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Christian Education Sunday 2019

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Welcome to our family of faith! Large Print Editions of our bulletin and hymnal, as well as assistive listening devices are available by asking an usher. Please feel free to ask for help or if you have any questions. We are glad you are here!

IF YOUR CHILDREN BECOME RESTLESS: our church basement (ask an usher how to get downstairs to it) is equipped with an *audio feed* of the worship service. Please feel free to make use of that service if you need a place to settle your children down before returning upstairs.

A FAVOR PLEASE: Please take a moment to fill out the ivory colored attendance card found in each pew or chair for our church records (guests and members alike). The cards will be collected around the time that the offering is taken after the sermon. Thank you for your help!

BIBLE TEXT: While our lessons are printed in the bulletin, you may appreciate reading them in their context from our pew Bibles; if so, note that the page number for each lesson is included.

THE ALTAR PARAMENTS are are GREEN (symbolizing health and growth in a plant) during the Pentecost season reminding us that the Spirit, through His tools of God's Word and the Sacraments, gives us Jesus' saving work and connects us to God for a life of real purpose; for real life and health are in Him! By faith, we have this life in Him. SO we now bear fruit for Him!

THEME OF THE DAY

God calls us to grow in faith through continued meditational use of His Word, which not only unites us to God & fellow believers but also divides us from all unbelievers!

Gathering Rite on the Word of God

God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement from His Word.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Congregational Response (*sung*) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

***Blessed Jesus, at your Word, We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred, Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love you solely.***

M: Oh how I love Your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on Your statutes.

M: How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth! (*Psalm 119:97-99,103*)

Congregational Response (*sung*) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

***All our knowledge, sense, and sight, Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night, With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.***

M: All Scripture is God-breathed, and is *useful* for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (*2 Timothy 3:16-17*)

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask His forgiveness.

C: Holy & merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature *sinful*, & that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words & actions. I have done what is evil & failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now & in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, & trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Congregational Response (*sung*) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

***Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.***

M: God gave His Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (*spoken*) Amen.

Congregational Response (*sung*) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

***Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we Your Word may trust, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.***

M: Let us pray. / Almighty God, you have committed to your church the task of *'making disciples of all nations.'* Enlighten with Your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of Your truth, they may worship and serve You from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: (*spoken*) Amen.

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THE WORD OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Kings 11:1-3,12-18 (on page 301 of your Pew Bibles)

When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family. But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not killed. He remained hidden with his nurse at the temple of the Lord for six years while Athaliah ruled the land ...

(*Later on*) Jehoiada brought out the king's son and put the crown on him; he presented him with a copy of the covenant and proclaimed him king. They anointed him, and the people clapped their hands and shouted, "Long live the king!"

When Athaliah heard the noise made by the guards and the people, she went to the people at the temple of the Lord. She looked and there was the king, standing by the pillar, as the custom was. The officers and the trumpeters were beside the king, and all the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her robes and called out, "Treason! Treason!"

Jehoiada the priest ordered the commanders of units of a hundred, who were in charge of the troops: "Bring her out between the ranks and put to the sword anyone who follows her." For the priest had said, "She must not be put to death in the temple of the Lord." So they seized her as she reached the place where the horses enter the palace grounds, and there she was put to death.

Jehoiada then made a covenant between the Lord and the king and people that they would be the Lord's people. He also made a covenant between the king and the people. All the people of the land went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars and idols to pieces and killed Mattan the priest of Baal in front of the altars. Then Jehoiada the priest posted guards at the temple of the Lord. (NIV2011)

Psalm of the Day: We join to sing **Psalm 139a**, on page 116 of CW. [NOTE: *Our Cantor will sing the 1st phrase up to the **, & **the congregation will sing the 2nd phrase in each couplet.** We will ***all join together to sing the 'Glory be to the Father' and all of the Refrains.***]

(Refrain) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

*O LORD, you have searched me and you know me;**
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

*You discern my going out and my lying down;**
you are familiar with all my ways.

(Refrain) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

*Where can I go from your Spirit?**
Where can I flee from your presence?

*If I go up to the heavens, you are there;**
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

*If I rise on the wings of the dawn, **
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

*even there your hand will guide me, **
your right hand will hold me fast.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, *
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

(Refrain) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

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EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 6:10-20 (found on page 950 of your pew Bibles)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that

comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. (NIV2011)

Verse of the Day: *Alleluia. The Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Alleluia. (Proverbs 2:6 NIV)*

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-53 (found on page 846 of your pew Bibles)

(Jesus said:) "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." (NIV2011)

8am service + *The Rite of Installation for our Christian Education Ministry Staff* +
For the list of who is being installed, see the 1st announcement in the News & Notes.

Hymn of the Day: 537 Onward, Christian Soldiers

Sermon by Pastor Scott Bergemann on Ephesians 6:10-20

"Be Strengthened in the Lord!"

Confession of Faith – We speak the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed with Luther's explanation

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church, He daily and fully forgives all sins, to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Our Offerings: The offering is a chance for God's people to respond to God's love by giving to carry on the ministry HE has entrusted to us. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We are truly pleased that you have joined us for worship, so we could share the gospel with you! Please come again!

Attendance Card Collection: Please take a moment to fill out the attendance card found in each pew (guests & members alike). The cards will be collected right after the offering baskets have been passed through in the 2nd basket that comes around after the offering. Thank you!

Prayer of the Church for Christian Education—by Pastor, followed by the Lord's Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution – by pastor

The Distribution – If you are a guest or visitor, you may be interested and relieved to know that we do not seek to impose our practice of Holy Communion upon you. In fact God's Word makes it clear that He intends this sacrament only for those who have been made familiar in advance with the sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), and who have previously expressed their fellowship with the group they are taking it with, since it *is* a public confession of oneness in faith (1 Corinthians 10:17, 11:24-26); that is what is meant by the Scriptural practice of "*close communion*". If you are a guest or visitor and have not had the chance to express common faith and a public declaration of fellowship with us, please observe today's communion service and speak with Pastor after the service or during the week; he'd be delighted to help you appreciate a "close" relationship with our congregation. Communicant member of our sister WELS or ELS congregations are welcome, but please announce your intent to commune with us to pastor or an usher before the service. A '***Personal Preparation for Holy Communion***' can be found on **p. 156 at the front of C.W.**; this is an excellent tool for 'examining ourselves' prior to communing, as Christ commands (1 Corinthians 11:28).

Communion Hymn: 280 & 529

Closing Prayer

M: Lord of the harvest, give to Your Church a continual stream of men and women eager to volunteer and prepare for service in Your kingdom, especially as teachers of Your Word to young and old alike. Bless our Pre-school, Sunday school, Youth Ministries, and opportunities for teens and adults to grow in faith and knowledge of Your Word here at Mt Zion. Bless all of the Sunday Schools and parochial schools of Kenosha and throughout our church body with instructors who encourage and inspire their students to grow in real grace and wisdom: Your Word. Help all students there to hear, understand, love, and live Your truths. Strengthen the resolve of all of the young people currently at our worker training schools to complete their training for ministry; and then send them out in the power of Your Spirit as a continued blessing into Your harvest fields. We ask this all in Jesus' precious name.

C: Amen.

Closing Blessing

M: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look on you with favor (+) and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: 323 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

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Our Mission Here at Mt. Zion:

- † **Grow** in God's Word
- † **Gather** around His Word and Sacrament
- † **Go** into our community and the world with the good news of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.



*Thank you for worshiping with us.
Go with God's Word in your hearts and minds!*

Flowers

*Today's Altar Flowers are from Bill & Chris Demo, in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary and to celebrate Kai Demo's 12th birthday.
Happy Anniversary Chris & Bill & Happy Birthday Kai!*

Please feel free to return this *Worship Folder* to the Ushers at the door as you leave today for use in the next service, *unless you want to take it home for devotional purposes*. Thank you!

<i>Attendance Information</i>		
<i>Our Growth in God's Word . . .</i>		
Attendance:	Sunday Attendance	92
	Bible Study Attendance	20

Please check out our "**News & Notes**" handout found in your member box for announcements & the *updated* calendar. There are extra copies on the table in the church entryway.

Special Thanks Today to Our . . .

- † **Organist:** Margaret Kohlstedt
- † **Elders:** Tim Knautz & Rick Kopp
- † **Cantor:** Jonathon Becker
- † **Ushers:**
 - **8:00am – Team 01** – Les & Deb Bailey, Mike DeRose, Jerad Whitefoot
 - **10:45am - Team 08** – Bill Fink, Scott Dankert, Ben Jeske & Alex Spurlock
- † **Bible Study Goodies:** L. Macht, W. Krueger, & Y. Jeske
- † **Nursery Care:** Wayne & Kathy Krueger
- † **Monday Night Bible Study:** Tim Knautz
- † **Landscaping Team: Team 01** – Scott Therriault & Scott Dankert

Up Coming Servants. . .

- † **Organist:** Cindy Willer
- † **Cantor:** Ben Jeske
- † **Ushers:**
 - **8:00am – Team 02** – Tom Middlecamp, Jeremy Seibel, John Tegen & Scott Therriault
 - **10:45am - Team 09** – Keith Mentink, Kyle Carson, Fred Harmeyer, Arnold Zillmer & Mark Zillmer
- † **Bible Study Goodies:** Neumann, Haertel & Y. Jeske
- † **Nursery Care:** Ben Jeske
- † **Monday Night Bible Study:** Todd Willer
- † **Landscaping Team: Team 02** – Al Gabriel, Leon Keune, Tom Middlecamp

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THIS WEEK AT MT. ZION

Sunday Communion Service – 8:00am
Sunday School / Bible class – 9:15am
Teen/Parent Meeting – 10:15am
Communion Service – 10:45am

Monday Communion Service – 6:30pm
Choir Begins – 7:30pm
Bible Study Resumes – 7:30pm

Tuesday *Quilting Resumes – 8:30am*
Bible Study – 10:00am
PreK Staff Bible Study – 11:45am
Board of Education Meeting – 6:30pm

Wednesday CAP Class Resumes – 7:00pm

Thursday Woodstock Worship – 1:30pm
Wynwood Worship – 2:30pm
Women’s Bible Study – 6:30pm
Board of Properties Meeting – 6:30pm
Jesus Cares Bible Study – 6:30pm

Sunday Worship Service – 8:00am
Sunday School / Bible class – 9:15am
Worship Service – 10:45am

Monday Worship Service – 6:30pm
Board of Elders Meeting – 6:30pm
Choir – 7:30pm
Bible Study – 7:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

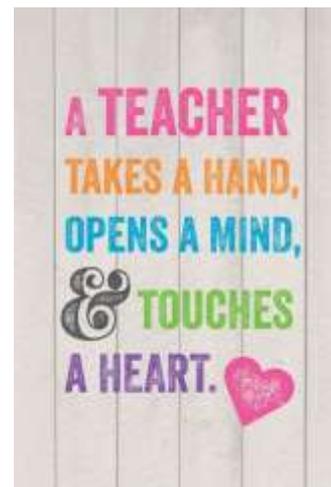
Thanks to our Christian Education Staff – Joining our Pastors in teaching God’s Word this school year are the following: In our Preschool: Teacher & Director – Nikkie Larsen, & aide – Lynelle Wagner (of Bethany); In Sunday School: Preschool Teacher & Sunday School Coordinator – Karen Reed; 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Teacher – Amanda Burton; 4th, 5th, 6th Grades Teacher – Karlyna M Graziano & Noah Knautz; 7th-8th Grade Teacher – Kathy Knautz; Music Director – Elizabeth Kuefler & Nikkie Larsen; Small Group Bible Class Leaders – Ken Jeske, and our Elders: Todd Willer, Bill Demo, Tim Knautz, Dan Krueger, Rick Kopp, Don Giammarrusco; Jesus Cares Bible study teachers: Wayne & Kathy Krueger; & Women’s Bible Study Leader – Niki Neumann.



Bible Study Topics This Week

- † **Sunday AM** – *Devoted to Fellowship with God and Others*
- † **Monday PM** – Learning Scripture’s Story
- † **Tuesday AM** – *Psalms: God’s Word for Daily Life*
- † **Tuesday Leadership Class** – God & His People
An Old Testament Survey
- † **Wednesday CAP** – *God: Ultimate Humanitarian*
- † **Thursday Women’s Study/Prayer Time** –
Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

ALL ARE WELCOME !



Thanks to all of them for their willing service! May God bless our many efforts to *'Feed His lambs and sheep!'*



Meeting of High School Students & Parents – TODAY Sunday, September 8th, we will meet in the conference room at 10:15am to discuss bible study times, hang out times, and youth rally. Please join us. We will start promptly at 10:15 and end at 10:40 to allow the pastors to prepare for 2nd service. Questions? Contact Pastor B.

Monday PM Bible Study to Resume – Tomorrow, September 9th, our Monday PM Bible study right after church resumes! Plan to join us as we look at Scripture's story and apply it to our hearts and lives as God's people!

Friends of the Seminary Day - You're invited Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's Friends of the Seminary Day on Saturday, October 5th. This annual event highlights the way your gifts help WLS support the worldwide mission of WELS. Registration and coffee hour begins at 8am. After worship, attendees will hear how the Pastoral Studies Institute program has shaped much of the WELS overseas mission work. Also, one student will discuss his vicar year as he served in in the diversity and busyness of the Washington D.C. area. A light lunch will be served at noon. Tours of the campus are available afterwards. Send your name, address, telephone number, and home congregation along with your \$10 registration fee to the attention of Lori Guse at 11831 N Seminary Drive, Mequon WI 53092, by September 13th. Contact Lori Guse at 262-242-8104 or lori.guse@wls.wels.net.

Fundraiser to Support Orphans in the Ukraine – On Saturday, September 21st, from 12:30-3:30pm, a bowling fundraiser will be held at Guttormsen Rec. Center (on Green Bay Rd) to help the orphans in the Ukraine. The cost is \$20/person, which includes shoes, pizza, and soda; there will also be a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items. All are welcome whether you bowl or not; it's a good cause!

Our Annual Camp Phillip Door Offering – will be gathered NEXT WEEKEND September 15th and 16th this year. In addition to supporting this WELS camp's family programs, it also allows our member families who go to Camp Phillip to receive a discounted rate to do so. Thank you for your continued support!



NEW BIC Class to begin - We plan to begin another session of the adult Bible Information Class (BIC) to go over the basic doctrines of the Christian faith **NEXT Sunday, September 15th at 9:15am**. There is no cost or obligation for this study, which does serve as a pre-communion and membership class IF people are interested in that (they don't have to be to attend – they might just want to learn more about Christianity). If you know of someone who might be interested, contact Pastor B.

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY: THE BLESSING OF "HOME" - There's something about home. Home is where you relax after a long day of work. Home is where you can let your hair down, because you know the people there will love you, even with your quirks and flaws. Home is where you feel most safe, in a world which is anything but. Jesus intended for His church to be more than a school where we learn about God's Word. He intended it to be more than a cathedral where we praise our Creator. Jesus intended for His church to be *a home*, a place where we gather with Christian family and enjoy all the blessings of home. On October 27th, we are joining our church body, WELS, in celebrating *Welcome Home Sunday* where we will talk about the importance of having the support of a Christian community. One major goal for this Sunday is that we have 100% of our members in attendance. Let's pack the house; let's see what it looks like when every member comes together. Please do all you can to set that date aside so you can join your brothers and sisters in Christ for this very special day of worship. We are also planning to offer a **brunch between services** that day in place of Family Bible Hour. Please sign-up to bring something on the sheet on the table in the narthex.

WELCOME
Home



WICS Meeting – Our women's ministry support group, Women in Christian Service (WICS), will be having their 1st meeting of the new fiscal year on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm. Agendas and reports for this meeting are in your member boxes today on pink paper, ladies. Check them out and do plan to join us!

Active Shooter Training – Unfortunately in today's world, active shooter training is a necessity that could save lives. Our Elder, Rick Kopp (trained through his employer), will be leading us in an Active Shooter training session here in our fellowship hall on Sunday, September 29th at 10:15am (after Sunday school and bible class); it will only take 15-20 minutes. All our staff members and ushers should plan to attend; you are also invited to join us for this important training.

LWMS Fall Rally and Mission Box – On Saturday, September 28th, the *Fall Rally* of our LWMS Circuit will be held right here in our area, at Bethany Somers! The presentation will be about the mission work among the Apache. The event begins the morning of with registration and breakfast goodies at 8:30am, followed by opening worship at 9am; the event ends with a lunch served onsite. Sign-up on the sheet in the church entryway, ladies, if you plan to attend. Also, in anticipation of that rally, *the LWMS Mission Box* is on the table in the church entryway now as well; collections are being received to support holding a conference that our world mission families can attend to be built up and encouraged by fellow missionary families for the important work they do in our name overseas. If you'd like to support this important project to support our missionaries and their families, the box will be out until Sunday, September 15th for you to do so. Thank you for your support of missions!



Central Africa Medical Mission – Supplies to support the CAMMM mission will be collected from now until the end of September. Items needed include: Ziploc gallon bags (with the zipper tab), Werther's candies, chili powder, cinnamon, granola bars, Clorox Handiwipes, post-it notes, pens, and travel size hand/body lotion. They have also requested Christian Christmas decorations

(preferably non-breakable, as these items will be shipped). Please leave items in the box located in the narthex under the table, and thank you for helping support this important mission!

Lunch Server Wanted – Friedens is interested in hiring a part time lunch server. The position would be 2-4 days per week, from 10:30am-12:30pm, For more information please contact Sarah Clark at 262-654-7746 or office@friedenswels.org.



Bus Drivers Wanted - SLHS needs bus drivers for before/after school routes, and to and from extra-curricular activities. For more information about bus drivers, please contact Scott Zondag at zondags@slhs.us.

SINGERS WANTED for the Shoreland Chorale - Are you up for a musical challenge? The Shoreland Lutheran Chorale is an adult group which sings choral pieces that are a little more demanding than your average church choir music. They meet at Shoreland Lutheran High School on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm, starting NEXT Sunday, September 15th. They will present a Fall Concert on Sunday, November 24th. What a refreshing way to start out your week, by singing God's praises and enjoying fellowship with members of our WELS congregations! For more information, call Pastor Tom Bauer at 262-880-7333, or email him at bauert@slhs.us.

WINE & DINE - New Beginnings, a WELS-based home for single mothers, invites you to its 2nd annual Wine and Dine THIS Thursday, September 12th, from 6-8pm at Davian's in Menomonee Falls. This evening of premium wine, craft beer, an assortment of delicious appetizers, as well as a silent auction will benefit the mothers and babies served through the New Beginnings ministry. The cost is \$40 per person. Go to homeformothers.com/events to register.



Mt. Zion Preschool Update



This 1st week of preschool, we began by meeting new friends and talking about how God made us all; in fact He made everything around us! *God created the Heavens and the Earth!"*

We will continue with the 'all about me' theme and creation next week (the week of September 9th) as well. What a wonderful way to start the year! *"In the beginning ... God!"*

