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Field Trips
Kindergarten Program
Eighth Grade Graduation
Music Camp

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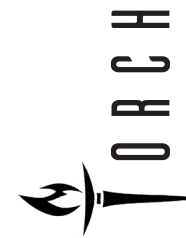
Space Week with Pam Leestma
Student Alternative Curriculum
Week with Valley Christian High, CA
Z.Y.E.P Gardening Grant

SPRING / SUMMER 2022

OF POWER, OF LOVE, AND OF SELF-DISCIPLINE." 2 TIM. 1:7

Volleyball Camp
Summer School
Kid's Club with Central Ave. CRC
Storytellers of Creator
Basketball Camp
Camp Dunamis
Warrior Leadership Summit

JUNE



Zuni Christian Reformed Mission
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PLANTED IN BIBLICAL TRUTH, SURROUNDED BY GOD'S GRACE



TORCH
ZUNI CHRISTIAN REFORMED MISSION

"FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT A SPIRIT

Creative Expressions
Passover Celebration
Spring Banquet 2022
Sacred and Silly Program

APRIL





Dear Friends,

On the last day of school this year, I was outside with the students for recess. Just as it was time for the students to return to class, a 4th grade student came up to me and (very dramatically) pleaded, "Mr. Becksvoort, PLEASE don't let this school year end." I was a bit perplexed by what feels like a rare student sentiment at that time of year (at least to be expressed out loud), so I asked him why he didn't want the school year to end. He replied, "Because I don't want to say goodbye to my teacher."

Our school is a good place for students. Although I don't always hear them express that sentiment, I know it is true, and I realize that they know it is true. Our faculty and staff do a really good job cultivating spaces that are safe for students to express themselves while at the same time having the space to just be kids. Our students are also held accountable to high standards of behavior, and they understand that sometimes love looks like discipline. At ZCMS, our students are lovingly brought into the presence of the risen Jesus. Some of our students will miss these things over summer break.

Even though another school year is complete, the Mission is buzzing with activity throughout June and July. Besides our enrichment-filled summer school, there are kids' clubs, volleyball camp, music camp, basketball camp, and running camp. In addition to all this, several of our students are attending Camp Dunamis (a Christ-centered camp encouraging racial reconciliation) and Warrior Leadership Summit (a Native American youth discipleship conference). All this to say that the work of the Kingdom continues here even outside the normal school year.

In this season of endings, beginnings, and transitions between the two, a Bible passage comes to mind: "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" (Psalm 121:8). We serve a God who is

faithful and who sees the whole picture. He has no beginning and no ending, and because of this, he can help us to navigate those times in our own lives.

Thank you for your continued prayer for the ongoing work of God in Zuni.

Tim Becksvoort

Z.Y.E.P. GARDENING GRANT

In March, ZCMS received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from our neighbors at the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project to start a gardening program. Since then, our MS Science teacher, Mr. Kuo, has been busy working with our students to set up rainwater harvesting, composting, raised garden beds, cold frames, and a Tropf-Blumat irrigation system. We hope to expand our efforts to grow more traditional crops, and collaborate with our community on preserving and innovating agricultural methods that the Zuni people have practiced over hundreds of years as a vital part of their rich cultural heritage.



CURRENT NEEDS

OUR 2021-22 ANNUAL FUND NEED IS DOWN TO \$38,463!

We have almost reached the end of our fiscal year and are in the final push to meet our financial goal! We thank you for all you have done to help us reach this point once again. You make such a difference in the lives of our students and families every year.

PRAISES AND PRAYER NEEDS

MS Science Teacher: Our current MS Science teacher, Mr. Andrew Kuo, will be leaving his position to attend seminary in Phoenix, AZ. We are grateful for the many years he has served our students and community and for the incredible work he has done with our new gardening project! This means that we have a position open for the 2022-23 school year. Please pray that in His perfect timing, God will prepare the next individual He is calling to serve in Zuni. If you or someone you know would like to apply, please have them contact us!



Part-Time Development Officer: ZCMS is seeking a part-time Development Officer to serve as a regional representative in West Michigan. We currently have only three administrative staff in Zuni and travel is therefore limited. A regional representative would help to maintain our important connections in the West Michigan area and allow us to further develop connections in other parts of the country. Please contact Principal Tim Becksvoort for further details and information.

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ZUNI CRC MISSION STATEMENT:

"Forgiven by God through Jesus, we are growing together to be a people of grace, truth, love, and light."

Pastor Search Update: In May, Pastor James Zwier of Ellsworth CRC in upper MI said yes to the call to become the Pastor of Zuni CRC. We thank the Lord for his leading in our search process throughout the past few years. James is excited to serve as pastor at Zuni CRC and to serve with the Church Council, church members, and school toward the purposes of God expressed in the Zuni CRC Mission Statement. James and Sarah and their boys Judah and Abram are looking forward to moving to Zuni. Plans are being finalized for them to arrive mid July and have the installation service on August 14. Pray for them in their final month and a half at Ellsworth and all the planning and adjustments in moving to Zuni. We thank God for answering our prayer for a new pastor to preach the Word of God and minister with us so that we will grow together to be a people of grace, truth, love, and light.

MINISTRY UPDATE

Storytellers of Creator with Tyrell Natewa: This summer we continued our running ministry to reach out to youth on Native American reservations. The running ministry consists of morning runs, games, activities, Bible presentations, scripture memorization, health presentations, and opportunities for the church to invest in our Native youth. Storytellers of Creator gives youth an opportunity to hear about Christ. With God's leading we will walk with the youth and help them know the freedom found in Him. It is through faith in God that we believe "Storytellers of Creator" will grow, and that we are moved to do the work He has set before us.



ZCRC Youth Group - Barlow Gasper Ministry Update: On June 4th youth from Zuni, Hopi and San Carlos Apache gathered here at the church for an all day retreat. Many of these same students will be traveling June 29-July 6 to the Warrior Leadership Summit in Illinois, a ministry of On Eagles Wings. WLS is a conference designed to disciple and encourage Native American young people, ages 15-30, in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Every summer, hundreds of young people from over 100 tribes all across the United States and Canada come together to worship, learn, have fun, and connect with each other.

