
Mt. Zion Herald

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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

When you read the words of the prophets with the understanding of God's promise and hope it really becomes alive for us today. Isaiah wrote in chapter twenty-nine verse fourteen, "Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder." Wonder upon wonder is amazing especially in the culture in which we live as we are accustomed to getting the facts. Who? What? Where? Why? We want to know what happened, and we demand proof! Clearly, Jesus' disciples lived in the same kind of world. Mary Magdalene told the disciples about the empty tomb, but "they did not believe it" (Mark 16:11). Thomas said of the risen Lord, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were...I will not believe it" (John 20:25). On the road to Emmaus, two men were puzzled concerning Jesus, until they experienced the living Christ and the fact of Easter.

With our own human reasoning we can never experience the meaning of Easter. Easter is a gift of God received through the power of the Holy Spirit. "The Spirit gives life," Jesus told His disciples, "the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63).

Through the Holy Spirit, we know the Who - Jesus Christ. We know the What - His resurrection from the dead. We know the Where - right here, among the people He has called to be His own. We know the Why - because God still astounds us with wonder upon wonder, and the greatest of these is His wonderful love, which He won for us forgiveness of our sins on the cross.

He has RISEN! He has RISEN INDEED!

I am...

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Allen D. Anderson

Lenten Series – The Lord is My Shepherd

Wednesday, April 1

Theme: “The Lord is My Shepherd”

Text: The 23rd Psalm, verse 6

The last mid-week service during Lent will be at 7:00 p.m. There will be a soup supper for everyone in the fellowship room starting at 6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 9

Theme: “The Lord is My Shepherd”

Text: Luke 22:7-20

**Special Service - Holy Communion
with the Order of the Stripping of the Altar**

Good Friday, April 10

Tenebrae Service

(Service of Darkness)

Easter Celebration Service – April 12

Theme: “What’s DEAD?!”

Text: Mark 16:1-8

Special Easter service to begin at 8:00am to be followed by Easter breakfast at 9:00am.

Please come and join us, to honor this important event in our faith!! This is a great opportunity to invite your family and friends to share in the celebration.

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” 1 Peter 3:15

Seven Basic Truths About the Gospel

Basic 1. God loves us unconditionally.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

Basic 2. We rebel against God’s love.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” Romans 3:23

Basic 3. We cannot overcome our rebellion.

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly” Romans 5:6

Basic 4. Jesus is God’s solution to our rebellion.

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him” John 3:17

Basic 5. God’s unconditional love brings us forgiveness and peace through Jesus.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast” Ephesians 2:8-9

Basic 6. Trust in Jesus alone as our personal Savior.

... “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household” Acts 16:30-31

Basic 7. God enables us to live as obedient Children who can say, “No!” to sin.

“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires” Romans 8:5

(Taken from Lutheran Brotherhoods, “Share Life A Witness Workshop” Guide)

**“Come Lord Jesus” is the prayer of the faithful who,
because of Easter, wait in joyful expectation for that
glorious day when we no longer invite Christ into our homes,
but we are invited by Him into His eternal home.**

Revelation 22:12-17,20

Submitted by Debbie Duggan, Outreach Chair

Preschool – Mrs. Walker

The Preschool themes for April are Easter and new life, eggs and the oval shape. We will also work on our colors. The Bible stories for the month are: He is risen, Matt. 28:1-10; Doubting Thomas John 20:19-28; Peter in Jail, Acts 12:1-20; Pentecost Acts 2:1-47. Thank you for the help with the Saint Patrick's day party, it helped make the day fun for all of us. School is closed on April 10th and 13th in observance of Good Friday and Easter. Thank you and have a blessed Easter. Kim Walker 303 443- 8477 ext. 110

Prekindergarten – Mrs. Anderson

This month the children focus on the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us and His glorious resurrection! After the Easter celebration we work very hard since there is just about 6 weeks of school left this year...Wow! time flies when you're having fun! Topics will be Spring plants, birds, numbers 9 and 10, writing the ABC's, both upper and lower cases.

If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead...1Corinthians 15:14

Kindergarten- Mrs. Wu

It is Spring! Can you believe it?

Where was winter? Even the kindergarten kids did not get to play in the snow much.

We are going to celebrate Spring now and if there is another snow they will learn how even though we name the seasons God is always in control! This month we will be learning about all things to do with Spring.

For Mt. Zion students the most important thing we learn about in

Spring is the new life we have in Christ through

His death and resurrection. In December we learned how he was born, born to die.

This month we learn the sad part of how Jesus did die, but how he didn't stay dead!

How cool is that?! May you too, see the "coolness" in your Savior's death and resurrection not only this month but every month!

Mrs. Sarr's 1st & 2nd Grade

It is hard to believe spring is here already! It is also hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of the school year. The year has certainly flown by. Our phonics

curriculum is beginning to wrap up as it always does about a month before the end of the school year. This gives us the opportunity to do other subjects such as social studies and/or health in its place. We are also looking forward to the ITBS (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills) which will begin the end of this month. The children, however, know the initials ITBS as I Tested for a Banana Split! They will have to opportunity to build their own paper banana split after testing is done each day. By the end of the week they will have the banana split completed which will then be exchanged for a real banana split. It will be a fun way to end a week of testing. We have also been learning more about the miracles of Jesus which also show us how much He cares for us in the big things as well as the little things in our lives. He wants us to come to Him no matter how big or small, serious or silly the problem is and He will help us. It is so comforting to know we have a Savior who cares so much.

A gentle reminder concerning prayer requests - You may place your written requests in the prayer box located on the table near the doors to the sanctuary. Please call Nell Kroenke (303)443-0295 or Nell Mellor (303)444-3666 with your requests. The list of requests are sent to the people who are on the prayer chain, either by email or phone. We would be very pleased if you would like to join the prayer chain.

Seasoned Seniors – The Seasoned Seniors will meet for lunch on Monday, April 13th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Kit Charles and Nell Mellor will be the hosts of this month’s discussion which will concern our neighbors on the street corner. All seniors are invited. Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

Northern Zone LWML – On Saturday, May 2, Mt. Zion will host the Northern Zone LWML Spring Workshop. The theme is: “Those who wait on the Lord will find new strength.” Registration is from 8:30 -9:00 am, with the workshop from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. The cost for the day will be \$7.00, payable at registration. Pastor Anderson will give a Bible study on Isaiah 40:30-31. A brunch will follow. After brunch, Bruce D. Grover, Development Officer for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will speak. More information will be provided closer to the event.

Ladies Night Out – Women and their friends, daughters, etc. are invited to our annual Ladies Night Out on Thursday, May 14 at 6 pm at Mt. Zion. Bob Pflasterer will provide the meal. Bradley and Michelle will sing for us. Cost will be \$10, payable at the door.

Treasurer's Report

We are current with payroll as of February 28, 2009. We paid the LCEF interest payment on February 23 when due. It was necessary to use \$5000 of the funds from the special offering for the interest payment. All other bills are being paid on a schedule of approximately ten to forty five days late. Copies of the Operating Statement and Balance Sheet are available in the finance office. Doris Harms

Stimulus, Stabilization, Recovery and Reinvestment:

What the recent tax law changes mean to you

The Thrivent Community—Front Range Group of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invites you to a presentation on the federal income taxation of Marketable securities, mutual funds, life insurance, and qualified and Non-qualified annuities. The presentation will also highlight key provisions Of the recent federal tax legislation and its impact on individuals and small Businesses, as well as provide a brief overview of the current federal transfer Tax system (gift, estate and generation-skipping transfer) and the possible Changes being discussed by Washington lawmakers.

Presentation by Scott Robinson, Attorney at Law, D. Scott Robinson P.C.
Please call 866-847-4493 or email frontrange@thrivent.com by April 3
With the date and location you prefer. Space is limited.

- Wednesday, April 8, 12 p.m. at GROUP Publishing
1515 Cascade Ave, Loveland, CO
Lunch will be served.
- Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. at Fox Hill Country Club
1400 E Hwy 119, Longmont, CO
Dinner will be served.
- Thursday, April 9, 7:30 a.m. at Fox Hill Country Club
1400 E Hwy 119, Longmont, CO
Breakfast will be served.

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For those of you who enjoy “surfing the internet”, be sure and check out the “New & Improved” Website for our church & school! Go to: www.mtzionboulder.org and find a wealth of information ! You can access

our Church Calendar and Newsletter by clicking on the “About Mt. Zion” button located on the Home Page, get information about upcoming LWML Events, information about the School and much, much more! Be sure and share this Website address with others who may be interested.

Help Our School Grow: Thrivent members are encouraged to increase income to the School or Preschool by 50% by contributing through the Thrivent GivingPlus program.

Individuals age 16 or older who are benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, or who own Thrivent Mutual Funds accounts and/or Thrivent Life Insurance Company products are eligible to participate in the GivingPlus program. Eligible individuals can donate to two different eligible Lutheran organizations of their choice each year and have their donations matched, \$1 for each \$2 contributed.

Mt Zion Elementary School and Preschool are both eligible to receive donations and matched by the Thrivent GivingPlus program. You may make multiple donations during the year and Thrivent will match, \$1 for each \$2 contributed, up to a total contribution of \$600. Maximum Thrivent matching is \$300.

Following are the totals of your gifts and the Thrivent GivingPlus Matching Funds received in February and Calendar and Fiscal (beginning July 1) year to date as of February 28, 2009.

	<u>February</u>	<u>Calendar</u> <u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year to Date</u>
School Gifts	\$ 0	\$150	\$7,950
School Giving Plus	\$ 0	\$725	\$4,375
Preschool Gifts	\$2,100	\$2,700	\$11,800
Preschool Giving Plus	\$750	\$1,400	\$5,400

Thank you for supporting your Elementary School and Preschool with you gifts!

