

Faith Lutheran Preschool Scoop

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Important Dates

- **February 1—** registration opens to the community
- **February 13—**in class valentine exchange
- **February 14—**in class valentine exchange
- **February 20-24** No school—winter break
- **February 27** back to school

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, former pastoral interim at Faith Lutheran Church

At Faith Lutheran Church...

Starting soon, 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 Info



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, 14 three year olds in the MWF class, 14 three-year-olds in the T/Th class, 13 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 MWF 3's will be exchanging valentines on Monday the 13th and the rest of the classes will exchange on the 14th.



Happy Birthday to you!!!



2 year-old class

Aiden—14th

3 year-old classes

Sophie A.-1st

Isabelle-1st

Dallas-14th

Mia-18th

Sophie G.-26th

Lily-29th

4 year-old class

Emma-2nd

There will be no school February 20-24. 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 any 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. Written comments and suggestions to go along with your scores will insure that we understand enough to be able to meet your expectations, otherwise it’s just a guessing game for us as to exactly how we might meet your needs. 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 discount. If you refer a friend and they enroll their child, you will receive a \$25 credit on your September 2012 tuition. It is our way of saying thank you for spreading the word about our program.



Focus on Two's

with Mrs. Tiffany and Mrs. Kerri

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, make pink paint from white and red paint, and sort 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" or left blank. 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.

Exciting Projects and Learning Experiences to Anticipate:

- Pink color blending
- Making Valentines
- Ice painting

Show and Tell Topics:

- February 2: blue item
- February 9: triangle shaped item
- February 16: pink item
- March 1: heart

Bible Lessons-2 Year olds

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

We are Learning About:

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

From Mrs. Tiffany:

January brought a lot of new activities for the children to experience. They are all really enjoying Show-n-Tell and are doing a great job taking turns to show their items. I am still working on getting the children to verbally describe what they have brought. I like for them to share what the item is and what shape or color describes the item. Practice this with them at home. The children also seem to like being helpers and often do not want to give up their newly assigned jobs. I love to see them take ownership in their classroom and be such an active part of our daily routine.

As the children are getting more mature, we are now working on some more advance skills such as tracing, sorting, and putting items in order by size or length. We are still really working on colors, shapes, and opposites too. Children learn best by doing. For example this month when the children learn about hot and cold they will paint with ice, watch ice melt, feel a heat packet, and discuss and look at the clothes that keep them warm.

From Mrs. Kerri: We are settling back into our routine from our Christmas Break. The children seemed to have picked up right back where we left off. We have started our classroom helpers his month. The children have really enjoyed helping out around the classroom. I have seen their confidence grow already when given these duties. We have started walking out to the playground following the leader like a choo choo train without using the rope with handles for assistance. Our show and tells will continue to be every Thursday until the end of the year. The theme for the week is listed here in the newsletter every month. Please continue to send in their jackets as we love our outside time if the weather permits.



Focus on Three's

with Mrs. Joan

What a fun month January was! We have some interesting things to manipulate in the classroom, like bears and vehicles to weigh on the scales. Ask your child if he or she has played with them yet. When we get outside, they enjoy chasing each other around, playing in the houses, and riding the little roller coaster.

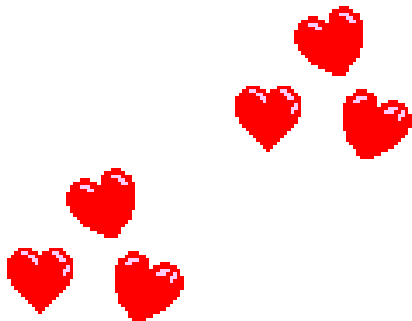
February will bring more fun. If we have to stay inside due to bad weather, we have fun things planned. There were a few days we stayed inside in January. While we stayed inside, we danced and played musical instruments to make sure that we got in some exercise time! One of the favorite things to do is play with the parachute. We make bean bags bounce on it, and they each get a turn to run under it.

We will be exchanging Valentine's Day cards on the 13th or 14th 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 fall, but if you want to do something special for the class, please feel free to speak with me. On MWF we have 14 students, and on T/TH we have 14 students as well. If one or two parents would like to help the students pass out their cards, please contact me. We will start at around 11:15, because it takes a while for each child to hand deliver them.

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 out a straight line on a piece of paper. Safety scissors and safety rules are gone over each time we use the scissors.

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 (Jan. 30th)

Bible theme: Jesus Calms the Storm

Topic: Transportation

Letter: P Number: 10

Shape: heart Color: Pink

Show and tell: transportation item

Week 2 (Feb. 6th)

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 3 (Feb. 13th)

Bible Theme: Jesus Blesses Children

Topic: Valentine's Day

Letter: R Number: 10 Shape: Heart Color: Pink

Show and Tell: something pink

Week 4 (Feb. 20-24)

Winter break



Focus on Fours

With Mrs. Kristine

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 20-24, 2011.

Our first week. January 30- February 2, will conclude our block on the five senses with touch. We will be doing many hand/foot sensory activities to explore this sense. We would greatly appreciate two volunteers on Wednesday the 1st. 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; 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 to touch.

Our second week 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.

Our third week, 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*.

On Tuesday the 14th, we will exchange valentines, please only fill out the "from" part with your child's name, but please leave the "to" part empty. It makes it a lot more fun for the kids to give them out because they can each walk around and drop a valentine in each friend's bag without needing to know how to read all the names. Thank you! We have 13 children in the class.

Our fourth week, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2nd) by asking that you send in your favorite Dr. Seuss book to share that week. They will be returned on Thursday. We will learn finger plays about police officers, match and add stick sets. We will explore a hospital corner and discuss the importance of our dentist. The children will love a visit from a doctor and will understand their importance and answer riddles about what they do. The visit from the nurse will be very hands on as they play with a nurse's kit and make hats and arm bands. We will discover the role of the dentist with their visit and the importance of proper tooth care presented by the Tooth Fairy.

Themes of the Week, Bible Stories and Show and Tell

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

January 30-February 2:

Bible story:

February 6-9:

Bible story:

February 13-16:

Bible story:

February 20-24:

February 27-March 1:

Bible Story:

"Five Senses—Touch" and Zz

"The Good Samaritan"

"Transportation" & Letter review

"Jesus Raises Lazarus"

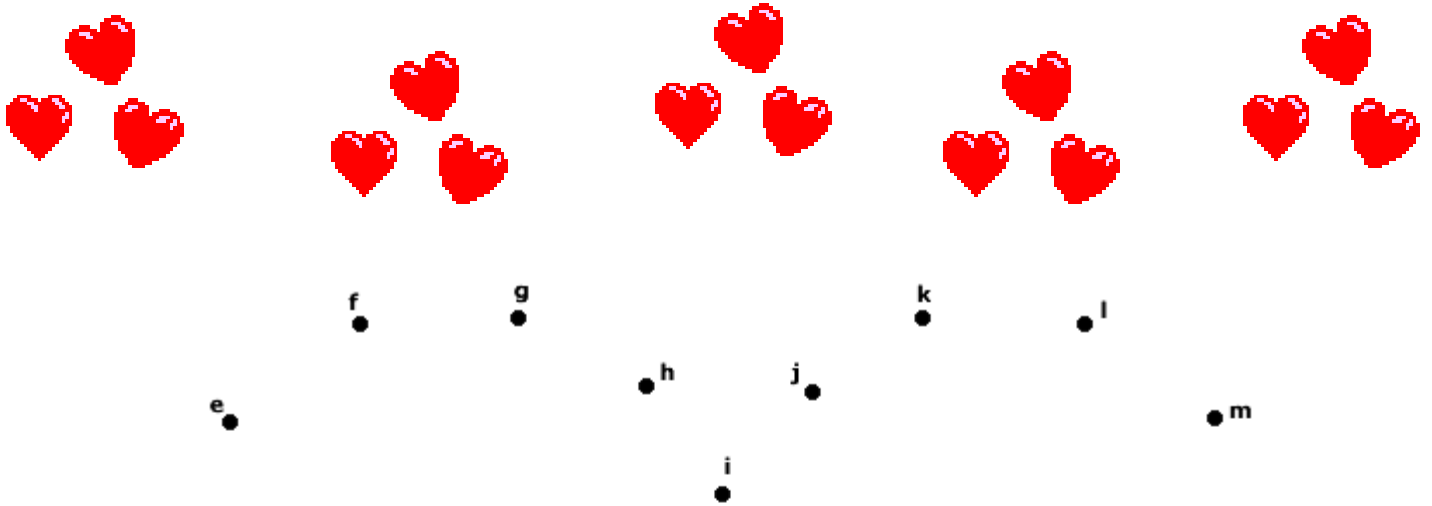
"Transportation" & Letter Cc

"The Story of the Three Servants"

winter break

"Community Workers" and Oo

"Workers in the Vineyard"



d● But God showed his great love for us by sending ●n
Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.
Romans 5:8

