
Mt. Zion Herald

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church & School
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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus, our Lord;

Two siblings argue. "That's not fair!" says the oldest. "You got more than me!" "You got more than me replies the younger. They carefully compare their bowls of ice cream. An exasperated mother scoops both bowls of ice cream back into the carton and returns it to the freezer. "Now each of you have the same amount," she says. "That's not fair!" both children shout at once.

That word fair has been at the heart of many an argument. We get angry when we think we're not getting all we deserve. It makes no difference in what reference of life we think we are entitled-deserving.

Is God fair? If we mean that He makes sure that people get exactly what they deserve, then thankfully God does not meet our idea of what is fair. He is so much more than fair. The punishment for sin is still eternal death. But God takes away the sin so the punishment no longer applies! How does He do that? The Bible teaches, "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (II Corinthians 5:21). God goes way beyond fair. He sent His Son to make sure we don't get what we deserve – condemnation; and He gives us what we don't deserve – everlasting life! That my friends is pure grace!

April 4th we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! What a most blessed occasion and opportunity we have to praise and worship our Lord...hope to see you in worship!

I am...

In Christ's Service and Love,

Pastor Allen D. Anderson

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

Theme: "In Noonday Darkness"

Text: Luke 23: 39-46

*Special Service @ 7:00PM ~ Holy Communion
with the Order of the Stripping of the Altar*

Good Friday, April 2nd

Tenebra Service @ 7:00PM (Service of Darkness)

Easter Celebration Service – April 4th

Theme: "Life Now Has Meaning"

Text: Luke 24: 1-11

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.

Northern Zone LWML Spring Workshop - Immanuel Lutheran Church in Loveland will host the workshop on Saturday, April 24. Registration is from 9:00-9:30 am. The cost of \$7.00 includes lunch. Please see the notice on the fellowship hall bulletin board for information about the speakers and the ingathering. Let Colleen know by April 18, if you plan to attend. (Also begin running this in the bulletin March 28.)

Ladies Night Out - Please save this date--Thursday, May 20. Bob will provide the gourmet meal and Bradley and Michelle will provide the entertainment.

Getting Others to Ask You About Your Faith

God has given each one of us a unique personality with specific talents, weaknesses and quirks. I am a garrulous person, finding it easy to strike up conversation with strangers or filling lulls in conversation. My husband, on the other hand, is reserved,

verging on the edge of shyness when first meeting someone. In fact, it not only takes him awhile to formulate meaningful relationships but to even engage in light conversation. However, once he is your friend, you can expect him to be one of the most genuine and supportive friends, whose loyalty will last a lifetime.

When it comes to witnessing, many suspect that the more garrulous ones are the more effective witnesses -- that witnessing only has a place in the lives of the outgoing. However, God has assigned each one of us to be His ambassador and, in fact, utilizes our gifts and weaknesses for His glory.

Recall 1 Corinthians 5:20, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." Although His children are all His ambassadors, God will use each one of us as uniquely as He has created us.

If you are afraid of striking up conversations with strangers, knocking on doors or asking others questions, you can still be an incredibly effective witness. When you reflect your faith through the way you live your life, the bridge to faith-sharing will often come from the unbeliever in the form of asking questions.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." Although this statement is an exaggeration - we obviously need to share the Gospel in words - it makes the point that our lives can be a witness of Christ to others, causing them to ask about the reason for the hope that we have. As 1 Peter 3:15 tells us, we really just need to be ready to explain our reason for our hope.

If you are a more reserved or even shy person, do not discount yourself as an effective witness. By bearing the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control - your life will be an example to others, causing them to ask, "Why are you so different?" Within this relationship, full of gentleness and respect, your friends, family members and co-workers will find a safe place where questions can be asked and answers found.

Provided by Sarah Guldalian
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Thought of the Day

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Submitted by Debbie Duggan, Outreach Chair

Charing Cross and Promises of Salvation

The Charing Cross in London is a central point for measuring distances within the city. In fact, it is said, that if you know where the cross is, you can always find your way home. So if you keep your eyes on the cross, and know that you are “blood bought”, as Pastor Anderson often says, you know that your salvation is assured. As Easter approaches, we need to remember to throw ourselves at the foot of the cross, and remember he died for our sins.

Romans 3:23-24

All have sinned and are not good enough for God’s glory, and all need to be made right with God by his grace, which is a free gift. They need to be made free from sin through Jesus Christ.

1st John 2:1-2

If anyone does sin, we have a helper in the presence of the Father-Jesus Christ, the One who does what is right. He is the way our sins are taken away, and not only our sins but the sins of all people.

John 3:17, 16

God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him. People who believe in God’s Son are not judge guilty. Those who believe in the Son have eternal life, but those who do not obey the Son will never have life. God’s anger stays on them.

Have a blessed Lenten and Easter Season.

Yours in Christ,

Duane Duggan
Elder

It may not feel like it
this week, BUT spring is
just around the corner and
time for that annual , go

through all the stuff ritual,
and donate all the gently used
stuff to make room for new stuff.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and School is going to have a garage sale on Saturday, April 17 from 7:30am until 4:00pm in the school gym. We would love to have the gently used stuff in your "stuff to donate" pile. If you would care to donate, you may bring your items to the school and place them on the stage in the gym. If your items are large and they don't fit in your car please feel free to give Jennifer Holderby (303-587-8522) or Shane White (720.335.5674) a call and they will arrange transportation from your house to the School.

Please make a detailed list of items and Jennifer Holderby or Shane White will be happy to give you a tax deductible receipt.

There's also lots of room for volunteers. (Hint Hint).

Proceeds of this event will cover continuing education courses for our magnificent teachers and costs associated to running the school.

Thank you in advance for your "stuff" and your help in making this the best place for our children.

In Christ
Your School Board
Jennifer Holderby
Shane White

Early Childhood Open House – The Early Childhood Center at Mt. Zion will be taking the opportunity of having an Open house on Saturday, April 17th, from the hours of 9am to 2pm. Please let anyone you know who may be needing childcare about our open house and rummage sale.

A very special Thank You to all the parents and members who purchased gifts at the Grand Rabbit's Toy Shoppe this past year and designated Mt. Zion for a reward. We got it! We were able to get some great games and puzzles free! The children love these new things. Thank you for supporting Mt. Zion – Mrs Wu and the EC staff.

Seasoned Seniors will meet on Monday April 12 for their next monthly luncheon. Irv & Nel Kroenke will be hosts. All seniors are invited. Bring a dish to share and your table service.

Toddler Class – Ms. Balchunas

March has been a very fun-filled month for the toddlers. We have enjoyed going outside and running; going down the slide; “cooking” with rocks; and pushing the carts. As always we practice being nice to our friends, washing our hands and taking turns. Our indoor activities have included reading stories (which all the toddlers love), coloring, playdough, painting and lots of crafts. We are looking forward to April and being outside even more.

Ms. Anderson's Preschool – 2 ½

We have been a very busy class. It has been a great month and we are looking forward to another great month and making new friends. If you walk in our classroom you might just hear us speaking another language! We are learning to speak some French. The children love learning this fun new language. So far we are learning how to say hello (Bonjour) my name is (Je m'appelle) and Goodbye(Au revoir). WE sing many songs and play games to help us remember our new words and phrases. This month we are focusing on Jesus and his resurrection and what this means to us. We are blessed to have such a wonderful class.

Mrs. Walker's Preschool - 3

The Saint Patrick's Day party was areally special day for the children. Our April Bible stories for the month are: He is Risen Matthew 8:1-10, the upper room John 20:19-28, Ascension Acts 1: 1-11, The Lost sheep John 10:7-18 Jairus Daughter 9:18-26. Our themes for the month are spring and spring weather. We will review or colors, shapes, letters and numbers with various games. The children are wonderful and I love working with them.

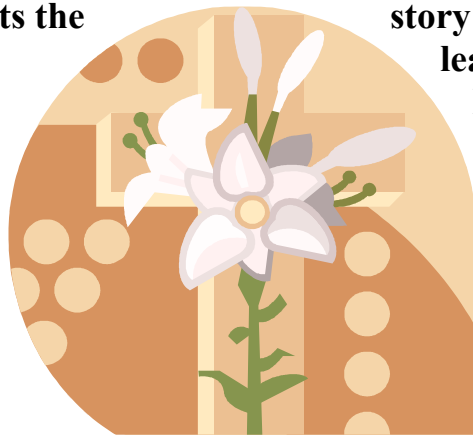
PreKindergarten – Mrs. Anderson

I know that my redeemer lives. Job 19:25

What wonderful Easter words to remember! This month the children focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus. Teaching them that Jesus loves us so much that He gave His life on the cross for us. Each child is thankful that God sent Jesus to live and die for everyone. Spring brings new life and they will be learning how plants grow and getting ready for the PreK Art show in May.

Kindergarten- Mrs. Wu

After a wonderful month of celebrating the uniqueness of our Lutheran School, we are now celebrating the new life we have in Christ. It is so cool that we can share with our students the resurrection. We are he suffered and died. three days later He cool!! May your your Savior has Is Risen Indeed!



Hi from 1st and 2nd ~ Mrs. Sarr

We just got done celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week. It was a busy and fun week. The students wore some pretty crazy hats and ties that they either made or found at home for our Crazy Hat and Tie Day. We also had Pajama Day along with homemade pancakes in the classroom. It's amazing how much they can eat! Other days included Backward Day, Sports Day, and Spirit Day. Now we are getting ready for Easter as we hear all about God's plan of salvation. God loves us so much that He sent his only Son to die and rise again so we may have life with Him forever. That is a gift so wonderful that we cannot even fathom how much He loves us. How great it is to have such a loving and caring God.

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado cordially invites you to the *2010 Songs of Hope Soirée* Annual Benefit Gala. Please join us for an evening of fabulous food, drinks and musical entertainment on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at The Inverness Hotel and Conference Center, Englewood. The proceeds from this event will support the LFS programs, such as foster care, adoption services, refugee and senior outreach services and serve more than 40,000 people in 2010. Please register online at www.lfsc.org.

Thrivent GivingPlus Phase-out instructions have been received and consist of the following: The Phase-out funding grant for the School is \$1,420. The Phase-out funding grant for the Preschool is \$1,810. Mt Zion must raise \$2840 for the School and \$3,620 for the Preschool and submit the application for the grants by June 30, 2010 in order to receive the funding grants from Thrivent. Contributions are not limited to Thrivent members so anyone may contribute. To contribute, write “GivingPlus Phase-out” in the memo area on your check and place it in the collection plate. Checks must be made out to Mt Zion Lutheran School or Mt Zion Lutheran Preschool.

	<u>School</u>	<u>Preschool</u>
Contributions received as of March 14, 2010	\$1,100.00	\$2,035.00
<i>Amounts still needed to submit application</i>	<i>\$1,740.00</i>	<i>\$1,580.00</i>