
Mt. Zion Herald

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

Happy New Year! As we begin the New Year I ask you to consider these thoughts.

In Scripture, God makes a triple claim on our lives:
“It is He who made us, and we are His” (Psalm 100:3)
“You were bought at a price” (First Corinthians 6:20)
“You were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit” (Ephesians 1:13).

Not only does God’s ownership assure us of His love and protection as we go through life, but it also provides us with a purpose: “created...to do good works” (Ephesians 2:10); “bought...therefore honor God with your body” (First Corinthians 6:20); and “the fruit of the Spirit is love” (Galatians 5:22).

The problems faced by our culture today and as we enter the New Year seem to be beyond resolution - warfare, crime, hatred, terror, economy, homeless, hungry, hopelessness, and the list goes on. What can one person do to make a difference? The answer lies in the apostle Paul’s urging the early Christians, “As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people” (Galatians 6:10). Here we see that the political phrase “Yes, we can” is a matter of fact for the Christian! In the strength and opportunities He - Christ gives, Christians are able to make a difference in the world around them.

As we start another New Year we do so in the grace of God through His Son, our Savior Jesus who give to us another year and yes another year of opportunities!!! “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good Works.” Ephesians 2:10

I am...

In Christ’s Service,
Pastor Allen D. Anderson

Mrs. Walker's PreSchool

Happy New Year! Thank you for all your help and support for the Christmas party. It made the Christmas party very special for the children. January 1st and 2nd school will be closed for the New Year's holiday. January 19th Mt. Zion will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. day. There will be no school or childcare available on these days. Report cards for the first semester will be sent home around the 15th of January. This month we will learn a little about Winter weather, animals in winter, warm winter foods, alphabet letters and counting. Our Bible stories for the month are:

Jesus in the Temple, Luke 2:41-52.

Jesus is baptized, Luke 3.

Jesus teaches about birds, Matthew 5:1-12 & Matthew 6:25-34

Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10

If you need to contact me for anything , please call the school at 303- 443-8477. My extention is 110, if you call the school please be sure to use that extention number. The message shows up in the preschool classroom and I will be able to answer you faster.

Mrs. Anderson's PreK

Happy New year! Winter is here! January starts a more structured routine for the Pre K children.As I start the next this new year , I count my blessings to be able to teach at Mt. Zion , share the love of Jesus with wonderful parents and children. A few years ago a sudent gave me a great little book "Hugs for teachers" (page 82) ...This is my prayer for the new year.

Lord Jesus,

Help me to recall my own childhood memories-

Both good and bad-

And use both to be a better teacher.

Remind me to see the child I'm teaching

And not just the papers he turns in

Remind me to be like you.

Kindergarten- Mrs. Wu

December was a very exciting month for the kindergarten children. . Did you know that Jesus was born to die? Sounds funny, but ask any Kindergartener and they would love to explain! Although for some, Christmas is over, we will continue to tell the story! This month we will be looking at the season of winter, exploring through science and social studies, how God makes winter wonderful!
Happy and Blessed New Year!

Mrs. Sarr's 1st & 2nd Grade

Happy New Year from the first and second grades! We ended the month of December with our "How-To" projects that the students taught their classmates. The projects taught were: painting plastic ornaments, making a candy cane card, a clothespin reindeer, a hanging calendar, glittery ornaments, and making a snail out of play-doh. The children did a great job teaching the other students how to make the crafts. We are now looking forward to the second half of the school year with upcoming projects like writing stories, book reports, and possibly a mini research report. We thank God for this wonderful New Year!

Women's Book Club – Our next selection is

"The Christmas Pearl" by Dorthea Benton Frank.
The main character is Theodora, the matriarch of an old, wealthy family of Charleston, South Carolina. Her dysfunctional family gathers to celebrate the holidays. The group creates a situation that is in direct contrast to the wonderful memories of Christmas that Theodora has. Her plea for help brings a special person from her past to the rescue. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

SEASONED SENIORS: Will not be meeting in January. Our next Senior luncheon will be on February 9th.

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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 Thrivent Giving Plus Matching Funds received in November and year to date as of November 30, 2008.

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
School Gifts	\$1,200	\$11,400
School – GivingPlus	\$ 600	\$ 5,825
Preschool Gifts	\$1,200	\$13,800
Preschool – GivingPlus	\$ 600	\$ 7,050

Thank you for supporting the Elementary School and Preschool with your gifts.

