# ABOUT MRS. JOAN ALLVERSON

## - SECRETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT





## **BACKGROUND**

- I was born in Bethesda, Maryland, and was introduced to military life at a very young age. My parents (Brandt and Louise Reynolds) raised my two older brothers and me with Christian values and introduced us to the world of travel and culture through my father's 30 years of military service to the Navy. I lived in Rockville, MD, Kenitra, Morocco, Agana, Guam, San Diego, CA, and Yokosuka, Japan.
- My parents, my grandparents (Lorenz and Marie John), and my beloved Aunt Millie have been lifetime members of Zion Lutheran Church. Their example of service to God, country, family, and community laid a great foundation for my brothers and me.
- During my 25 years with the Army, I lived in Bamberg, Schweinfurt, Giebelstadt, and Ansbach, Germany, Fort Lewis, WA, Yongsan, Korea, and Manassas, VA, while serving at the Pentagon. I was deployed to Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, and Israel several times. After my military service to the Army, I finally found my home with Zion Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran School.

#### **EDUCATION**

- A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education with a Minor in Biology (1983).
- A Master of Science Degree in Administration with a concentration in Human Resources (2004).

## **EXPERIENCE**

- 40 + years of administrative, leadership, and management positions in the military and in the civilian sector.
- 2 years as the Interim Headmaster for Zion Lutheran School (ZLS)
- 2 years as the ZLS Front Office Secretary and Administrative Assistant
- 3 years as the ZLC Ministry Council Secretary

#### **FAMILY AND OUTSIDE INTERESTS**

- My husband, Jerry, and I were married in 2019. Both of us are widowers, and I have been blessed to share in the lives of his (5) children and (19) grandchildren.
- Some of my favorite hymns include LSB 570 Just as I Am, LSB 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus, LSB 763 It is Well with My Soul, LSB 878 Abide with Me, & LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices.
- Jerry and I love to camp with our travel trailer, and we truly cherish our time together and enjoy spending time with our families.
- We look forward to getting back to bowling, golfing, fishing, more camping, and visiting Idaho State and National Parks when we retire next year.

## WHY I WORK AT ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

• Serving with the staff at Zion Lutheran School, Zion Lutheran Church, and with the Ministry Council members, who are all true servants of God, makes working with all of them a true joy.