
Mt. Zion Herald

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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

I look out the window and see the sun shine, flowers in bloom and the grass is green. Yes, spring is here! As one ponders the wonders of God's creation it brings to mind a story that I was told.

A prospecting party in the Alaskan Klondike came upon a miners' hut. There they found the skeletons of two men and a large quantity of gold. They had left a letter telling of their plight. They had discovered gold, but in their excitement they had ignored the early coming of winter. One morning they awoke to a great snowstorm. For days it raged until it cut off all hope of escape. Their little store of food was soon exhausted, and finally they died. They never got to spend their gold.

Christians have a vast and great treasure. Through Jesus Christ, God has given us forgiveness and new life, a life empowered by His Spirit. He guarantees our inheritance as sons and daughters of the King. Yet if we simply languish in the gifts God has given us and fail to use them or to rely on them for daily life, we are like those miners.

If you find yourself distracted so that you are not living in the riches Christ has won for you, take a new look. Cash in on a new hope and His high purposes for your life. Remember the true riches stored up for you in heaven are yours for the using!

Ephesians 1:18 "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know...the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints."

I am in Christ Service,

Pastor Allen D. Anderson

Strength and Prayer

Many years ago I attended a “motivational session” which featured speaker who had been a Prisoner of War in Viet Nam for seven years. I can’t remember his name, and it wasn’t John McCain, but I do remember his message as to how he survived the ordeal. He said there were 3 types of prisoners in camp with him, wishers, hoppers, and those with faith. The “wishers” were those that wished they had flown somewhere else that day so they wouldn’t have been shot down. The “hoppers” were those that hoped they would be released by Easter, then Christmas. But year after year went by, and they died from their disappointment. But it was the ones that had faith, those that received strength through prayer that survived. Listening to stories of how they shared their faith through the walls of the “Hanoi Hilton” using tap code is simply amazing.

Here are a couple of verses that helped him endure, that can give you strength in time of need:

Isaiah 40:29,31

He gives strength to those who are tired and more power to those who are weak. The people trust the Lord will become strong again. They will rise up as an eagle in the sky, they will run and not need rest, they will walk and not become tired.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all of you who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Accept my teachings and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives. The teaching that I ask you to accept is easy, the load I give you to carry is light.

In His Service,

**Duane Duggan
Elder**

“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.

This sounds like such a simple statement; yet many people have trouble understanding what it means.

Misunderstanding #1: Many people view God as an angry judge, not a loving , sacrificing Lord. Unconditional love is a foreign concept in a world where most things are conditional. We hear it all the time: “There are no free lunches!” “there’s got to be a catch.”

Misunderstanding #2: Others are confident that God loves everyone and, therefore, everyone will go to heaven. The unfortunate truth is that not everyone believes in Jesus, even though God truly loves them. Not everyone will receive God’s love by believing in the saving work of Jesus on the cross. Many people keep themselves out of heaven, much to God’s disappointment. The Scripture verses speak truth to both of the misunderstandings and to our Heavenly Father’s incredible love.

“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

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” Romans 5:8

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

Submitted by Debbie Duggan, Outreach Chair

ALL SCHOOL PROGRAM

~CONGREGATION MEMBERS, PARENTS & FRIENDS~

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE YEAR END SCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH AT 6PM IN THE GYM. COME AND SEE THE TALENT OF OUR MT. ZION STUDENTS.

Each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies for refreshments.

Mrs. Walker's Preschool

The preschool themes for May will be May Day, Mother's day, Memorial Day and flowers. The Bible stories for the month are The Good Shepherd, John 14:10, Saul becomes Paul, Acts 9:1-19, Ascension, Jesus is with me, Mark 16: 15-20, Jesus appears to seven followers, John 21:1-14. The last day of school for this school year is May 22nd. Mt. Zion church and school will be closed May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

I am very happy you all have shared your children with me this school year. It was awesome watching them grow. I will pray for God to bless you and your families and to keep you always in His care. I am looking forward to working with some of you this summer and seeing some of you next school year. Thank you for all your help and support. If you would like to contact me, please call 303 443 8477, Ext. 110.
Kim Walker

ART SHOW
May 18th, 2009

It is time once again for the Annual

PreKindergarten Art Show and Open House. Please mark your calendars for Monday, May 18th from 6pm to 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. Come and see their great work. Another year is winding down and summer is soon to come. I would like to thank you for sharing your children with me this year.

**6PM-7PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Kindergarten- Mrs. Wu

Spring is here we learned in Kindergarten and then it snowed! “What?” Someone said, “It doesn’t snow in the spring, only in the winter!” Well that lead to a very long discussion which ended in God is in control!! How great it is to be able to speak His name any time we want! The last month of Kindergarten is filled with cramming in the last of our first grade preparations necessary with lots of outdoor fun! We will travel to the Butterfly pavilion and to the Boulder Dinner theater for our final fieldtrips.

How fast the time flies, so we are trying to make the most of each day God blesses us with!

Mrs. Sarr’s 1st & 2nd Grades

Can you believe the end of the school year is this month? I sure cannot. It literally seems like school just started yet when I look at my students, I can see how far they have come since the end of August. They have matured at various levels academically, spiritually, and behaviorally. It has been a pleasure being able to get to know each one this past year. Thank you to the parents of my students for letting me teach your child. They are a blessing from God. Thank you also for the wonderful support you have given to my class and to me. I hope you all have a wonderful summer.....and to my students: keep reading this summer!

**SUMMER CAMP 2009
MAY 26TH ~ AUGUST 14TH**

Mrs. Walker's Summer Camp for Preschool

May 26th will be a bike day, please bring your child's bike and bike helmet to school so your child can participate. If you would like to bring a box of popsicles for the children to enjoy on bike day, please sign up on the bike day sign- up sheet by the preschool classroom door. Wednesday May 27th is a water day; please bring your child's swim suit, sunscreen, towel and water shoes. Thursday May 28th is a cooking project day; we will need some food supplies for this project. If you would like to help with this project, please sign up on the cooking project signup sheet by the preschool classroom door. Friday May 29th will be a movie and popcorn day, the movies will be; A day at camp and Let's play ball. The movies are sing along videos made by View master video. If you would like to help by bringing popcorn for the movie day, please sign up on the sign-up sheet by the preschool classroom door.

Ms. Anderson's Summer Camp for Kindergarten through First

We have had such a positive response to our Summer Camp program that we have had to expand our camp to include a separate class for the older children. Ms. Kim Anderson will be heading up this class.

Treasurer's Report

**Board of Directors Meeting
April 20, 2009**

We are current with payroll as of March 31, 2009 We paid the LCEF interest payment on March 23 when due. It was necessary to use \$8000 of the funds from the special offering for the interest payment. We currently have a balance of \$20,250 in the reserve fund. 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

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.

**Check Out the New & Improved
www.MtZionBoulder.org !!**

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 March and Calendar and Fiscal (beginning July 1) year to date as of March 31, 2009.

	<u>March</u>	<u>Calendar</u> <u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year to Date</u>
School Gifts	\$1,500	\$1,650	\$9,450
School Giving Plus	\$775	\$1,500	\$5,150
Preschool Gifts	\$900	\$3,600	\$12,700
Preschool Giving Plus	\$1,050	\$2,450	\$6,450

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