

Mt Zion Lutheran Elementary School Project Narrative

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Our religion organization, Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, has recently acquired the property at 510 West Girard Madison Heights which will be our new operating location. The current building at the site is approximately 60 years old and has been used continuously for a religious organization to operate a church. Our intent is to operate out of this building in its current condition and configuration, with minor improvement and maintenance work and anything required for safe operations in compliance with state and local regulations.

The building has a wing that includes one large multipurpose room and three smaller adjoining rooms as well as a men's and women's restroom totally around 1400 square feet. In this wing of the building (see Figure 1), we intend to operate a small elementary school, beginning in the fall of 2026.

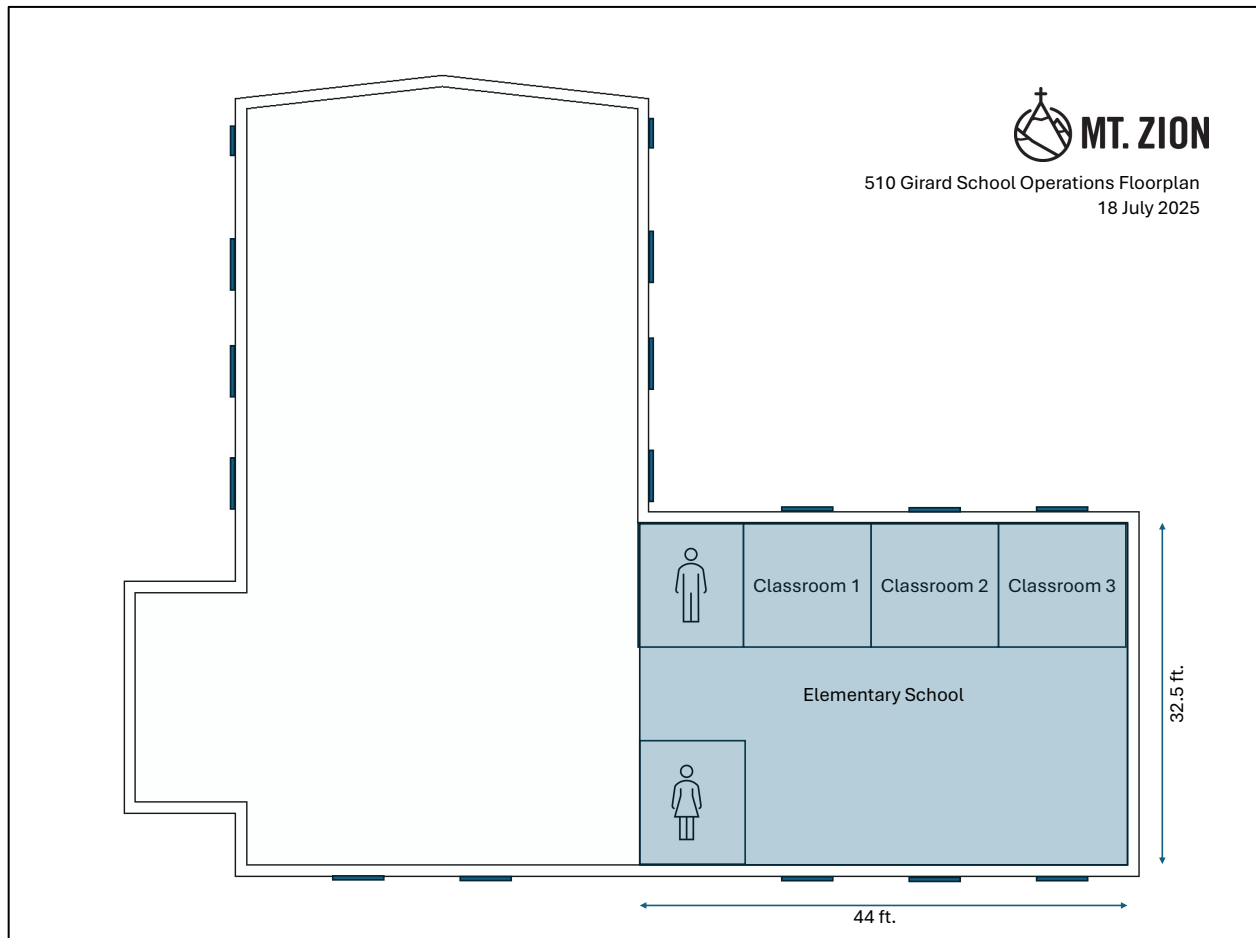


Figure 1

We will offer grades K-8, with an initial student population of approximately 5 lower grade students with the intent to grow up to approximately 25 students. We will operate the school at normal school hours,

Monday-Friday, with children being dropped off for school at or around 8 am and pickup at or around 3 pm. We have a parking lot with more than adequate parking for parents bringing students to school in the morning, with over 50 parking spots available. Parents can either park for drop off or use the lane that passes under the overhang at the main entrance to the church and exits south of the main entrance onto Barrington Street (see Figure 2).

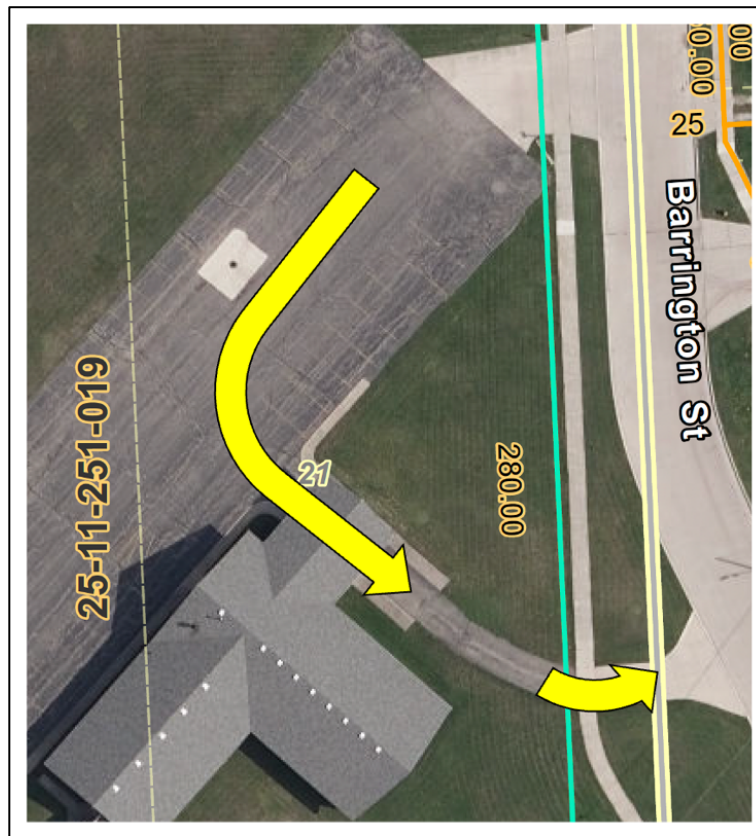


Figure 2

Anticipated vehicle traffic in Fall 2026 would be approximately 5-7 each day, Monday through Friday at drop off and pick up times, and as the school grows, we would anticipate a maximum of 15 vehicles arriving and departing in the morning and afternoon. School operating hours will not overlap with church operations; we hold worship services on Sunday mornings and seasonal Wednesday evening services in December and the six weeks preceding Easter.

We currently employ one full time pastor. Ahead of opening the school, likely between Jan. and Mar. of 2026, we intend to bring on a second full-time staff member, an elementary school teacher.

On the grounds outside the building, we plan to add playground equipment, some fencing to provide a safe space for recess and other outdoor activities.

A typical school day would include the pastor and teacher arriving before the school day begins. Parents would arrive bringing in students at approximately 8 am and then arriving again to pick them up at

around 3 pm. Children will receive instruction inside the school and have supervised recess periods outside at set times throughout the school day.

We are excited to open our school in this beautiful neighborhood, and are committed to being a positive presence in the community, a place that will welcome any of our new neighbors to come and learn more about us.

Respectfully submitted,

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