



St. Paul's Preschool

March Newsletter



School Calendar

March

- 5 Chapel
- 7 Dad's Night at 6:30
- 19 Morley Library visit
- 21 Easter Parties
- 25-4/2 Spring Break

April

- 3 First Day Back
- 9 Chapel
- 14 Morley Library Visit

Preschool Mission Statement

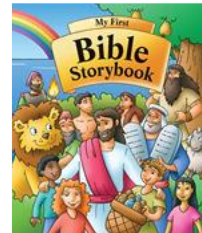
In grateful response to God's love for us in Christ Jesus, it is the mission of St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool to assist families in carrying out God's command to educate His children and prepare them for a Christ-centered life of learning and service.

Scripture Verse of the Month

"He is not here; he is risen!..."

Luke 24:6

Bible Story for March



The Easter Stories page 328-346

Song: Hosanna

Theme: Easter



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From the Pastor

Who of you reading this is ready for spring? I see hands raised, heads nodding in agreement. Really, outside of the cold snap we had in Mid-January, you could say we really haven't had "winter". But as the calendar turns to March, we hold out hope that spring will arrive, it will warm up and stay warm, and that green will eventually be all around us. After all, there's Guardians baseball happening down in Goodyear, so doesn't that mean Spring is just around the corner?

The changing of seasons is something I think many people look forward to and appreciate. Each season brings its own change. Just as spring starts a cycle of new life, so also the coming joy of Easter starts a cycle of new life for God's people. February 14th began the church season of Lent. During these reflective 40 days, we do look forward to the joy & festivity of Easter. Lent can be a great reminder that we are "Easter people", people full of hope. Christian hope is stronger than our memory. Memory mostly makes us think about the past; all its' failures, unfulfilled promises, frustrations, disappointments. Hope refreshes us with a new beginning, not just in the spring, but for each new day we are given.

During Lent we pause and reflect on the extravagant, unmerited love of Jesus as he goes to the cross and dies as the perfect sacrifice for our sin & failures. The Scriptures remind us: "Being found in human form, [Jesus] humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." [Philippians 2:8-11]

What a thought! One day every knee will bow down, every tongue will confess he is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Even those who do not believe will be forced to bow their knees when they see the Lord and King coming in all his glory. Then they will go away to everlasting sorrow, separated forever from their Creator. By contrast, our knees will bow in humble adoration and our voices will proclaim, "How great Thou art!"

In the spring, the earth comes back to life. Day by day, the chosen and redeemed of God are renewed to live as the stewards God has made us, stewards who joyfully and freely manage all of life and life's resources for His purposes. This new life we have is not the same old, same old! It is exciting as we see and experience God's power in our lives and look for ways to manage our time, talents, and treasures that honor God. This spring, let's "spring" to new life as God's redeemed stewards. As believers we are working together and encouraging each other to manage all that we are and all we have been given to the glory of God!

Pastor Sundbom

From the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

Thank you to all of you that have register for the 2024-2025 school year. It will be exciting to continue to have you as part of our Preschool Family. For those that will be moving on to Kindergarten, please let me know what Kindergarten your child will be attending and I will create a contact list so that you may reach out to other families that will be attending the same school. This way bonds can be formed over the summer and help make the transition easier. There will be half sheet forms outside the 4s and Pre-K classes. Please return the forms by March 14. I wish everyone a very Happy Easter!

Amy Marizek

Special Events

Dad's Night

Having a Ball With Dad

March 7th at 6:30

Your child can have dad come for an evening of fun! If dad is unavailable to attend another adult may come in his place. The evening ends at approximately 8:00. Sign-up sheets are outside each classroom.



NLSA School Accreditation Visit

April 22-24

The final step of our reaccreditation process will be a visit from an accreditation team. They will be reviewing our documentation and observing our program. One of the steps of this process is meeting with parent that would like to share their experience with the team. This would occur Tuesday, April 23 at drop off time. We would like 2 to 3 parents from each class, so if you could help by staying for a few minutes after drop off on April 23rd please let Mrs. Marizek know.

DECA Grant

St. Paul's Preschool has been asked to participate in a grant project that helps strengthen preschoolers social and emotional development. Each family will be asked to complete a checklist for their child and the information will be used by the teachers to incorporate social and emotional lessons in the classroom to help encourage and strengthen each child. We are excited to be a part of this program and look forward to seeing each child's growth. You will receive more information when you receive the checklists.





Science Boxes

One of the professional development opportunities the staff has received was training in The Science Box. Our program would like to incorporate these boxes into our program and we would like your help. We are in need of the following items and are looking for donations. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Marizek or bring the items to the Preschool Office.

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| Hot Wheels or Matchbox cars | Fabric measuring tape (for sewing) |
| Toy rubber ducks | Spools from thread |
| Magnet wands (hand held magnets) | Small flashlights |
| Coffee filters any size | Small spray bottles |
| Clear plastic single flower vases | Potting soil and seeds |
| Small and regular scales | Droppers |
| Round cake pans (metal) | Hair dryer |
| Children's safety goggles | Child size metal hammers |

Any other items that you think would be fun for science!

Science is all around us and there are many other things that can be used.

SPRING BREAK

March 25 to April 2

We hope that you enjoy time together as a family. For those that are traveling we pray for safe travels. Classes will resume April 3rd for Pre-K and 4s Classes, April 4th for 3s Class.

