

## **THE PURPOSE OF ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL (ZLS)**

The following statements represent the purpose of ZLS which, in general, provides a Christian education for the children of our congregation, sister congregations, and for all others who desire a Christian education.

ZLS is an extension of Christ, educating children so they may, through God's Word and Spirit:

- Know the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Know the forgiving love of Jesus Christ and respond to that loving relationship with lives of Christian faith, worship, service, love, and hope.
- Live as children of God and members of Christ's body.
- Grow as complete Christian individuals,
- Be responsible citizens of God's creation by acquiring knowledge and understanding.
- Develop gifts, talents, and skills for responsible living and serving.
- Recognize God's gifts to us and joyfully return His love by totally committing ourselves to Him.
- Believe that they are always loved by God.
- Be provided an opportunity to develop a wholesome self-concept of dignity and worth.

ZLS provides an environment for student interaction through:

- Opportunities for free-play in which sharing is encouraged.
- School sponsored events encouraging socialization.
- Growth experiences in both large and small group activities.
- Encouraging Christian fellowship and competitive play through extra-curricular activities.

ZLS recognizes the individual academic talents of each student and:

- Strives to instill in each student the joy of learning.
- Desires to challenge all students to use their God-given abilities to their fullest extent.
- Works to incorporate teaching strategies that will assist students in the learning process.
- Uses the parent/student/teacher team to actively strive for educational excellence in our school.
- Provides a complete and well-balanced Christian early childhood program.

ZLS provides opportunities for service to the congregation and to the church-at-large by:

- Participation in choir
- Participation in the acolyte program
- Training children to become strong leaders in the complete mission of the church.
- Promoting serious consideration for full-time church work.
- Participation in chapel services.
- Encouraging regular chapel offerings and a Christ centered education for their children.