# ABOUT MRS. SARAH ALLWARDT – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades WHY I BECAME A TEACHER



#### **BACKGROUND**

- I was born in Panorama City, California, the middle of five children. My parents raised us Catholic. I grew up playing outside with my siblings and neighbors. We are all still good friends. I loved to ski in the morning, then go to the beach in the afternoon. I really love the ocean.
- I wanted to be a Neonatologist working with premature infants; however, God put a teacher in my life, and they said you would make an excellent teacher.

#### **EDUCATION**

- I went to Catholic schools until my Junior Year in college, and I attended Marymount Palos Verdes.
- I graduated with a B.S. in Childhood Development from Cal State Northridge.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

- I started teaching at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Preschool during college. In 1990, I taught 2nd grade at Canoga Park Lutheran. I'm still in touch with many families from that first class that I taught in 1990.
- I have taught at many private schools for over 34 years.

## **FAMILY AND OUTSIDE INTERESTS**

- I love to paint, ride my bike, surf, snowshoe, walk/run, garden, and be outdoors.
- My favorite place is Yosemite National Park, where I would love to be a tour guide one day.
- I've been married to my husband Tim, my partner in life's adventures, for 33 years.
- We have two adult children. Christopher, who lives in Portland, OR, and Corinne, who lives in Jackson, WY. We also have a dog named Panda.

## WHY I TEACH or AT ZION LUTHERAN

- I loved the feel of Zion as soon as I toured it, as a prospective teacher in 2022-23.
- The family feel of the school, the caring staff, and that we teach the love of God.
- I love that we have Chapel Services and Hymn Sings. It really helps me to focus on God.

### **CLASSROOM MISSION STATEMENT**

• Train up a child in the way they should grow, and they will not depart from it.