

Faith Lutheran Preschool Scoop

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Important Dates

- **August 9**
Parent
Orientation
- **August 10**
T/Th classes
first day of
school
- **August 11**
MWF
classes first
day of
school
- **September**
9 FLP Open
House with
ice cream
social and
Scholastic
book fair

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Preschool

Early childhood Christian education prepares children for life skills needed for kindergarten and future learning. At Faith Lutheran, we will nurture your child with God's word and lay the foundation for them in our solid academic curriculum. A strong emphasis is placed upon the development of the fine motor and gross motor skills. Manipulative exercises through number and alphabet experiences, finger plays, etc. prepare students for handwriting activities. Jumping, running and climbing aid in the development of the gross motor skills. These activities all play an important and necessary role in our world. A large emphasis is also placed upon the importance of reading to the young children.

My name is Greg Morgan, and I am the preschool chairperson. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing Faith Lutheran Preschool for your child's preschool education. My position serves as one of the arms of the congregation's governing body, the Council of Ministry. One of my responsibilities is the oversight of the preschool and working closely with the preschool director, Holly Buth.

If you have classroom comments or concerns, I encourage you to first talk your child's teacher. In addition, you can direct your preschool comments, concerns, or suggestions to the preschool director or feel free to bring them directly to me.

Greg Morgan

From the Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church

What a privilege you've given us! Thank you, for entrusting your children to our care during this preschool year.

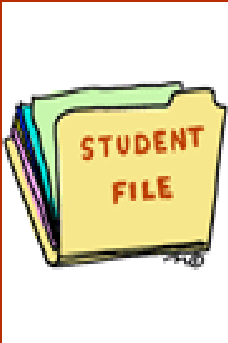
You have found a place to help your child build strong values; you have found a place with a passion for learning. You have found a place that is committed to serving you and your children in every way that we can.

My door is always open. Feel free to stop in anytime with questions or comments. You have a standing invitation to be our guests at worship.

Join us any Sunday at 10:30am.

Pastor Jonathan Schroeder

General Information



Athletic shoes worn everyday will help keep your child's feet protected and allow them to have the maximum amount of fun on the playground.



First Day of School: We all understand that some students will have difficulty separating from their parents, especially if the school experience is new to them. We will hug and comfort our little ones that need some extra TLC. We ask that you make the transition quickly, and then invite you to stay in the gathering area for coffee and donuts until you are comfortable leaving.

Sign In/Sign Out: Please sign your child in and out of school on the clipboard located by your child's classroom. As we begin to practice our emergency evacuation procedures with our students, it is imperative that we have a correct head count, and the sign in sheet will help us.

Clothing: Please remember to bring in a change of clothing for your child, including socks and underwear, labeled with their name. Also remember to dress your children in clothes that are comfortable, and they are not afraid to get dirty. We do use washable paints, markers, etc, but experience has taught us that these don't always wash out completely. Flip-flops are difficult for children to run, and open-toed shoes attract the wood ground cover from the playground into their feet, which is very uncomfortable. We recommend athletic shoes for everyday. If your child wears a dress to school, please put a pair of shorts or leggings underneath for modesty as we sit criss-cross on the rug.

Website: Just a reminder that we will be utilizing our website for tuition due notices, newsletters, party information and reminders about upcoming events. Please check the website regularly to make the most of your child's opportunities here. RSS feeds are available so that you are notified when I post something new to the website. This eliminates the need of actually checking the site.

Upcoming Events: On Thursday, September 9th from 6-8, there will be a Preschool Open House with Book Fair and sundae making. Watch for more details next month.



Focus on Two's

with Mrs. Tiffany and Mrs. Kerri

We are so excited to be teaching your children this year! The first couple of weeks of school will be spent getting to know each other and the daily schedule. Your children's preschool time will be filled with singing, bible stories, cooperative play, and a variety of educational activities. We have lots of fun things planned for this month including going on a nature walk, exploring scents with smell puffs, and hearing new sounds with canisters filled with assorted objects. Also, towards the end of the month your child will get his or her first take home project called Watermelon Willy. This is something for you and your child to make together and send back to share with the class. This activity is in preparation for Show 'N' Tell which will begin after Christmas. Opportunities to share with class are a great way to develop communication skills. We look forward to getting to know your children and watching them learn.

Tiffany Harris and Kerri Madden

Our Bible Lessons this month:

God Creates our Wonderful World
God Creates Man and Woman
Adam and Eve Disobey God
God Saves Noah and his Family

We are learning about:

Eyes/Ears
Nose/Mouth
Hands, Fingers, and Arms
Feet, Toes, and Legs



Exciting Projects and Learning Experiences to Anticipate:

Examining fingerprints with a magnifying glass
Feeding an elephant
Exploring a feely box
Going on a tactile walk



Focus on Three's

with Mrs. Joan

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to the 3 year old preschool class! This is a very exciting time of year for teachers and students alike. I am looking forward to teaching your child this year.

I have a few suggestions to make things run smoothly for your new student:

- Label everything the child brings in to school with his or her name. (Jackets, sweaters, etc)
- A morning routine is important for your student.
- We WILL get messy in class. Please dress your child accordingly. (We will not get messy on party days and picture days)
- Short goodbyes are the best!

We will have a weekly show and tell that will be listed in the newsletter and on the calendar on the classroom door. The children get so excited to show things from home to the other students. This will start with the second week of school. The item must fit in the child's bag and only one item per child at a time. No violent toys please (guns, knives, etc.).

This month we will be learning about what God is like and what he has created. It is a wonderful start to the school year. We will also be playing with Lego blocks, painting with watercolors. We will be learning each other's names with games and songs.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Ms. Joan

Week 1

Bible Theme: What is God like?

Topic: My Friends

Number: 0 Shape: Circle Color: Yellow

Show and tell: None the first week

Week 2

Bible Theme: God Creates Our Beautiful World

Topic: Elephants

Number 0 Shape: Circle Color: Yellow

Show and tell: Something homemade (by the child, parent, grandparent...)

Week 3

Bible Theme: God Creates Man and Woman

Topic: Summer

Number 1 Shape: Circle Color: Yellow

Show and tell: A summer toy

Week 4

Bible Lesson: Adam and Eve disobeying God

Topic: Circles and Yellow

Number 1 Shape: Circle Color: Yellow



Focus on Four's

with Mrs. Kristine and Mrs. Jennifer

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 4 year old class of 2010-2011!! We are looking forward to this upcoming year and getting started. This is an exciting first month, as we will be getting to know our new friends, teachers, the classroom rules and routines. Our classroom is always open to you for visits and volunteering. Watch for our calendar, it will keep you informed as to our activities for the month.

We are looking forward to teaching your children so many things about their Savior and the world around them. This is an exciting year as we prepare them for the next chapter in their lives...kindergarten!

August is a hands on/sensory intensive month. We are learning about insects. We will be observing the different insects in their habitats. Your children will have fun singing new songs, cutting "Creation" pictures (fine motor), hopping through mazes (gross motor), and making masterpieces out of play dough and Legos. We will challenge them with insect concentration, insect pairs and magnetic maze games. They will march like ants, waggle dance like bees, do the grasshoppers hop and wrap themselves like a chrysalis and morph into butterflies. They will observe the metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly to wrap up our theme on insects.

Look for our memory verse. It will go home every day on their daily communication sheet found in their folder inside their FLP bag. Please help them to memorize the verse for Bible story time; they get rewards if they know it. We will be learning the basic shapes of letters through sensory activities with the Handwriting Without Tears wooden pieces. They will discover math through sensory activities with the cuisenaire rods and learning numbers 0-3. We are encouraging reading every night, please see their reading initiative sheet in their daily folders and watch how they progress through the month.

Show and Tell is every Thursday. Please have your child pick out something to show having to do with the weekly theme or Bible story (listed in the box below).

We are so excited to have the privilege of teaching your children, meeting you the parents and together we will have a successful year growing in Christ our Lord.

God's blessings,

Mrs. Kristine Schroeder and Mrs. Jennifer Green

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.

August 10-12 "Ants"

"God creates our beautiful world"

August 16-19 "Bees"

"God saves Adam and Eve"

August 23-26 "Grasshoppers/Crickets"

"God has a plan for Joseph"

August 30-02 "Caterpillars & Butterflies"

"Joseph becomes a ruler in Egypt"