

ZION KIDS

2024-2025

FAMILY GUIDE

Zion Kids are **Walking Wet**, living in their baptismal promises:

* In God's promise to always love them,
*And, in our promise to give them their own Bible,
worship and commune with them, , and teach them God's Word!



HERE'S HOW!



Commanded by Jesus, Holy Baptism is one of two Lutheran sacraments. Through Baptism, we receive the gift of faith and the promise of God's Holy Spirit.

2024-2025 Baptism Classes: Sundays at 12:00 pm
September 8 March 9
November 10 May 4

Young children receive Bibles at baptism and in family Sunday school.

**Full Bibles are presented in Grade 2.
Parent & child class suggested.**

Grade 2 Bible Classes
Sun., Oct. 6 @ 10:15 am, Theater
or Wed., Oct. 9 @ 5:00 pm, Room 4
Parents attend with children.

Grade 2 Bible Presentations
Sunday, Oct. 13 @
9 and 11 am Worship Services
Or Wed., Oct. 9 with class.



**Instituted by Jesus, Holy Communion is our second Sacrament, and we receive God's gift of forgiveness.
Preparation classes are provided in advance**

Preschool First Communion Class
Sun., Nov. 17 @ 10 am, Room 10.
Parents attend with children.

Gr. K-5 First Communion Classes
Sun., Nov. 10 @ 11 am, Theater;
Sun., March 30 @ 11 am, Theater; or
Wed., March 19 @ 5:30 pm, Room 4.
Parents attend with children.

Families schedule
their child's
First Communion
individually.

CONTACTS

Early Childhood Director: Lee Neitge at lneitge@zionanoka.org.
Children's Ministries Director: Ann Campbell at acampbell@zionanoka.org.

Zion Kids Family Events

Rally Day: Root Beer Floats, Games and Prizes!

Sunday, Sept. 8 from 10-10:50 am | Fellowship Hall

Marty Party: Celebrate Martin Luther, the Reformation and God's grace.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 10-10:50 am | Fellowship Hall

Trunk or Treat Family Event: Host a "trunk" or come for treats!

Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 5:30-7 pm | Main Floor

A Night in Bethlehem: It's the night of Jesus' birth, and YOU 'RE THERE!

Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10-10:50 am | Fellowship Hall

God Loves You Cookie Decorating:

Sunday, Feb. 16, 10-10:50 am | Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday Parade: Grab a palm branch and welcome Jesus!

Sunday, April 13 Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 am | Sanctuary



ZION KIDS Sunday School

Birth-Grade 5

9/8	10-11 am: Rally Day in Fellowship Hall! Floats, games and prizes! 9 & 11 am Worship: Back to School Blessing
9/15	First day! Holy Shenanigans in Chapel; Kid City in Theater
9/22	CYF Leaders Blessing @ 9 & 11 am Worship
10/20	MEA Weekend (No Zion Kids Sunday)
10/27	Marty Party Family Event! (In lieu of Sunday school)
12/1	Thanksgiving Weekend (No Zion Kids Sunday)
12/8	Night in Bethlehem Family Event! (In lieu of Sunday school)
12/29 & 1/5	Christmas Break (No Zion Kids Sunday)
1/12	Zion Kids Sunday resumes!
2/16	Cookie Decorating Family Event (In lieu of Sunday school)
3/9	Spring Break (No Zion Kids Sunday)
4/20	Easter Day (No Zion Kids Sunday)
5/11	Last Day of Zion Kids Sunday



Holy Shenanigans Sunday School

Kids Ages 0-5 and their grownups

Play, sing, learn, connect!
Pray, worship, create and more!

Kid City Sunday School

Grades K-5



We're a city on a hill, shining God's light!
We watch "Holy Moly" videos, dig into our Bibles, play games, and make crafts and projects!

Zion Kids Sunday meets from 10-10:50 am, 9/15-5/11

OTHER GREAT STUFF

KidSing



KidSing is a laid back and FUN music class for kids Ages 3-8.

Zion's youngest children's choir features singing, dancing and making new friends! We'll also learn to play the ukulele, and grow in our faith!

Parents/caregivers remain in the building and commit to volunteering in the classroom as needed. Children must have an up-to-date Health Form to participate. Plus, there's the option to stay for pizza dinner from 5-6pm in the Cornerstone Café.

Dates: Kids ages 3-8 meet Wednesdays from 4:30-5:00 pm, Sept. 18 - Nov. 20

Preschool Dance



Preschool Dance is for ages 2-5 with a caregiver.

Children will get those wiggles out, and learn fun creative movement songs and dances while growing in their faith!

Adult caregivers get to know each other and create a meaningful community. Children must have an up-to-date Health Form.

Dates: Kids ages 2-5 meet Tuesdays from 9:15-9:45 am, Sept. 17-Oct. 29

WHIRL Wednesday



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Whirl Wednesday encompasses two age groups: Grades K-2 (WHIRL) and Grades 3-5 (JOIZ-N-NOIZ)!

We're all about our friendships with Jesus and each other! We start each night with gym games that encourage teamwork, then we divide into two groups, where we read Bible stories, watch movies, eat snacks, play games, participate in activities and make art projects.

Dates: Kids in Gr. K-5 meet Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 pm, Sept. 18-April 30, with optional dinner from 5-5:30 pm.

9/18	First Night
10/16	MEA Break (No programming)
10/30	Trunk or Treat (5:30-7:00 pm) Families are invited to host and participate!
11/27	Thanksgiving Eve worship (No programming)
12/11	Whirl Wednesday Christmas party
12/18—1/1	Winter Break (No programming)
1/8	Whirl Wednesday Resumes
3/5—4/16	Lenten Worship (No programming)
4/23 & 4/30	Last two nights of Zion Kids Wednesday

Zion Kids Policies

A top priority for our Zion staff and volunteers is to offer high quality faith formation opportunities for children and families. We are also committed to providing as safe an experience as possible.

Please join us by following these general safety policies!

SUPERVISING KIDS Because our Zion property is open to the public, we kindly ask that parents and guardians attend to their children at all times. Our staff and volunteers are required to accompany children at all times while children are checked into programming. Keeping this policy consistent helps the children to understand our safety concerns and acts as a deterrent to unsafe people or situations. Thank you!

CHECK-IN AND CHECK OUT All children Age 0-Grade 5 must be escorted both in and out of the building by an adult authorized on the child's registration form. Adults will initial a form at both arrival and departure. To change or add to your list of authorized adults, contact Ann Campbell or Lee Neitge.

NAME TAGS should be worn at all times by participating children and volunteers. Knowing who is who is an important safety feature.

FOOD/SNACKS To protect kids with food allergies, prior permission from the directors is needed to serve food.

HEALTH FORMS are required for children and youth who participate in Zion's Children's Ministries. You only need to complete one form per child per year. Paper forms are available upon registration. You can also complete a form online at www.zionanoka.org/registration-events

SICK KIDS POLICY Protect your child and others by keeping home a child who is obviously ill with coughing, fever, diarrhea, vomiting, green-runny nose, puss/oozing eyes, or an infectious disease or condition (i.e., ringworm, head lice, chicken pox, measles, mumps, pink eye). Children with a fever over 100.4° F should not attend programming until 24 hours after their temperature resolves without fever reducing medicines.

AT ZION... We focus on positive choices, behavior, and relationships. Every child is uniquely created by God, and deserves loving attention and encouraging direction. We encourage kids to love God, love one another, and be safe. If you have suggestions for ways we can help your child to have a positive experience, please let us know!

WHAT NOT TO BRING Toys, games, electronics. (They get lost and broken.) Cell phones and smart watches should be kept in a separate location like a backpack. BTW, a Lost and Found is located outside the CYF office!

WHAT TO BRING Bibles for grades 2-5. (Kids can also use our class Bibles.)



Zion Kids Serve!

Join us in sponsoring Dinesh and Srimathi—two students in boarding homes/schools in India. With Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry (LPGM), we collect funds to provide quality food, education and housing for children living with an illegal, but persisting caste system.

To participate, use our special kid-sized offering envelopes.

Place your donation into our Zion Kids Treasure Chests.

And, watch our email and photo display outside the CYF office as Dinesh, Srimathi and our Zion Kids build international relationships!



Dinesh Age 10 **Srimathi** Age 8



To Register

go to

www.zionanoka.org/registration-events/