



# Here We Grow in Our Savior

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*"What love the Father has lavished upon us that we should be called His children". 1 John 3:1a*

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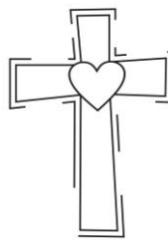
## Staying in touch with you

Each month I send out this newsletter to keep you informed of special events/activities and other fun stuff happening in preschool. This newsletter is also my way of keeping the congregation informed of our events. Feel free to always email, call, or come talk to me if you have questions. When we work together, everyone succeeds, especially your little one!

On the left side of the newsletter you will see curricular objectives that these activities help promote among the kids. Learning for kids happens all the time!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION—Enrollment has started for the 2017-2018 school year! Congregation members and current preschool families are enrolling now. All required forms and other information is available on our church's website at [www.oursaviorlutheranchurch.org](http://www.oursaviorlutheranchurch.org) then click on "Our Savior Preschool". Enrollment packets can also be picked up on the bookshelf at the bottom of the preschool steps. An \$80 enrollment fee must be paid at the time of enrollment to secure your child's space. Registration for the community opens on February 13. Please spread the word to your friends, family, and neighbors that we have a wonderful preschool program and we can't wait to share God's love with each child that walks through our doors!

## February-A month of Love



On Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the preschool classes will celebrate Jesus' love with their Valentine's Day parties. Our super supportive parents help in the classroom with all the party fun! Please see sign-up sheets in your child's classroom to volunteer your time or your treats! Party times vary by class, so please look for more information in the teachers' newsletters.

The preschool children will also have a fun morning with their dads or a special person on February 23 or 24. These days are set aside as "Donuts for Dads". The dads get to come in the morning between 7:00-9:00 am to enjoy a donut with their child and do some other fun activities. It's a great time!

Also coming up....church mice! Church mice????? The preschool kids want to share their love with others by making special paper mice. The kids will hide those in the sanctuary and on Sunday, Feb 19, the congregation will find them. When a person finds one that Sunday, they get to keep it! They can tuck it in their Bible as a bookmark to remember the love Jesus has for them and how the preschool children enjoyed sharing that love with them as well!!!!

*"We love because He first loved us".*  
1 John 4:19

We are building relationships in preschool of mutual trust and respect with others, including peers and adults.

*There are many curricular objectives covered at lunch:*

*Using fine motor skills with purpose and control.*

*Personal Care Routines: Feeding*

*Participates in prayer*

*Participating in events helps us learn responsible conduct as a group member*

*Cooking in the home helps us learn math skills of measurement, comparisons, using number to show quantity, and learning the passage of time.*

*Children are exploring and investigating physical properties of objects and materials and solving problems.*

*Special events such as this build family relationships and memories that last a lifetime.*

*Singing in church helps with worship development as we praise God with song and participate in prayer.*

*Coming to church develops a sense of spirituality and knowledge of Jesus.*

## **Lunch Time!**

Did you know we eat lunch upstairs in the gym at child-sized tables and chairs??? Did you know we also serve our lunch family style???? That means the children are learning how to use their manners to have food passed to them, how to scoop out their own food from the serving bowls, take their entrée using tongs, and how to pour their own milk. Yes, even our two-year-olds are quite successful, with assistance!! We use child-sized pitchers and cups and the kids are doing great. The children are learning to take a certain amount of portions, such as 3 apple slices or even cutting or pulling a food apart and getting two parts or one half. We also learn how to sit the correct way in a chair, how to talk to our friends during the meal and when we are done, waiting for our friends to finish, and how to put our cups, forks, and plates in the correct tubs for them to be washed. There are so many skills to be learned while eating family style! Here's one of the prayers we say before lunch and snack (sung to the tune of the Johnny Appleseed song):

Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me the things I need  
Like the sun and the rain and the apple seed  
The Lord is good to me.

Chili/Soup/Dessert Cook-off!

Our annual Chili Cook-Off was another success!! We raised \$1,362 to go towards the purchase of a Smartboard for a third classroom. We are about half way there to actually purchasing one and all the materials/labor to have another board in our Monkeys class. Thank you for your generous donations, whether it was hot dogs, chips, cheese, or making a yummy pot of chili or soup or a delicious dessert, we all worked together, worshiped together, and came together for God's precious children.

### **Science Night!! (This is a date change).**

Our children will enjoy a night of Science learning about space with their parents on Thursday, March 2 at 6:30. Lots of fun learning activities will be set up in different stations. More information to come!

Grandparent's Day!! This is such a special event!! We start things by inviting our grandparents to church with us on Sunday, March 12 for the 11:00 worship service. All the preschool children will sing during the service. The fun continues on Monday, March 13 when the grandparents come to preschool. The grandparents will have a picture taken with their preschooler (and get to take that picture home with them that same day) and then worship with him/her in chapel led by Pastor Mike. After chapel everyone goes into the gym for a snack and reception time and the morning ends with grandma and grandpa taking their grandchild back to the classroom. This is a day to be cherished! More information to come!

Mark your Calendars for upcoming events: Sunday, April 9: Easter Eggstravaganza and Palm Sunday—It's going to be bigger and better this year! Watch for more details!

Saturday, April 29 (This is a date change): Trike-a-Thon for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Come join our preschoolers and their families as we have fun on the bike paths, go for a neighborhood bike ride and "parade", enjoy a hot dog lunch, have fun in the bounce house, and some friendly competition among the church ministry staff all while raising funds for St. Jude.

**Jesus Time:** During this special time each child is learning the same Bible story over the course of one week. On Monday, Ms. Cari goes into the classrooms and teaches the lesson. On Tuesday, the entire preschool goes into the church sanctuary and Pastor Mike leads us in chapel. On Wednesday, Mr. Mark, our Director of Christian Education, goes into the classrooms to teach the same lesson again. On Thursday, it's Mrs. Huning's turn to teach. Each classroom teacher finishes the week with one last review of the lesson. Each month there is a theme and different Bible stories. The theme for February is "Love" and the theme for March is "Forgiveness".

The Bible stories for February include: the greatest commandment, the Good Shepherd and the lost sheep, Jesus washes His disciples feet, and the good Samaritan.

**Chapel Buddies:** The Lions class has teamed up with the Giraffes class! Each Giraffe has a buddy with one or two Lion kids during Chapel on Tuesdays. The Giraffes get to hold hands and walk into the sanctuary with their buddy and then sit in the pew, again with their buddy. The Lions are so proud to be helping the Giraffes and the Giraffes have a big kid to look up to. You might have seen pictures on Facebook recently!

