

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL & CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Welcome back! It is such a thrill to see all of our little friends back. There are so many new and old smiling faces. I think the cooler weather is a much needed relief for us all. We are looking forward to another great school year. We are so excited to have an opportunity each week to develop your child's social, emotional, physical and spiritual growth.

Young children develop spiritually through our weekly chapel services. Chapel is a great time to sing praises to God and learn about His truths. Music helps our children learn how to express themselves, the different ways our bodies move and improve their listening skills. Through art, we can be creative and develop fine motor skills. Science can be fun as your child learns the wonders of the world we live in. Mathematics is an attempt to reflect the needs of the preoperational child. They are exposed through direct experiences to such things as sorting,

comparing, and ordering. In social studies our children learn about themselves, family, home, transportation, and the community itself. Gross motor skills contribute too positive physical and mental health by strengthening muscles and helping to free children from tension. Please check with your child's teacher for a complete list of fun activities.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS:

You will soon receive a brief 2 or 3 question survey on the use of credit/debit cards to pay for tuition. When you see it in your family folders, please let us know what you think. By the way, please don't forget to check your family folders in the front office from time to time for important information.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

The Unconditional Love of God

One of the biggest struggles many people face is a feeling that the Lord couldn't possibly love them. Yet the bible clearly tells us He does. Far from just saying so with words, God has also given us ample proof. Creation itself is an expression of the awesome way He cares for us. He designed this earth as the perfect habitation for humanity and provides us with the necessities of life. But the highest expression of His love is manifested in His provision for our eternal needs. He sent His Son to redeem us from sin so that we could be forgiven and reconciled to God and then live with Him in heaven forever.

Why, then, with all this evidence, do so many of us still doubt His love? Perhaps the reason is that we are looking at it from our own limited perspective. Since human beings cannot love others unconditionally we doubt that the Lord can. After all worldly logic considers it reasonable to be loving towards people who measure up to our standards but to hold ourselves aloof from those who don't.

Or maybe we just feel unworthy of His love. Well, I have news for you: No one is worthy. God love is based not on whether we are deserving but on His character we need to understand that love isn't simply something God does: it's who He is (1 John 4:8). Divine love is a demonstration of God's commitment to our greatest good. It's like the ocean's tide. You can stand on the shore and say "I don't believe in waves, but that doesn't stop them from coming. Likewise, nothing you do or feel will stop the Father's love from washing over you. (Charles Stanley)

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