Memorization
Ray Schumacher- Parents CrossLink Autumn 2017

In a recent discussion I bemoaned the fact that kids don’t memorize much anymore—and that few parents seem to help their child with, or even encourage, memorization. The response from the other end of the discussion went something like this: “Isn’t technology great! Now we can access information wherever we are. We don’t need to waste time memorizing.”

A onetime colleague of mine (now in heaven) had a master’s degree in reading. He maintained that memorization is important for a child’s intellectual development on many levels and that we are doing our children a disservice when we don’t have them memorize. More recent studies support his contentions and demonstrate the importance of memorization for people of all ages.

• Memorization trains your brain to remember things. It exercises the brain and strengthens the ability to hold on to information.
• Memorization teaches the brain how to focus.
• A trained memory is necessary in order to master new and larger concepts.
• Neurobiologists believe that memorizing can make your brain more agile and flexible.
• Memorization skills promote creativity. Research in the Netherlands points to a correlation between people’s ability to focus and memorize and their creativity.
• Memorizing promotes neural plasticity, that is, the ability of the brain to change and adapt. This is particularly important for older people because, in the natural aging process, brain cells and connections are lost. (The teaching methodologies of a century ago, which included a lot of rote learning, are often scoffed at. But I’m often amazed at the recall ability of many older people who

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learned under such “primitive” conditions.
• Memory training delays cognitive decline. The National Institute on Health and Aging maintains that practicing memorization enables the elderly to delay cognitive decline by 7 to 14 years.

**Bible Class**
What does it mean to be a Lutheran Christian? Martin Luther sparked the Reformation when he nailed his protest to the door of the Castle Church in 1517. That protest had the one goal: bring the church back to the foundation of the Bible. To be a Lutheran Christian means to base our teaching and practice on the Bible alone. Our study, *Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture*, presents 12 important biblical principles that are still important to us and all Bible-believing Christians today. Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area over at church. All are invited!

**First Quarter Mission Project: Friends of China USA**
The mission of Friends of China (FoC) is to build relationships through educational exchange in mainland China. In 2001, FoC sent its first four English teachers to Beijing. The organization grew rapidly, and to date FoC has sent over 270 teachers to ten different cities in the mainland. Teachers in China have opportunities to develop meaningful eternal relationships built on trust and cultural awareness. Friends of China continues to recruit, train, send and support dozens of teachers every year to further this mission. This Chapel mission project began today.

11/1->$36.82  
Total->$463.66

**Second Quarter Mission Project: Brazilian Lutheran Church (Igreja Luterana Brasileira)**

WELS began mission work in Brazil in 1987. This led to the establishment of the Brazilian Lutheran Church in 2006. Three called workers and growing use of technology help to spread the good news about Jesus in this large nation. This project begins next Wednesday, November 8.

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KFC Kids for Christ
Thank you to all who donated items for our Reformation castle building project. The all school Reformation Celebration 500 was a wonderful success. We hope you and your children talked about this historic event.

Veterans Day is coming up, and we would ask you to keep in mind the Wounded Warriors Project. A gifting station will be found at our Veterans Day Celebration.

Our focus for the next 2 months will be to collect funds to give toward the hurricane victims across our country. Special emphasis will be on Puerto Rico and its unique needs. You may have wondered about our annual Thanksgiving Food drive…….this hurricane cash drive is going to take the place of those gifts you have so generously shared in the past with our local food pantry. Please bring your $ donations big or small (and as often as you like in the next 2 months) to your student’s classroom containers. We will keep a running total for the school each week. These funds will be sent directly to our Wisconsin Synod Relief Committee for dispersing to the neediest areas. Stay tuned for more on our Thanksgiving dinner and a Christmas project to be announced. Again thank you for all the love shown and support given!

Parent-Teacher Conferences
The first quarter of the 2017-18 school year ends on November 3. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 6. Click on this link to view the current schedule for conferences. You’ll receive your student’s 1st Quarter report card at this conference. Click on this link Parent-Teacher Conference Reservation Form if you still need to reserve a time to visit with your student[s]’ teacher[s].

Zion Spirit Wear
Zion spirit wear of all types is available at any time at Zion's My Locker Room.

Zion Wish List updated September 2017
We are blessed here at Zion Lutheran Church and School with so many generous, Christ-centered families who have graciously given gifts to our school in response to Christ’s love. The link above

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is to our school wish list for items that do not fit into our school and church budget at this time. Items such as a new upright freezer, new PE Scooters and updated teacher computers [5 purchased- only 3 more needed] are on the list. Contact Mr. Ristow if you’d like to help out in this way. Thanks!

**PRIDE PTO**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Mark your calendars for Friday, November 17th. We will be showing Cars 3!

**SCRIP:**

If you are not currently using Scrip but want to know more, we are happy to answer your questions. If you use Scrip and are looking for a certain retailer not on our order sheet, we may also be able to help you with that. There are many retailers who participate in this program. If you want a complete listing of all retailers, you can look online under Great Lakes Scrip or we can get you a paper copy. If we don’t have a card in stock, we can most likely order it for you. Miss Humann is heading up the Scrip program this year if you have questions.

**Upcoming Events**

11/1- Hurricane Relief Project
11/3- End of First Quarter
11/6- No School- Parent-Teacher Conferences
11/10- Veterans’ Day Remembrance 6:30
11/13- PRIDE PTO 5:30
11/15- EC Eligibility Check
11/15- Board for Parish Education 6:30
11/21- Kids for Christ Thanksgiving Luncheon
11/22-24- No School- Thanksgiving Break
12/3- Zion Lutheran Church Youth Christmas Service Practice 10:15
12/9- Happy Birthday Jesus 10:00 AM
12/10- Zion Lutheran Church Youth Christmas Service Practice 10:15
12/11- Board for Parish Education 6:30- tentative
12/13- EC Eligibility Check
12/14- Zion Lutheran School Christmas Concert 6:30

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