

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

The Parish Education Committee members appreciate the time volunteers have given to teach Sunday School this past year. Tom Preston faithfully taught Chi Rho every week. Leslie Foxworth taught High School students weekly. A group of ambitious parents devoted time to organize and supervise activities for Chi Rho students. Please thank them for their dedicated involvement. Their contribution to Zion's youth is significant.

A number of dedicated individuals regularly presented Bible lessons to Zion's elementary-age children. Often, because of a shortage of teachers, they taught Sunday School twice a month sometimes with combined grade levels. We don't want to overwhelm generous volunteers, especially mothers who work outside the home, or infringe on anyone's worship time. Therefore, in order to schedule Sunday School teachers once a month with a small group (pre-school/ kindergarten class, first and second grade class, and third, fourth, fifth grade class), four different groups of three teachers are needed monthly.

No formal teaching experience is necessary to execute a meaningful Sunday School lesson. Parents are very qualified and will find it to be an enjoyable, rewarding experience. We aim to select a curriculum with simple lessons that require very little preparation time and allow the instructor to follow the lesson verbatim or make adjustments they find more preferable. At least one helper will be available among the teachers every Sunday to assist as needed.

Please consider the value of Sunday School instruction to the children and future of Zion, and complete the following according to your intentions for the upcoming school year (September through May).

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will teach once a month.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am able to teach, but not as often as once a month. I can share a position with another teacher.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do not want to teach a class, but will assist a teacher once a month.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am not able to teach Sunday School during the upcoming year. At this time, I volunteer my time, treasure, or talent to help Zion in the following way(s):

Without 12 volunteers able to teach this upcoming year, we will be forced to examine other drastic alternatives which may include offering Sunday School only as often as teachers are available (one Sunday a month with 3 teachers; two Sundays monthly with 6 teachers; or three Sundays with 9 teachers); affording a paid Sunday School teacher, or eliminating Sunday School altogether, among other options.

Please provide your suggestions for Zion's Sunday School program including staffing teachers, curriculum, and other ideas to help Parish Ed. meet your needs, the needs of our congregation, and its children.

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The Parish Education Committee  
Lisa Goodwin, Jenny Capizzi, Laura Nabors, and Leslie Foxworth

**This form may be returned to the church office or given to one of the committee members listed above.**