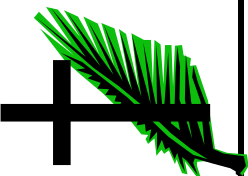




March 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Changing Weather	2 Tuition Due	3 Summer program registration begins today!	4 March Godly Play:	5 Lent 2- The Last Supper	6 Lent 3- Peter and the Rooster	7 Lent 4- The Crown of Thorns
8 Lent & Easter	9 Children's Chapel	10 Carole Peterson Concert	11 Lutheran Schools Week	12 Lent 5- The Cross and the Torn Curtain	13 Lent 3- Peter and the Rooster	14 Lent 4- The Crown of Thorns
15 The Desert	16 Lutheran Schools Week	17 Lutheran Schools Week	18 Lutheran Schools Week	19 Lent 5- The Cross and the Torn Curtain	20 Lent 3- Peter and the Rooster	21 Lent 4- The Crown of Thorns
22 The letters K, R, E	23 Lutheran Schools Week	24 Lutheran Schools Week	25 Lutheran Schools Week	26 Lent 5- The Cross and the Torn Curtain	27 Lent 3- Peter and the Rooster	28 Lent 4- The Crown of Thorns
29 Color: Purple Kites	30 Lutheran Schools Week	31 Lutheran Schools Week	1 Lutheran Schools Week	2 Lent 5- The Cross and the Torn Curtain	3 Lent 3- Peter and the Rooster	4 Lent 4- The Crown of Thorns
30 Palm Sunday	31 Lutheran Schools Week	1 Lutheran Schools Week	2 Lutheran Schools Week	3 Lent 5- The Cross and the Torn Curtain	4 Lent 3- Peter and the Rooster	5 Lent 4- The Crown of Thorns



Join Us for Summer FUN and Learning!!

- *Camp Little Blessings
- *Summer Preschool
- *PDO Summer Adventures
- *My Little Hands Summer Camp

Detailed information is available in the preschool office. We offer flexible schedule options from one to seven weeks during the months of June and July.

Registration begins March 3, at 9:15 am in the upper level Gathering Area.



Blessings News March 2010

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From the Director... Plans are finalized for Lutheran Schools Week 2010! During the week of March 8, the children will celebrate being a student of a Lutheran school as they examine what it means to “Walk With Jesus in the World.”

Among other activities during this weeklong celebration, the children will create “The Great Wall of God’s People.” This wall will help them understand that God and his love is present for all people. The wall will be constructed in the Fellowship Hall with each class contributing one block, so please be sure to see this with your child, and locate the block that his or her class created. Every class will read The Great Kapok Tree, and discuss caring for the Earth and for people all around the world. Lutheran Schools Week will be highlighted during Children’s Chapel with a special song, skit, and a cross for each child as they exit. We will enjoy a concert by Carole Peterson on March 10 at 6:30 pm. Carole Peterson performs *The Sticky Bubblegum Song* along with many other children’s favorites. Her concerts can be described as interactive family fun! Tickets will cost \$10.00 *per family*, and proceeds from the concert will benefit the Little Blessings scholarship fund.

As a former student of a Lutheran school, and currently serving as Director of Little Blessings, I have a heartfelt commitment to continuing the tradition of high quality instruction, the focus on God and his great love for us, and the support of our dedicated, talented teachers. Thank you for entrusting your child’s first educational experience to a Lutheran School!

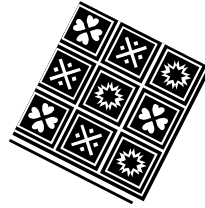
...Ms. Stephanie

In Lutheran schools “...children learn about the world, words, and numbers, and they also learn about God’s love for the world and for each of them.”

Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson

Thank you, Quilt Volunteers

Last fall, every class decorated muslin squares with a picture or idea that reminds them of peace. These squares are now in the process of being sewn together to create beautiful peace quilts. Generous volunteers are stitching together 24 quilts! We will sell quilt raffle tickets in May, and during the End of the Year Celebrations we will find out who gets to take their class quilt home. Quilts will be on display throughout Little Blessings beginning mid-April. **All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Max Lacewell research fund, and Teen Parent Connection.**



Daily Literacy Tips

- **Tell tales to build narrative skills by gathering family members at meal times and having them tell the story of their day.**
- **Play rhyming games to build phonemic awareness.**
- **Bring reading and writing into everyday life by writing lists and thank you notes with your child.**
- **Read together. Make story time a daily ritual that your child can look forward to. (These tips are taken from Scholastic.com.)**

March Godly Play Stories



During the month of March, our Godly Play stories will describe the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection. Stories are told in a gentle way, with a reminder each time that these events all lead up to the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

Beginning with the story of his entrance into Jerusalem, each child will lay down a palm branch or cloak to create a special path for Jesus and his donkey. The story then moves on to the Last Supper and the betrayal of Jesus. The children will have a moment to think about how Judas felt after the betrayal, and why Peter denied knowing Jesus. During the last week before Spring Break, the children will listen to the story, "The Cross and the Torn Curtain." In keeping with the Godly Play tradition, the children experience this story with words and symbols that "help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives." (Godly Play.org) Children are encouraged to think about the story of Jesus' death as they ponder questions such as, "I



wonder where the disciples were?" or, "I wonder why it got dark?" When the children return from Spring Break, they will hear the amazing story that begins with, "Today is Easter, the day we celebrate that Jesus died and that God made him alive again!"

Mark your calendars with these important dates!



Children's Chapel

March 9 and 10

April 6 and 7

May 4 and 5

Mother's Day Celebrations

May 6 and 7

"A Day with Dad"

April 8 and 9

Spring Scholastic Book Fair

April 6 through 9

End of the Year Celebrations

May 27 and 28

Registration Information...

If your child is returning to Little Blessings for the 2010/2011 school year, please note:

Registration packets will be sent home on May 4 and 5. Please complete and return this paperwork before the end of the school year.

The May 2011 tuition payment is due June 1, 2010. This payment holds your child's class placement over the summer.



Join us for "Sticky Bubble Gum" and other tasty tunes!!

Little Blessings will present Carole Peterson for an active "sing along, dance along, do along," for the entire family. Tickets are \$10.00 *per family*, and they are available in the preschool office. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Little Blessings Scholarship Fund.

Join us on Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm in The Fellowship Hall.



We will sing, dance, and celebrate Lutheran Schools Week!

Ms. Tracy's Kindergarten Corner

In February, we celebrated the 100th day of Kindergarten! It was a great day with special 100th day snacks, songs, and games. We have learned so much in 100 days! In Language Arts, we are learning all about vowels and the different sounds that they make. We focus on a different sound each week, print words that make this sound, and read a weekly story (by ourselves) that focuses on that sound. In Math we are adding and subtracting numbers up to 20, counting money, and making change.