

DAVID LUTHERAN

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CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL



## INFO 4 U

March 13– Daylight Savings Time Ends

March 16, 17, 18– No School/ Spring Conferences

April 21-26– No School/Easter Break

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 6– Preschool Sunday & Art Show

March 7– Open Enrollment beginning at 9:00 a.m.

March 24 & 25 Turtle Lady is coming!

April 7 & 8- PPC Trike-a-thon

April 19 & 20 Easter Classroom Parties

March 2011

## QUIZ: WHAT'S YOUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY IQ?

1. People in the U.S. make a bigger deal of celebrating St. Patrick's Day than those in Ireland.

- A) True
- B) False

2. What is St. Patrick– the patron saint of Ireland– famous for?

- A) Looking like a Leprechaun
- B) Performing magic
- C) Driving snakes from Ireland

3. What is the traditional Irish meal served on St. Patrick's Day?

- A) Corned beef and cabbage
- B) Green eggs and ham
- C) Potatoes

4. Every year in Chicago, what do they do to one of the city's landmarks to help celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

- A) The Sears Tower is illuminated green
- B) The Navy Pier is called "Green Pier" for the day
- C) They dye the Chicago River green for several hours

5. What is the national symbol of Ireland?

- A) A shamrock
- B) A harp
- C) A Leprechaun



6. Why is Ireland called the "Emerald Isle"?

- A) B/c lots of rain annually creates emerald green fields
- B) B/c so many emeralds were discovered there
- C) B/c the waters of the coast appear green

The answers are on page 4.

# From the Director...

Hello everyone! It can't already be March, can it? I'm hoping that with this new month snow days and delays will be over. However, it has been known to snow some in March, so I'm not holding my breath. I guess we can be hopeful since the groundhog saw his shadow last month.

I want to send out a BIG thank you to the PPC and all the families that attended the Winter Carnival last month. I hope fun was had by all of you! (It sure looked like everyone was having fun) Again, the PPC never ceases to amaze me and the preschool is so thankful for their hard work and support.

I hope all the returning families had the opportunity on February 22 to enroll for next year. If you didn't and you still want to enroll, simply stop by the office at any time

and we will get your child registered. If you did come on the 22nd, thank you for being patient. I know some of you waited for some time and I appreciate your understanding. If you know of anyone in search of a preschool for next year, let them know I'm scheduling tours now and that open enrollment will be on March 7 starting at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

For those of you that were participating in the Soccer Shots program, please know that I am not signing our preschool up for any more sessions with them. While this program had many benefits, it also had a huge lack of communication which caused confusion and misunderstanding for us all. If you would like any of the coaches contact information for soccer outside of preschool, let me know and I can give that to you.

Don't forget about Parent-Teacher conferences on the 16, 17, and 18. There will be no school on these days.

FYI: Mrs. Kandy got her CDA! Yay Kandy!

Have a great month and I will talk to you soon!

Blessings,

**Julie Benedict**



# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## Preschool Sunday & Spring!

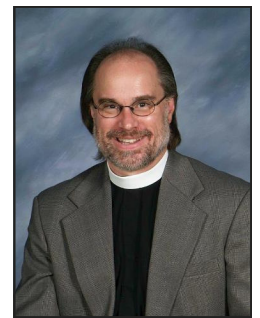
*Perhaps we are all glad that the month of March is upon us. I think the major reason is that it means spring will be here. It has been a strong winter season and I think we are all ready for warmer temperatures.*

*As a parent, I can remember when the warm weather came and you dug out those spring and summer clothes for your child to put*

*back on— but with one problem...They grew so much over the winter that you have to start over! I hope your children are continuing to grow not only physically, but emotionally, spiritually, and mentally as well. Have a great spring!*

*One other note: We are looking forward to seeing your children at our worship service on Sunday, March 6th at our 9:29 a.m. service for Preschool Sunday.*

*~Pastor Randy O'Donnell*



# Mrs. Heintz



Hopefully, you enjoyed the beautiful sunshine and the warm days we had in February. It was a nice break from the cold temperatures and snow. The children were ready to play outside. It would be nice if this weather continued into March,

but it's too early. We were very busy the month of February: we talked about valentines, love, community helpers, presidents, and money.

We had a wonderful time at our Valentine Parties. Thanks to all the parents for your hard work and giving of your time.

We are working on assessments of the children and preparing for Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent Teacher Conferences have been scheduled for March 16th-18th. Conferences are to be held during school hours on the day your

child attends class. Remember this is not an evaluation, but a sharing of information about your child.

Conferences are fifteen minutes in length. Please try to be on time so that you have your full allotted time and do not run into someone else's time slot. The sign-up sheet for available conference times is located on the table outside the classroom. Please sign your name and your child's name. There is no school on these days for the children. Conferences are for the parents.

During the month of March, we will be reading Dr. Seuss stories, studying the five senses, the food groups, and dinosaurs.

If you have questions or concerns, please schedule a conference either before or after school or a phone conference.

Your Preschool Teachers,

Mrs. Heintz

Mrs. Dillman

Mrs. Jan

Dear Parents,

March will be a busy time in all classes. In the T,Th a.m. 3's class, we will be studying insects. We will talk about the specific traits all insects have and then we will be focusing on the ant, butterfly, ladybug, bumblebee, firefly, and grasshopper. We will be making a chart to answer some questions on each insect such as where do they live, what do they eat, how do they move, are they beneficial or are they harmful. We will have an art project for each insect also. During the month of March, we will continue working on identifying our last names in print, the numbers 0

through 9 and the letters A,B, L, F, and G.

The theme unit for both 4's classes will be our five senses. We will be discussing each of the senses (seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, smelling) individually and will be incorporating music, art projects, and games for each. Spring is a great time to investigate the wonderful senses God gave us to better appreciate our world! In March, we will be taking a look at the letters, S, T, and U and the number 8 and making our alphabet and number pages for each.

There are a few important dates to remember in March. March

6 is our annual Preschool Sunday and Art Show. The children will be performing a few songs at the church service. After that, we will meet you in the Fellowship Hall where you can look at some wonderful artwork created by your children. We are busy preparing for Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 16, 17, or 18. Mrs. Kandy and I are looking forward to meeting with each of you to discuss their progress and the wonderful things they have been learning and doing here at preschool.

God Bless,

# Mrs. Mayer

Mrs. Kandy

Mrs. Mayer



# Mrs. Nelson

This school year is flying by much too fast! I guess we better continue to make the best of it. During this month we will focus on Spring, Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. We will become aware of the many changes that take place during this season, as well as, common spring activities. The children will be exposed to spring holidays, plants, insects, and animals.

Some of the learning experiences for this curriculum unit

include: Planting flowers, taking walks around our school to observe signs of spring, planting grass seeds in empty egg shells at the science table and creating pictures and designs with pastel colors.

Our letters for March are M, N, O, and P. We will continue to review our colors and shapes.

Mrs. Karen and I will have our Spring Conferences on Wednesday, March 16 and Thursday March 17, 2011. There is a sign-up sheet on our

information table. If a telephone conference is better for you, please feel free to write the time and the number that you would like for me to contact you. We look forward to talking to you about the wonderful progress your child has made during this school year.

Thank you to all of you that help and support us in our classroom.

God Bless,

Mrs. Nelson  
Mrs. Karen



## Quiz Answers:

1. True– A
2. Driving snakes from Ireland– C
3. Corned Beef and cabbage– A
4. They dye the Chicago River green for several hours– C
5. A harp– B
6. Because lots of rain annually creates emerald green fields– A

## DELC Updates:

**Tuesday, March 8th**– Annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner. Volunteers to help run it are also needed. The cost is \$8.00/adult and \$4.00/child.

**Easter Lily Sale**– Cost is \$5.50 for a 6” pot  
**Food Pantry Needs for March**– Cereal, both hot and cold. Drop any donations off on the church side of the building outside of the Office Manager’s Office.

**Midweek Lenten/Holy Week**– Ash Wednesday, March 9, “We Are Dust” @7:15 p.m. Wednesdays in Lent @ 7:15 p.m. “Prayers Around the Cross”

**Holy Week**– Palm Sunday– April 15th @ 8a.m., 9:29 a.m., and 10:45 a.m. Maundy Thursday– April 21st @ 7:15 p.m. “Given for You”. Good Friday– April 22nd @ 7:15 p.m. “The Seven Last Words of Christ”

Call Terry Schacht @ 837-7041 with questions

## March Birthdays

**Mrs. Dillman- 21st**  
**Olivia Jordan- 15th**  
**Avery Gibson- 17th**  
**Cameron Grove- 12th**  
**Conner Ebert- 8th**  
**Marlee Leach- 1/2 Birthday**  
**Samantha Rowley- 1/2 Birthday**  
**Zoe Thrasher- 1/2 Birthday**  
**Maxwell Moore- 23rd**  
**Vincent Price- 6th**  
**Aubrey Beauseau- 18th**



*Featured Recipe from FamilyFun.com*

## St. Patrick's Day Punch

### Ingredients:

1. 1/2 cup milk
2. 1 scoop vanilla ice cream
3. 4 drops of mint extract
4. 2 ice cubes
5. 2 drops of green food coloring
6. 1 frosted 16 ounce glass

7. Splash of drinking water
8. Dollop of whipped cream

### Directions:

1. Combine milk, ice cream, extract, ice cubes and food coloring in a blender.
2. Mix until smooth.

3. Pour into glass.
4. Add a splash of drinking water.
5. Top with a dollop of whipped cream.



# Mrs. Dillman

Hello Parents,

Roar! March will come in like a lion. We will be so busy. We'll start with a lesson about one of my favorite authors, Dr. Seuss! We'll focus on rhyme, repetition, and the ridiculous as we create our own Dr. Seuss characters. Then it's on to our much anticipated Dinosaur theme. We'll travel back millions of years and become Paleontologists. We'll study fossils, volcanoes, bones, and of course, DINO-SAURS! The letters for the month are D, G, and L. Our little lambs will end the month celebrating the Vernal Equinox.

March 6 is our Preschool Sunday. We will be singing at the 9:29 service and our art show will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Each child will be repre-

sented by at least two pieces of their art. Spring conferences will be on March 16-18. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. If you aren't available for those times, special arrangements can be made.

We would like to extend an invitation to all the children's grandparents to visit our classroom on March 30th. The morning class will have their Grandparents Day at 10:15 a.m. and the afternoon class at 1:45 p.m. The children are planning a special program to share with them. WE realize that not everyone has a grandparent available, please let us know if this might cause any confusion for your child. Mrs. Karen, Mrs. Heintz, and I are ready to "stand in" if needed. Last year one grandmother had a wonderful time sharing herself with her granddaughter and two other friends.

Thanks for all the help with the Valentine's Day Party. You threw a great party. We always have such a good time when parents come to visit.

Let's go out like a lamb, Baa Baa! Happy Spring.

God bless you,

MRS. DILLMAN



# Mrs. Johnston

Dear Parents,

On February second we had our sixth annual Groundhog Day Party. As I write this newsletter on a beautiful 62 degree day. Buckeye Chuck's prediction of an early spring might be right. During our party we made groundhog puppets, made shadow art, sorted groundhog gorp and played groundhog games. The children had a great time! Thank you parent volunteers.

February was filled with discussion of Bible love songs and valentines. In Bible, we discussed the story about Valentine and about God's love for us. Thank you, parents, for helping with the Valentine parties, and in some cases, changing your schedules for the parties.

In addition, I introduced a new

unit on Polar Animals involving all curriculum areas. For social studies, I used the globe to point out the north and south poles. I discussed how the North Pole is water covered with ice. The Polar Bear and other polar animals live in areas such as Alaska. Then I introduced the idea of continents when I told them Antarctica is a land mass housing animals like the penguin. One child questioned where Santa lived if there was no land at the north pole. Various suggestions followed until we agreed maybe he just sets up shop on the ice. Favorite stories during the unit included: Over in the Arctic, Dear Polar Bear, Polar Bear Polar Bear What Do You Hear by Eric Carle and Bill Martin Jr., Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester, and The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats. Favorite

activities included Snowy Day picture with white crayons on blue, Puffy Polar Bear on a chalk drawing of the arctic, and 3-D Penguins. Science activities included a blubber experiment and volcano experiment. We continued the literacy/letter book with Valentine V (Vase & Violets, also for 5's).

During the remainder of February, I plan to discuss some nursery rhymes starting with "The Queen of Hearts and Humpty Dumpty." For Bible, I plan to use Queen Esther by Tomie DePaola. The letters will include Q and R. March letters include S, T, U, W, X.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Johnston  
Mrs. Lynn

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Nancy Stagg  
Amy Walch  
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Karen Boyer

Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Sunday School room upstairs.

# PPC



## Preschool Parent Committee

**Next PPC Meeting**  
**September \_\_\_\_\_**  
**7:00pm**

*In room 10, upstairs*  
**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

OCTOBER



David Lutheran Christian Preschool PPC

# WINTER CARNIVAL

February 6th 4-7pm

The PPC 's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Carnival will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The Winter Carnival is an evening full of games, arts and crafts, face painting, hair painting, cookie decorating and more. This all inclusive evening is \$4 pre-sale or \$5 at the door and adults and under 2 are free. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for this fun filled event.

## PPC Board

### Co-Chairmans

Kelly Noffsinger

Tiffani Paini

### Treasurer

Ranae Hamilton

### Secretary

Marilyn Keane

### PMT Liaison

Amy Walch

## CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In order to make Carnival a success we will need parent volunteers to help with carnival day events, ticket sales and more. Volunteer forms will be coming home with students. Please consider volunteering your time to help with this event. If you are interested in volunteering please complete the volunteer form or contact Marilyn Keane at [mskdisney@aol.com](mailto:mskdisney@aol.com) or Lisa Dickerson at [lisadickerson3@gmail.com](mailto:lisadickerson3@gmail.com).

## Poinsettia/Candle Sale

*The DLCPPC is pleased to announce the great success of this year's Holiday Sale. We would like to acknowledge Kennedy Schmidjell as our top seller this year, collecting 538.00 dollars in sales. Kennedy will be awarded a DLCP t-shirt. We appreciate all of those that participated and helped to make this a great event that will benefit the entire Preschool.*

Poinsettias and Home Interior Products have all been delivered. If you did not receive your order or have questions regarding your order please contact Shonna Riedlinger at [triendlin@insight.rr.com](mailto:triendlin@insight.rr.com)