

# Faith Lutheran Preschool Scoop

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## Important Dates

- **February 1—** registration opens to the community
- **February 11—**in class valentine exchange
- **February 12—**in class valentine exchange
- **February 15 -19** No school— winter break
- **February 22** back to school
- **February 17** Lent begins at Faith Lutheran church— dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a devotion

## What is Lent?

The word Lent comes from an Old English word for spring (“lengten,” the time of the year when the days grow longer). For the last 1700 years, the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of special preparation. It is a time of repentance and renewal.

During Lent, our rejoicing is muted as we remember our Lord’s suffering and death. But it is with a purpose: we know that the Lord who died took up his life again on Easter Sunday morning. So our 40 days of Lent are ones lived in the certain hope of the resurrection.

The color of the season is purple. Purple is the ancient color of royalty. We have this kind of king: he wore a crown of thorns, and carried a cross for us. Thanks be to God!

For the precise counters in the congregation, the Church speaks of 40 days of Lent because they did not count the Sundays, which retained their significance as “little Easters.”

-Pastor Jon Schroeder

## At Faith Lutheran Church...

Starting in February, Pastor Schroeder will be leading a Bible study which explains the basics of the Bible. Pastor has such a gift of explaining Biblical teachings. Please speak with Pastor or me to get more information and sign-up for this opportunity to learn more about what your children are learning from their teachers at school.

# God's Love



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

February is, of course, the month of love. And so there's no better time to take a look at 1 Corinthians 13—often referred to as the “Love Chapter.” Here's a familiar section of that chapter:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Yikes. I don't know about you, but those words don't give me the warm fuzzy feelings that love is supposed to cause. The feeling I have is more like the chilling realization that I've failed. Patient? Kind? Doesn't envy? Doesn't boast? Doesn't sound like me. And look at all of those “always.” Always protects? Always trusts? I can usually muster up a “sometimes” or an “occasionally.” But always?

But before we get too discouraged, there's something we should realize. Those words aren't talking about us. They're talking about God. In fact, the Bible tells us that “God is love.” Read that section of 1 Corinthians 13 again, but this time substitute “God” for “love.” Makes a big difference, doesn't it? That's how God loves us—even when we fail to love him and love others like we should. There are no limits to the love of a God who loves us enough to give his own beloved Son for us.

When we know the boundless love of God, then we too understand what it is to love others. We have the ability to be patient and kind to our spouses and families and friends. We have the motivation to protect and trust and hope.

This February, take some time to ponder the love of God for you.

—Vicar Radtke (former pastoral intern at Faith Lutheran Church)

# Valentine Party



Each class will be making valentine bags and exchanging valentines for their in-class party. Please send valentines with your child so that he or she may pass out valentines to his classmates. We would like to request that you send enough valentines with your child so he or she may give one to each child in his or her class. There are 12 two year olds, 15 three year olds (same for each class), 8 in Mrs. Jennifer's class, and 8 in Mrs. Kristine's class. If you leave the space blank for whom the valentine is to be given, your child will be able to easily drop a valentine in each bag. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes will be doing this on the 12th; while, the Tuesday/Thursday classes will be doing this on the 11th.

# Happy Birthday to you!!!

## 2 year-old-class

Luke—5th

## 3 year-old-classes

Kate—15th

Kathleen—18th

Caleb—24th

## 4 year-old-classes

Isabella—  
10th

There will be no school  
February 15-19. This a  
scheduled winter break for all  
Coweta County Schools.

## I love to be read to!

February is “I love to be read to” month at Faith Lutheran Preschool. Parents and grandparents are invited to sign up to come and read to your child’s class for the last 10 minutes of every school day in February. You may bring your child’s favorite stories from home or ask your child’s teacher to set out a selection for you to read. See the sheet near each classroom to sign up. If more than one person signs up for a particular day, we’ll just share the time.

## Evaluation of our Preschool

This month, you will be receiving an opportunity to evaluate our preschool. We are looking for your feedback so that we can continue to serve you in a pleasing way. This is the last input we will be asking for this year, and your opinions are very valuable. We thank you for taking the time to fill it out and return it to us. As always, you may speak to Holly or the teachers if you have an idea that you would like to share.



## Registration is now open to the community

As of February 1, we are accepting registrations from the community. If you are planning on enrolling next year or would like to enroll a sibling and have not yet done so, we encourage you to do so soon as the remaining spots are expected to fill quickly. We are offering a referral program. If you refer a friend and they enroll their child, you will receive a \$25 credit on your September 2010 tuition. It is our way of saying thank you for spreading the word about our program.



# Focus on Two's

with Mrs. Tiffany

Dear Parents,

In the month of February, the children will be learning about triangles, hearts, the color pink, front and back, and big and little. They will do marble painting, making pink paint from white and red paint, and sorting conversation hearts. They will not have a Valentine's Day party; however, they will be doing some fun Valentine's Day activities, enjoying a special snack, and exchanging cards. We have found from past experience the best way to exchange Valentine's Day cards is to simply send the card signed with your child's name and addressed to "my friend." This way we don't end up with over a hundred cards to sort since the children are not able to read the names of their friends yet. For many children this will be the first time they have been a part of this tradition, and we look forward to their excitement during the Valentine's Day activities.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Harris

## Bible Lessons-2 Year olds

Jesus Calms the Storm  
Jesus Feeds More than 5,000 People  
Jesus Heals Ten Sick Men

### We are Learning About:

Colors: Pink and Blue  
Shapes: Triangle and Heart  
Front/Back  
Big/Little  
Full/Empty  
Hot/Cold

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### Exciting Projects and Learning Experiences to Anticipate:

- Pink color blending
- Making Valentines
- Ice painting

### Show and Tell Topics:

- February 4: blue item
  - February 11: triangle shaped item
  - February 25: pink item
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# Focus on Three's

with Mrs. Joan

What a fun month January was! We did a lot of hands on work. My favorite was the shaving cream snow scenes on the desks. The students seemed to be fascinated by the painting with their feet project. We have some interesting things to manipulate in the classroom and on the playground, such as Moon Sand. Ask your child if he or she has played with it yet. They really enjoy being able to make castles and walkways with the sand.

February will bring more fun. Hopefully we will be able to get outside more than we have in January. The cold weather meant we had to stay inside. The rainy days had us inside as well. While we stayed inside, we danced and played musical instruments, along with other movement activities, to make sure that we got in some exercise time!

We will be exchanging Valentine's Day cards on the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of February, depending on which day your child is in my class. Please sign your child's name to the cards, but to make it easier to pass out, we are asking that no names are on the outside (the 'TO' part). We will not be having a big party like the ones at Christmas and Halloween, but if you want to do something special for the class, please feel free to speak with me.

We are working more and more with scissors in class. One of the easiest things to practice at home is to have your child cut on a straight line on a piece of paper. Safety scissors and safety rules are gone over each time we use the scissors.

Just as a reminder, if your child is not feeling well, please keep them home until fever, diarrhea and vomiting have been gone for 24 hours. Thank you.

I look forward to hearing parents and grandparents read at the end of each day during February. The children love to have someone come in and read to the class!

Sincerely,

Ms. Joan



Week 1 (Feb. 1-5)  
 Bible Theme: Jesus Feeds More Than 5 Thousand People  
 Topic: Junk Food versus Healthy Food  
 Letter: P Number: 10  
 Shape: Heart Color: pink  
 Show and Tell: A picture of someone you love

Week 2 (Feb. 8-12)  
 Bible Theme: Jesus Blesses Children  
 Topic: Valentine's Day  
 Letter: R Number: 10 Shape: Heart Color: Pink  
 Show and Tell: something pink

Week 3 (Feb. 15-19)  
 Winter break

Week 4 (Feb. 22-26)  
 Bible Theme: Zacchaeus  
 Topic: Pink things  
 Letter: R Number: review Shape: Heart Color: Pink  
 Show and Tell – Something Pink (or a small toy)



# Focus on Fours

With Mrs. Jennifer and Mrs. Kristine

Dear Parents,

Our four year old classes are doing such a great job! We will be continuing math sheets with the Cuisenaire rods. We are so excited to see them quickly learn their numbers and how to add. We have a short month with the mid-winter break the week of February 15-29, 2010.

Our first week: February 2-6 will conclude our block on the five senses with touch. We will be doing many hand/feet sensory activities to explore this sense. We would greatly appreciate two volunteers from each class on Wednesday the 3rd. Please sign up on the clipboard in the hall. Please send your child in old clothes as we are painting with our feet that day. We will be reading many books like My Five Senses by Ailiki, Your Five Senses by Kay Brockl, You Can't Smell a Flower with Your Ear by Joanna Cole and Touch, Taste and Smell by Steve Parker. They will be guessing many activities while blindfolded or with eyes closed and items out of sight (in a bag, box, etc). We will be making goop; this is always a favorite! Don't forget show and tell on Fridays.

Our second week: February 8-12 will begin a two week block on transportation. We will be discussing many ways to travel. Does this transportation require an engine or motor? Our main topic will be about trains. They will listen to train poems, dance to train songs and hear train music. We will read books about transportation like The Little Train by Lois Lenski and The Great Big Car & Truck Book by Richard Scarry. On Friday, we will exchange valentines. Please send them in filled in only with the from: their name. It makes it much easier to give them out. Thank you!

Our last week: February 22-26 we will conclude our block on transportation. Our main topic will be about boats and airplanes. We will read books like Boats on the River by Marjorie Flack, Let's Take an Airplane Trip by Billy N. Pope, and Boating on the Lake by Kullak. We will make and play with paper airplanes and work on one-to-one correspondence with airplanes and airplane hangars. They will learn finger plays and sing songs like *Michael, Row the Boat Ashore*.

Mrs. Kristine Schroeder & Mrs. Jennifer Green



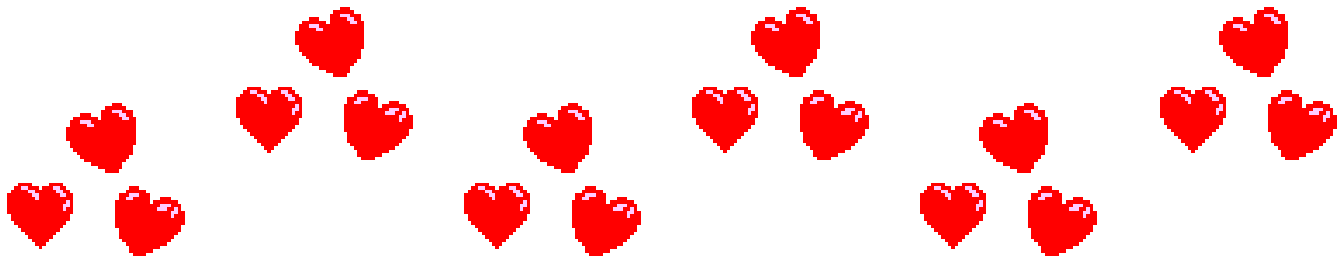
# Themes of the Week, Bible Stories and Show and Tell

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.

February 1-5: Bible story:	"Five Senses—Touch" and Zz "The Good Samaritan"
February 8-12: Bible story:	"Transportation" & Letter review "Jesus Raises Lazarus"
February 15-19:	<b>winter break</b>
February 22-26: Bible story:	"Transportation" & Letter Cc "The Story of the Three Servants"

## From Mrs. Kristine:

I cannot say enough good things about my class. I am so excited to see them excited about learning and coming to preschool! We have learned so much this last year and will cover so much more until May. It is such a blessing and privilege to have your children in my class and the support of their parents. It really goes to show the true meaning of love and friendship on Valentine's. Happy Valentine's Day!



## From Mrs. Jennifer:

Looking ahead, we are approaching our block on community workers. If anyone would like to come in and tell the class about your job, please let me know and we can set a date as to not double book. We normally have police, fire department, dentist, doctors/nurses, and pilots. It is a lot of fun for the kids, so please join us and share your profession with us.

Right now I am really focusing on getting the children to learn where they live, what their phone number is and when their birthday is. For the most part, they have learned the street name or the city they live in. Now we need to complete the address with the house numbers and work some on the phone numbers. Please encourage practice at home or in the car by asking where do you live? what is your phone number? when is your birthday? (making a little song or rhyme helps learn this). Thank you for all your support!