



“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

March 20, 2020

Dear Zion Parents and Students,

Due to state and local regulations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Zion Lutheran School will be closed until further notice. We will continue to offer online/packet learning. **TOMORROW (Saturday, March 21st) will be a materials and homework pick-up day at Zion from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.** We will provide enough school work for TWO WEEKS worth of learning (March 23rd-April 3rd). The following week (April 6th-10th) will be our scheduled Easter break. We will announce our plans beyond that point as soon as we are able. Preschool through 2nd grade should pick up outside gym doors. Third through 8th grade should pick up outside church doors. Pull up to the curb, and your student’s disinfected materials will be brought out to you. Families with multiple children should pull up to the door for their oldest student’s grade to pick up materials for your entire family. We will be sending home ALL student materials and supplies this week (P.E. shoes, medications, desk contents, etc.). If your student does not have an internet-capable learning device at home and needs a Chromebook, we do have a limited supply remaining (one per family). Please contact the office (email office@zionclassical.org or call 402-462-5012...leave a voice mail message if there is no answer) to be added to the list. They will be available on a first come, first served basis.

All evening and after-school activities/meetings/events have been suspended until further notice. The following events have been cancelled or postponed:

- March 29th – Zion Craft & Vendor Show
- April 2nd – Enrollment Night
- April 17th – Scholar Bowl
- April 24th – God is Great Concert
- April 26th & April 29th – *Riot and the Dance: Water* movie showing at Hastings Museum
- April 30th – Field Day

Hastings Public Schools will provide "Grab and Go" meals on weekdays for anyone age 18 and under. The meals are intended for **anyone age 18 and under, and not just for HPS students.** Pick-up times are **11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.** Each individual will receive a sack lunch and breakfast items for the following day. Extra food will be sent home on Fridays to help with the weekend.

MEAL PICK-UP SITES ARE:

Hastings High School, 1100 W. 14th St.

Hastings Middle School, 201 N. Marian Road

Alcott Elementary, 313 N. Cedar Ave.

Lincoln Elementary, 720 S. Franklin Ave.

Rest assured, our teachers are going above and beyond to give your child a “school at home” experience these next several weeks. Pastor Warneke’s weekly Chapel services will be available on YouTube. We will post those video links on our Google Classroom and school Facebook pages. Please remember that the intent of social distancing is not only to protect ourselves, but to protect our loved ones. If we have online learning and everyone is homebound, it negates the purpose of all precautionary measures if we still get together socially. This cannot be treated as a snow day situation and we must hold each other accountable. This is going to be a very difficult time for everyone. We pray that everyone stays healthy and safe during this uncertain time. I would encourage you to read this passage several times throughout the upcoming days to help remind you that God is always in control:

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. – Philippians 4:4-8

God’s Blessings,



Sara Nielsen
Principal

