



# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome and greetings as we begin a new school year! It was great to see the school full of life on Back to School Night and Meet the Teacher Day and I'm so excited for our first days of school. I've been anticipating the sounds of children in the halls, seeing familiar faces, and new faces too! The classrooms look bright and cheerful once again! God continues to bless Let Me Shine as we begin our 18th year of serving our community. We have wonderful families, an outstanding staff and a great Board of Trustees. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year with you all!

**The Let Me Shine 2019-2020 staff is as follows:**

<b>Assistant Director</b>	<b>Holly Graham</b>
<b>18 Month</b>	<b>Denet Barnitz</b>
<b>2 Year Old</b>	<b>Cherry Squires Laken Watts</b>
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>Lezlie Hargrave Adair Watts</b>
<b>Pre-Kindergarten</b>	<b>Sabrina Bell Christina Farden Kristina Obermark</b>
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May God bless you and our school year.

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."  
Mark 10:14*

*Barb Ballif, Director*




**Hi from Holly!**

It is great to be back in the Let Me Shine Office for another year! My name is Holly Graham, and I am the Assistant Director of Let Me Shine. I work in the office with Ms. Barb, and I also help with lunch bunch. I have been working at Let Me Shine quite a long time- I started here when my youngest son was in the 2-year-old class, and now he is off to college! If you have any questions about tuition payments, or our lunch bunch and morning bunch programs, please see me. I am looking forward to a great year!

**God Bless, Ms. Holly**

**NO SCHOOL  
October 17-18, 2019  
for UEA**



**SCHOOL PICTURES**

School picture days are scheduled for Sept. 23rd & 24th. All children will have class photos taken, and individual purchases are optional. Your teachers will have materials to send home within the next couple of weeks. Picture packages and pricing will be available at that time.



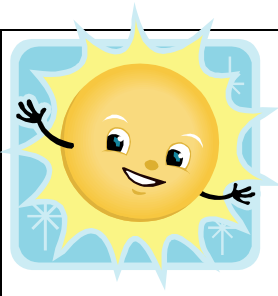
Hello Let Me Shine families!  
 I'm so excited to start the new year and see all the friendly faces again! Preschool is always an adventure and I'm ready to see where this year takes us.  
 With love,  
 Miss Gabby

Hello Parents!  
 I will be assisting the 3 & 4-year-old classes this year. This will be my first year at Let Me Shine, and I am so excited to spend this year with your kiddos! I'm originally from the east coast but have lived in Utah for 11 years now. I graduated from Appalachian State University. My daughter attended Let Me Shine as a preschooler and is now in 2nd grade at Dilworth Elementary. My son will be in Miss Sabrina's class this year. We love Let Me Shine!  
 Blessings,  
 Miss Malissa

My name is Janel Trapp and I am happy to be starting my 7th year as an aide for the toddler and 2-year-old classrooms on Mondays and Wednesdays. I share this position with the wonderful Kristina Schwertz. I enjoy gardening, traveling, reading, knitting and spending as much time as possible with my three college age children. Looking forward to seeing and meeting all of you parents and your child in the next few weeks. Feel free to look for me to assist you or your child in any way necessary!

Miss Janel

My name is Kristina Schwertz and I'm one of the aides for the 18 month and 2-year-old classes. This will be my 5th year at the best preschool in town and I'm so excited to meet your children. I know it can be heartbreaking and stressful, especially if this will be your first year to send your child to school, to leave your child in someone else's care. But I promise, I'll do my best to assist your child's teacher and do whatever we can to make your child feel safe, comfortable and especially loved. I'm also there to help with snacks, change diapers and change potty trained kiddos (because accidents happen and that's just fine!). Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or me personally if you have any concerns in that department.



# Morning Bunch

Advanced notice is required!  
 Drop off time is anytime between 8:00am—8:45am. Please sign your child in as usual on the clip board at the sign-in table and bring him/her down to Miss Sabrina's Room #8. Morning Bunch has story time, color time and game time! Make sure your child has breakfast before they come! Your child will be escorted to their classroom to begin their school day at 9:00am. The cost is \$6.00 per morning and you will be invoiced at the end of each month.

# LUNCHBUNCH



Do you need an extra hour after school for a hair appointment, doctor's appointment, etc.? Sign up for the Let Me Shine Lunch Bunch program!

Give it a try! Lunch Bunch is a hit with kids, and is convenient for parents. Sign up at check in, have a lunch packed for your child, and that's it! We'll take care of the rest. Pick up is at 1:00 pm, and the lunch bunch kids will be downstairs in the Terrace Room. Lunch Bunch is a lot of fun! We play games, have interesting activities, and the kids get to eat their lunch together in a social setting! Our fabulous Lunch Bunch staff helps the kids open their lunches, then they get to do floor tumbling, art, fun games, story time, even some science activities! You will be invoiced at the end of each month. The cost is \$7.00 per session.

# VOLUNTEER HOURS

Each family at Let Me Shine is required to complete five volunteer hours during the school year. You may "opt out" of volunteering with a \$50 payment to Let Me Shine. We do hope you'll decide to volunteer—it's a great way to meet the kids, parents & staff, and learn about the day-to-day activities at Let Me Shine. **Here are a few ideas to get you started:** Assist in the classroom (with prior arrangement), maintain & straighten storage rooms, at-home projects, book fair volunteers, library maintenance, read to a class, talk about your occupation, etc. Please talk to Barb, Holly, or your child's teacher about additional opportunities or ideas. Your help is always welcome!!

# CONTACT INFO

Did you move over the summer? Do you have a new phone number, work number, or cell number? Please update your personal contact information in the school office. In the event of an emergency, it is essential we have your most current information.



## Miss Cherry's Busy Bees

Dear Busy Bee Families,

Dear Families,

Welcome to Let Me Shine and my class Busy Bees. My name is Cherry Squires, married to my wonderful husband David for 16 years. We have one child named Joshua, 11 years old. I was born and raised in the Philippines. I have a background of Early Childhood Montessori and taught for an international preschool in Shanghai. My husband and I moved to Salt Lake City in 2006.

This is my first year of teaching at Let Me Shine. I will be teaching the two and three years olds. To start the school year, we will learn: All About Me, New Friends, Creation and Noah's Ark. I am excited to teach your child and look forward to getting to know them while sharing God's love with them.

Love and Blessings,

Miss Cherry



## Miss Kristina's Ladybugs

Hello! My name is **Kristina Obermark**, and this is my seventh year teaching at Let Me Shine. Although born in Colorado, I have lived in Salt Lake for over fifteen years. I have taught preschool, kindergarten, and art at a variety of schools and summer camp programs. I am so excited to get to know your precious little ones! Both of my children attended Let Me Shine as preschoolers and it is such a blessed and nurturing environment. In the Ladybug classroom we will be spending September mastering the skills of successful scholars and compassionate friends. We will be exploring germs with the help of the book Wash Your Hands! by Tony Ross as well as discussing rules with David Shannon's book No, David! We're going to have so much fun!

Miss Kristina



## Miss Sabrina's Sweeties

Hello Everyone!

I am so excited for the new school year! I know this year will be fabulous. I love sharing how much God love's each child and how each one of is unique and special. We will have so much fun growing, playing and learning this year. For

the month of September, we will be getting to know each other, and starting with the letters "M," "T," and "A."

This will be my 10th year teaching preschool and I can't imagine doing anything else. I look forward to getting to know you and yours!

Blessings to you and yours,

Miss Sabrina



## Miss Chris's Campers

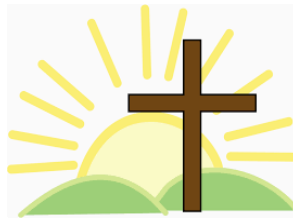
Hi my name is Christina Farden; this is my 9th year teaching the Pre-K class at Let Me Shine. I am so excited for this new school year to get started. My little campers are going to have so much fun learning and growing. The first couple of weeks we will get to know one another, talk about classroom rules and how important it is to be respectful to each other. Then we will jump right into our letters and writing our names. I look forward to meeting each parent and answering any questions or concerns you might have. Thank you for letting me teach and love your children this year!



Looking forward to a great school year.



Miss Chris



## Miss Lezlie's Sunshines

Hi everyone!

I would like to personally welcome you and your families to Let Me Shine Preschool! Whether you are new to our school or are returning for your little darlings second or

third year with us, I want you to know we are thrilled to have you and your families as part of our school family and community here at LMS.

As a teacher here at LMS, I want to assure you that your child is loved, respected and valued as one of Gods precious children and they are treated as such. I am very much looking forward to helping each child let their light shine!

I am so very excited for this school year, it is going to be a wonderful time in the Sunshine classroom! I have been anticipating the beginning of school all summer, I cannot wait to get to know all of you are your fantastic children. The beginning of school is always such a magical time... we are getting to know each other, our new classroom and the children begin forming new friendships! I cannot wait to see your precious little darlings navigate this new adventure filled with discovery and learning!

In September, We will be talking a lot about Jesus and how much he loves each one of us. We will also be engaged in getting to know our friends, talking about our families and learning our classroom expectations! And of course, we will be having so much fun in the process!!

Please keep an eye out for parent sign up opportunities, I generally post them above the cubbies right outside of the classroom. There are always opportunities to volunteer your time in our classroom on normal school days and also on holiday party days and other fun school days! Helping prepare arts & crafts for class projects and is also a great way to get in your volunteer hours. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask.

It is a special honor to be your child's teacher this year. Thank you for the opportunity and for entrusting us with your precious child.

Love and blessings,

Miss Lezlie

# Worship with Us! Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Everyone is Welcome!

*Awakening Worship  
with Communion*

8:15 am

*Traditional Worship*

10:30 am

Sunday School for ages  
4 and up

9:15 to 10:15 am

For our Let Me Shine  
Students celebrating  
their big day this  
month of

## September

# Happy Birthday!

to:

Lettie Kimball  
Ava Pace  
Mia Nebeker  
Amelia Parker  
Daniel Plumb  
Rosemary Spencer  
Rosie Benseler  
Gus Bateman



## Miss Alia's Music Class

Hello Let Me Shine Family,



My name is Alia Gonzales and I have the joy of teaching music here at Let Me Shine! This is my third year at our wonderful school and we have so many great things in store. Each year the students learn concepts like steady beat, high and low, musical form and much more. We explore these ideas through games, songs, chants and dances. You can look forward to seeing your child perform at various special times throughout the year. I look forward to seeing returning students again and meeting those of you who are new for the first time! I give you a warm, musical welcome and look forward to the fantastic year ahead.

As always, thank you for entrusting me with your child's musical journey.

"Sing"cerely, Miss Alia



## Miss Laken's Llamas



Hi! My name is **Laken Watts**. I am excited to be the 2-year-old Preschool Teacher this year! We have lived in Utah for four years. Although I am a Southerner to my core, Salt Lake City has quickly become home to us. We love this community and are so grateful to live in a postcard. My husband, Murray, and I have 3 kids; Mack, Sam and Luka! We love hiking, trying new foods, and most importantly, watching Daniel Tiger. We are obsessed with our golden doodle, Remy and Cafe Rio! I look forward to getting to know you this year!

Miss Laken



## Miss Denet's Little Birds

Dear Families-

It is an exciting time of year as I prepare for your sweet little birdies to start their journey at Let Me Shine. To prepare you, the first couple of weeks maybe tearful at drop off time for your child and you because it is a big deal for them to start attending play school. However, I assure you we will shower your child with love and attention, we will play, they will discover their creative gifts God blessed them with though art and play, they will build friendships with their classmates, and they will love coming to class soon. It is my privilege that I am their teacher this year and I can't wait to get to know each of them individually.

God Bless, Miss Denet



## Miss Adair's Stars

Hello! My name is Adair Watts, and this is my first year teaching at Let Me Shine, however Let Me Shine has a special place in my heart. Four of my six children have attended this school! I'm so excited to be a part of this incredible school. I can't wait to see my Little Stars letting their light shine through music, imaginative play, art, science and bible time. Our class motto is "Love God, Love others, and Love yourself." God loves his little children and I'm so honored to be working with some of them. It's going to be a wonderful year!

Love, Miss Adair