

Faith Lutheran Preschool Scoop

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Important Dates

- **March 29
and 30
Easter
parties at
11:00**
- **April 4
Easter
worship at
Faith
Lutheran
Church**
- **April 5-9
spring break**
- **April 21 &
22 spring
pictures**

Do you remember the State Farm commercials where people say, “I’m there,” when they realize the situation they’re in? The one that stands out to me is the one with the man holding his newborn baby. He says, “You know that place where you think, ‘It’s not just about me anymore?’ I’m there!”

You’ve all experienced the same thing. You look down in those eyes and realize, “It’s not just about me anymore.” All of a sudden you’re thinking about the future.

But in that flurry of thought that came with the birth of your first child, did you think about your child’s spiritual future? Lots of times spiritual considerations don’t come to mind right away, but, like the guy in that commercial we eventually realize, “It’s not just about me anymore.” We realize it’s time to think about God.

But that’s hard, isn’t it? No matter where we come from or what we think, Jesus has a clear message for us. “Whoever comes to me, I will never drive away.” See, while we’re often concerned about what we need to do for God, he sent his son into our world to do everything for us. Jesus took away everything that stands between us and God. What he did is certain: he saved us. The peace he gives is sure.

And he invites all of us to share in that peace and joy. He looks at us with the same love and tenderness you look at your children with. We want the best for our children, and God wants the best for his children – you and me.

So as you think about the spiritual life of you and your children, know that we at Faith are always here to help and encourage. There’s no secret formula or hidden trick to walking with Jesus. You’re always welcome to ask our teachers about what makes their faith important to them. Pastor’s door is always open for counsel and guidance. You’re always welcome to visit us on Sunday mornings as we join together to learn from God’s word. If you’d like, you can also watch our Sunday messages online at our website. We’d love to walk together with you.

Caleb Bassett
Vicar at Faith Lutheran Church
2008-2009

Easter Parties March 29 and 30

Please make plans to join your child for a fun time at the Easter party at 11:00 on March 29 for MWF classes and March 30 for T/Th classes. We’ll have a parent/child craft, an egg hunt and a luncheon. We’re hoping to do most of the party outside so please bring a picnic blanket with you. We’ll start in the classrooms and then you can do the egg hunt when you are finished.



*Tuition is due on
the 30th of every
month except May
(well, okay, and
February...).*



Buy One Get One Free!!

I love BOGO sales, don't you? Well, Scholastic has offered us a spring book fair that is buy one book get one at an equal or lesser value—FREE! So mark your calendars as this sale is going to be for 3 days only—April 27-28 during preschool hours. They are sending us twice as many books as they did in the fall. Watch for signs directing you to the sale.



Spring Pictures

Spring pictures have been rescheduled for April 21 and 22. Class pictures will again be taken if you would like to purchase one. If your child is absent for this or you want the pictures redone, make-ups/retakes for all classes will be on Wednesday, April 28 at 9:00.

Enrollment for Next Year

If you have registered with us for next year, you are all set! If something changes with your plans for next school year, please let me know immediately as I need to know how many spots I have available to offer other families. We do still have a few spots available for next school year. If you still would like to register, please let me know. We will continue to offer a referral discount on your September tuition if someone you recommend our program to enrolls. So tell your friends, neighbors and the lady with the kids at the grocery store!

Easter Sunday

You are invited to come and worship at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 4th at 10:30 a.m. There will be an egg hunt immediately following the service. Hope to see you there!

Spring Clothes Swap

Please send in spring clothes for us to use in case of emergency. When you send the new clothes in we'll swap them with the winter clothing. Thank you!

Happy Birthday to you!!!

3 year-old-classes

Samantha—6

Casey—10

Cameron—14

Avery—27

4 year-old classes

Luke—12

Bobby—29

Carter—30

Spring Fun

Spring is so full of teachable moments. My personal favorite has to be teaching young children how to pull weeds. With flowers popping out of the ground and blooming, dying off and more flowers forming, you have a great opportunity to teach your child about spring. Showing them where a plant is expected to pop up and then checking on it every few days is such fun.

Our yard right now is changing from brown to green, another great aspect of spring to show your child. Walk your yard and talk about all the wonders of God's creation.

No School

Spring break is right after Easter, April 5-9. Have a great week off! School resumes as normal on April 12.

Looking Ahead...

Our last day of school will be on Wednesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 20 with the closing program being 11:30 on both days.

The first day of school next year is Tuesday, August 10. Returning student parent orientation will be the morning of August 9. You'll get information about this in July.

Vision Screening Available

A complimentary vision screening will be administered to the children in the 4 year old classes on Wednesday, March 31 starting at 9:30. More information will be sent home in your children's folder with an opportunity to decline the screening.

Have a
great spring
break!!



Focus on Two's

with Mrs. Tiffany

Spring is here! We will be going outside every day if possible now that the weather is warmer. Please make sure that your child is in appropriate clothes for the weather. Jackets may be needed if there is still a morning chill in the air.

We have lots of fun crafts planned for the month of April including a mosaic cross, a ladybug puppet, and a paper plate bumble bee. While we have been working on counting since the beginning of the year through songs and books, we will begin to focus a little more on number recognition. The children will be making number buddies and exploring the number of the week. Another activity that we will be working on is the making of puppets for each animal in the book Brown Bear, Brown Bear. We will read the book each week as a new puppet is added. The rereading of books such as this one helps build children's confidence in the written word and encourages early literacy.

As always, I am looking forward to the fun times we will have in the classroom. I love to see their smiling faces, and I am always thrilled to see their enthusiasm for learning.



Exciting Projects and Learning Experiences to Anticipate:

- Scissor practice
 - Balancing
 - Egg carton tulips
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Bible Lessons-2 Year olds

Jesus Dies on the Cross
Jesus Comes Back to Life
Jesus Helps Thomas Believe
Jesus Goes Back to Heaven

We are Learning About:

Shape-oval and star
Numbers-one, two and three
Opposites-under/over, on/off,
light/heavy

Show and Tell Thursdays

April 1: diamond shaped item
April 15: a yellow item
April 22: a star shaped item
April 29: a red item



Focus on Three's

with Mrs. Joan

Easter is on April 4th this year. We are learning more about the events that led up to Easter in class. It is a blessing to be able to teach your children about our risen Savior! Please come and join us for Easter church services. We will have an 8:00 service followed by a big Easter breakfast and then there is a 10:30 service followed by a big egg hunt!

April showers bring May flowers is what they say. If that is the case, then we welcome the rain! On rainy days we play inside, but it is with toys that we normally do not get out such as the crawling tunnel or the parachute. This gives them something fun to look forward to and gives them exercise as well. The children love to play our 'Freeze' song as well. If you ask them about it, they can demonstrate it for a fun time.

During April, we will be talking about day and night time. Our crafts will show the contrast between light and dark. One of the crafts will be putting rock salt on blue paper (using tweezers!). This helps to develop fine motor skills and patience as well. I will show them how an elephant can fit into a box and more fun surprises. Hopefully our flowers in the classroom will be growing by leaps and bounds this month.

It is exciting to hear that the children are writing their numbers and letters at home! They have been introduced to almost all of the letters – just about 5 more to go. Show your child some letters and numbers and have them show off a little by writing them for you. We have gone over numbers 0-10 in class by writing, counting on the calendar, and on the board. Pencil posture is important. Three finger grasp is what they have been shown in class. I am so proud of them all!

Christ is Risen!

Ms. Joan



Week 5 (March 29)

Bible Story: Jesus prays in the Garden/
Jesus Dies on the Cross

Letter: M Number: review Shape:
Diamond Color: Green
Show and Tell: anything

Week 1 (April 5)

spring break

Week 2 (April 11)

Bible Story: Jesus is risen!
Topic: Spring
Letter: M Number: review Shape: diamond
Color: review
Show and Tell: any green item

Week 3 (April 18)

Bible Story: Jesus helps Thomas believe
Topic: Day/Night
Letter: X Number: review Shape:
triangle/oval Color: purple
Show and Tell: anything

Week 4 (April 25)

Bible Story: Jesus goes to Heaven (the
Ascension
Topic: Forest Animals
Letter: Y Number: review Shape:
triangle/oval Color: purple
Show and Tell – Birds – anything





Focus on Fours

With Mrs. Jennifer and Mrs. Kristine

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoys their spring break, April 5-9. Have a safe and FUN week. We will welcome all back on April 12th. April 12-16 is the theme of “My House” and letter Ii. This week covers different kinds of homes, the rooms and their furnishings, their own address, phone number and comparing their home to animal homes. We will be discussing what makes up our family and how many live in our home. They will be predicting outcomes of events about the weather and seasons. Please work with your child on their address and phone number if they don’t already know it.

April 19-23 covers letter Tt and the next week, April 26-30 covers letter Jj. These two weeks combine our theme “Music and Music Appreciation.” We will listen to many different kinds of music and instruments. **If you play an instrument and could bring it in, we would love to hear it! Please let me know so we can plan accordingly.** We will be discussing the basics of music: melody, tune, beat, rhythm and lyrics. They will explore the classical composers as well as make their own music. We will read stories like Max Found 2 Sticks by Brian Pinkney, Ben’s Trumpet by Rachel Isadora and The Maestro Plays by Bill Martin, Jr. Our class will enjoy many classic sing-alongs and books on CD to emphasize the music. **Please send in their favorite silly song for Show & Tell for April 30th. Have the CD marked with their name and the song #.**

This month ends all our letters. Please continue to work with your child at home on their letters and letter sounds with them.

Thank you,
Mrs. Kristine and Mrs. Jennifer

Themes of the Week, Bible Stories and Show and Tell

Show and Tell is on Fridays and can be something from the theme of the week, the Bible story, or an item that begins with the letter of the week.

March 29-April 2:	“Spring” & Letter Aa
Bible story:	“Jesus is Put on the Cross/Jesus Dies on the Cross”
April 5-9:	SPRING BREAK
April 12-16:	“My House” & Letter Ii
Bible story:	“The Empty Tomb”
April 19-23:	“Music Appreciation” & Letter Tt
Bible story:	“Jesus Appears to the Women”
April 26-30:	“Music Appreciation” & Letter Jj
Bible story:	“Doubting Thomas”

From Mrs. Kristine:

I would like to send a special THANK YOU to all who helped to make our Community Worker weeks a great success! I can't believe we have only 5 ½ weeks left of school!



From Mrs. Jennifer:

Hope all had a great spring break and are ready to finish off the year energized and refreshed.

Thank you to the Johnsons' and the Harringtons' for visiting our class and sharing their occupations (the children loved it). We are working on the end of the year songs, so please encourage singing in the car, at home, or even at the grocery store. Also we are rounding up the letters this month. Their handwriting has come so far, I am very proud!

Hard to believe only 5 ½ more weeks and our little lambs will be moving on to the next chapter in their lives. How exciting!