

# SUPPORTED TUITION FOR ZION MEMBERS

At Zion we believe that a family's worship life has a major impact on your child's spiritual development. Hopefully, you share this conviction and are providing a good role model for your children. This modeling demonstrates to your children the high level of importance God has in your life.

As a church we cannot fully minister to a family when they are not attending worship regularly. Our relationship with God is a twenty-four hour-a-day, seven days a week commitment. When a family doesn't worship regularly, the parents are sending a message to their children that their spiritual growth is not important. That attitude carries over to the classroom and is a handicap to their child's walk with the Lord.

In order to provide quality Christian education, we must charge the same tuition for all students. **However, in an effort to support our church families, the congregation will subsidize the tuition of members who meet our expectation for church attendance—worship at Zion for 50% of the Saturday evening or Sunday morning services in a semester. Also, all member families must be in "good standing" with the church and its Biblical and doctrinal values.** Special services [Advent, Midweek Lent, etc.] will not be counted to meet the subsidy expectation. The signature on the red "Rite of Friendship" page, located in the church pew, will be the proof of worship attendance.

We understand that there may be special circumstances which prevent you from meeting the requirements. It is our desire that you make these issues known to us. We would be happy to meet with you to discuss your situation. Please contact your Elder to arrange a time to meet with him, another Elder and the Pastor to discuss your circumstance.

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## AGREEMENT WITH SUPPORTED TUITION POLICY

I have read and understand the rules and regulations concerning supported tuition as summarized above and further delineated in the "Handbook for Our Families".

Family Name [print] \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**To receive supported tuition, beginning with August, for the 2010-2011 school year, this completed form must be returned to the school office July 1, 2010. Forms received after that date, subsidy begins the following calendar month.**

**Date Received in the School Office** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Church Attendance

Church attendance will be taken of all students each Monday morning. All students are encouraged to regularly attend worship in their home congregation. We sincerely hope that as our children grow in their relationship with the Lord they will be developing good worship habits.

Because we believe that your family's worship habits have a major impact on your child's spiritual development, our Board of Christian Education adopted a plan assuring your active involvement in worship at Zion Lutheran Church. The policy includes an expectation that Zion families will attend worship at least 50% of the Sundays each semester. Many of you share this same conviction and are providing a good model for your children. This modeling demonstrates to your children the high level of importance God has in your life.

However, other families fail to meet this expectation. These families will be given notice and will then lose their privileged, supported tuition rate. While this may seem like harsh action to take, the spiritual growth of our students and their families is a priority. We cannot fully minister to a family when they are not attending worship regularly. Our relationship with God is a 24 hour-a-day commitment. When a family attends less than two times every four weeks, the parents are sending a message to their children that their religious education is not important. That attitude carries over to the classroom and is a handicap to their child's walk with God.

In order to provide quality, Christian education, we must charge tuition. However, in an effort to support our families, the congregation will support the tuition of members who meet our expectation for church attendance. As you are aware, there is a substantial price reduction (approximately 30% for grades 1-8 and approximately 15% for kindergarten) in tuition costs for our members. We believe the difference between the two rates is compensated through the member's weekly offering. The Board of Education, in conjunction with the Board of Elders, our Pastor, and Principal, has adopted the following guidelines. Please, review the following statements:

- 1. The student and his/her parent(s) (or legal guardian) who is a member of Zion Lutheran Church must worship at Zion Lutheran Church 50% of the Sunday mornings or Saturday evenings in a semester. Also, all member families must be in "good standing" with the church and its Biblical and doctrinal values.**
- 2. Attendance will be determined by the parent's signature in the "Rite of Friendship" folders each week. The parent and student's name must both appear.**
- 3. At the end of the semester all parents who have maintained a 50% or better attendance will remain on the "supported tuition rate."**
- 4. Those who did not maintain at least a 50% attendance in Saturday or Sunday worship services will be moved to non-supported tuition rates for the following semester. (Note: The second semester of each school year will affect the first semester of the following year.)**
- 5. In order to regain the supported rate, the parent(s) and students(s) must return to a 50% or better attendance during the new semester. The rates will be changed at the beginning of the following semester.**

We understand that there may be special circumstances which prevent you from meeting these requirements. It is our desire that you make these issues known to us so that provisions might be made. We would be happy to speak to you personally about this expectation. Please, contact a member of the Board of Elders, or the Pastor. Together, under God's grace, may we strive to serve Him and walk in His ways, to the glory of His most holy name.