>25</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving</div>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10 am—Church Service 11:15 am—Sunday School/Program Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9 am—Chapel			

