



# Zion Lutheran Church & School

The Mission of Zion is "To Better Know and Show Christ's Love."

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January 30, 2026

Dear Zion Lutheran School Parents:

It is time to register for the 2026-2027 school year! Below are the important dates you will need to know and attached is a schedule of the tuition rates for Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

- **Registration begins:**

- Zion member families: February 16, 2026
- Current Zion School Families: February 23, 2026
- Open Enrollment: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026
- Financial Aid Requests for 2026-2027 due: May 15, 2026

**Please note:** A minimum of \$100 is due at the time of enrollment; the remaining balance is due by the dates listed below. Registration fees are non-refundable.

- **New Registration Fee Due Dates:**

- \$350 Registration fee per child due no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
- \$400 Registration fee per child from June 2<sup>nd</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- \$450 Registration fee per child after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Increased K-8 tuition:** As you can see on the attached sheet, the tuition for 2026-2027 will increase. The Zion Lutheran Congregation continues to faithfully support our school at one of the highest levels in the area (72.4% for the 2026-2027 school year). This provides the opportunity for continued excellent, Christ-centered education for families in Auburn.
- **Busing Forms:** Included with the registration is a copy of the Bay City School District bus form. Each student in your family must have this form filled out. Our school office will collect bus forms until May 30<sup>th</sup> and send them to the garage for registered students. After May 30<sup>th</sup>, it will be the parent's responsibility to return the form to the bus garage. Contact them for further information after that date.
- **Financial Aid:** All Zion School families receive financial help simply by the fact that our church covers 72.4% of the tuition. If your family needs more support, Zion has a financial aid fund to help those that would love a Christ-centered education, but struggle with the cost. Our hope is that cost is never the reason that a family chooses not to send their children to Zion. The Financial Aid granted is determined by a third source and does require you to complete and submit forms. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you are interested in pursuing this.

- **Calendar:** Included is a copy of the 2026-2027 Calendar. School hours remain the same. Drop off begins at 7:40, with an 8:00 am school start time. School dismisses at 3:00 pm.

The Call Committee continues to work diligently to seek and hire a fourth-grade teacher and a principal for the 2026-2027 school year. Please keep this process in your prayers!

The teaching staff are already working hard to prepare for the next school year, and we look forward to working with your family! If you have ANY questions, do not hesitate to ask!

In His Service,

Susan Klauer, principal, and the Zion Board of Christian Day School

### **The 2026-2027 Teaching Staff**

Preschool Director	Ms. Lacie Steelmon	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> , MS Science & Math	Mrs. Patty Hemme
Kindergarten	Ms. Angela Riske	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> ELA	TBA
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Mrs. Samantha Schnell	7/8 <sup>th</sup> ELA	Mrs. Mary Ann Woods
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Mrs. Kayla Panzner	7/8 <sup>th</sup> , Art, MS Religion & SS	Mrs. Julie List
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Mrs. Ruth Schian	Principal	TBA
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	TBA	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class	Rev. Menz & Rev. Hemme

### **2026-2027 Board of Christian Day School**

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Mrs. Cherie Whalen, Administrative Assistant  
 Mrs. Veronica Riker, Hot Lunch Coordinator  
 Ms. Megan Seward, Custodian