
Mt. Zion Herald

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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Many are the times when questions and situations come up that make us more than just concerned; especially now for so many people in these difficult economic times. The world would lead us to believe that joy and sadness depend on financial or economic well-being. There was a sign on an office wall that read, "Due to the economic situation the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off until further notice." Though it was meant to be somewhat funny, it reveals a sad truth about our society and way of life.

The psalmist knew that joy and sadness, light and darkness, depends on how God feels toward us. He could rightfully destroy us because of our sins, we have deserved eternal darkness. But God's light prevails. "His favor last a lifetime," the psalmist reminds us (Psalm 30:5). We will have our "dark tunnels" to pass through in this world, but after a night of weeping comes the morning rejoicing. God's light at the end of the tunnel is never extinguished. His mercy endures forever!

When our "tunnel" times come and we seem to be surrounded by darkness, we continue to focus on Him who is the Light of the world, Jesus, our Savior and Giver of eternal life. Our economic situation, too, is in the hands of a loving Lord who has promised, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

I am in Christ Service,

Pastor Allen D. Anderson

ENTHUSIASM

“Nothing great was ever achieved without *enthusiasm*,” said Ralph Waldo Emerson
Our mission at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and School is to spread the Word of God through our church and school with *ENTHUSIASM*. Our Pastor and our Congregation are filled with *enthusiasm* to fulfill this mission.

Somewhere deep in the memory banks, I remembered where the word *enthusiasm* comes from, and I thought it would be appropriate to take a little closer look at how it might apply to us. The source of the word is the Greek *enthousiasmos*, which ultimately comes from the adjective *entheos*, “having the god within,” formed from *en*, “in, within,” and *theos*, “god.”

As each day goes by, someone or something tries to break our *enthusiasm* toward our mission stated above. H.W. Arnold said, “The worst bankruptcy in the world is the person who has lost his *enthusiasm*.” Each of us should pray for the strength to not let anyone or anything break our *enthusiasm* for sharing the Good News.

In the Bible I found the word *enthusiasm* used in a context appropriate for this discussion in two places:

2nd Corinthians 8:17 For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much *enthusiasm* and on his own initiative.

2nd Corinthians 9:2 For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year, you in Achaia were ready to give, and your *enthusiasm* has stirred most of them to action.

I found a few other quotes about *enthusiasm* that can help each of us continue to strengthen our *enthusiasm*.

“*Enthusiasm* moves the world.” - Arthur James Balfour

“If you can give your son or daughter only one gift, let it be *enthusiasm*.”
Bruce Barton

“Fires can’t be made with dead embers, nor can *enthusiasm* be stirred by spiritless men. *Enthusiasm* in our daily work lightens effort and turns even labor into pleasant tasks.” - James Baldwin

May God grant all of us the *enthusiasm* to never let anyone or anything prevent us from accomplishing our mission of spreading the Word of God through our church and our school to our family, friends, co-workers and community!

Yours in Christ,
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

This is a continuation of the explanation of the “Seven Basic Truths About the Gospel” that were listed in the May, 2009 Herald.

Basic Truth #1 – God Loves us Unconditionally

(expanded on in the June, 2009 Herald)

Basic Truth # 2 - We rebel against God’s love.

(expanded on in the July, 2009 Herald)

Basic Truth #3 -- We Cannot Overcome Our Rebellion

(expanded on in the August, 2009 Herald)

Basic Truth #4 – Jesus is God’s Solution to our Rebellion.

There is only one solution to our problem of sin: Jesus Christ. As the perfect God/Man who never rebelled, He comes as our mediator to stand between us and a perfect God who demands perfection from His creation. We are held hostage by our sin. Jesus is the ransom that frees us. Jesus died for all people who have lived or ever will. He paid the death penalty we deserve. He experienced the full reality of hell, complete separation from God, when, on the cross, He cried out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

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

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures ... “ (1 Cor. 15:3)

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

Submitted by Debbie Duggan, Outreach Chair

SEASONED SENIORS

Seasoned Seniors will meet at noon on Monday, September 14th for the fall monthly luncheon. Nell Mellor will be the hostess and will have a brief discussion on fall leaves – God's miracle. Based on the book “The Living Tree”, by Shel Silverstein. Please bring a dish to share and your table service.

Mt. Zion LWML Upcoming Events

Annual Planning Meeting, including Bible study and election of officers
Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 PM

LWML Sunday – October 4

Convention Highlights: Joint meeting with other LWML societies on Thursday, October 8, with dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by Linda Harsh, Northern Zone President, sharing highlights from the recent LWML Convention in Portland.

Women's Book Club

The next meeting of the Women's Book Club will be on September 22nd. Our selection to read is “Tallgrass”, a novel by Colorado author, Sandra Dallas, which takes place during WWII in a small Colorado town. When the government opens a Japanese internment camp life in the town is changed. The novel is both a mystery and historical fiction. A young girl is murdered and the new Japanese residents are the first suspects.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Tuesday, September 15th
from 5:30pm to 6:00pm

Kim Walker's Preschool (3)

The September themes are the fall season and apples.

The Jesus time stories are God creates the world, Genesis 1:1-30. God creates Adam and Eve, Genesis 2:15-25. Noah, Genesis 6-9. Jacob's dream, Genesis 28:10-22. Baby Moses, Exodus 2:1-10. There is no school September 7th in observance of the Labor Day holiday. No school or childcare September 30, October 1st and 2nd. There is a Rocky Mountain district teacher's convention. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of working with the three year olds at Mt. Zion. The first few weeks of school, we will spend getting to know each other. Some of the learning activities will include playing games that review numbers and shapes. Some of these games will focus on good listening skills.

Mrs. Anderson's Pre K

Lady bugs, autumn, playground rules, classroom rules, and fire drills. These are just a few things that the new PreKers will be learning about this month. It is always exciting when the school year starts again. There are new faces and familiar faces all eager to learn and please. The very first Bible lesson is "Jesus Loves Children", taken from the Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Jesus is always with us and loves us....What a comfort that is for all of us!

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.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES BULLETIN

In spite of the rain the 16th Annual LFS Golf Tournament was a huge success with over \$32,000 raised to support the various programs of Lutheran Family Services.

Thanks to all those who served on the committee and all the golfers who contributed to this fundraising effort.

Are you being called to welcome an Unaccompanied Refugee Minor into your family? These teens, ages fourteen through eighteen, who are totally alone in the world need families who will love and care for them and assist them in adjusting to their new environment.

For more information, please contact Cindi Newkirk-Noah, Foster Care Program Director for Lutheran Family Services of Colorado at 303.217.5846 or email cindi.newkirk-noah@lfsco.org

LFS Refugee Program:

Help LFS provide a home for newly arriving refugees:

LFS will supply a list of items needed to furnish an apartment.

Collect gently used items (furniture & household items) and appropriate food.

Notify LFS when you have the majority of items.

Bring items to the apartment and prepare it for occupancy when you are given an arrival date for your family.

Help LFS provide a warm welcome, basic needs and practical help to a newly arrived refugee family

LFS will provide training.

Work with a team of 4-6 people for 4 to 6 months.

Befriend the family while providing assistance with cultural adjustment

For more information contact Phil Gazley at phil.gazley@lfsco.org or 303-225-0199.

LFS is looking for donations of gently used furniture to help furnish apartments for newly arriving refugee families. We cannot take appliances, hide-a-beds, king or queen beds or mattresses, waterbeds or things that are broken, tattered, stained or torn.

For more information contact Rita Harding at rita.harding@lfsco.org or 303-389-2336.

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

	<u>July</u>	<u>Calendar</u> <u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year to Date</u>
School Gifts	\$3,000	\$6,150	\$3,000
School Giving Plus	\$1,225	\$3,475	\$1,224
Preschool Gifts	\$2,400	\$9,400	\$2,400
Preschool Giving Plus	\$1,300	\$5,325	\$1,300

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