

The WEEKDAY Times

Newsletter of Weekday Ministries Child Care Center

July 2010

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WEEKDAY MINISTRIES CHILD CARE CENTER

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Open 6:30am to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

9:00am-4:30PM

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Happy Birthday!

Children: Veronica B. 7/1
Nicholas M. 7/2
Liam A. 7/4
Katherine M. 7/17
Brody O. 7/21
Oscar G. 7/24
Tyler B. 7/24

Teachers: Jeanne 7/1
Karen 7/11
Annie 7/18

Important Dates:

July 5th: Closed for Independence Day Weekend
July 25th: Idlewild and Soak Zone (Invite Friends. Extra tickets available)

Please tell us if you will be taking a vacation this summer. We would appreciate knowing when your child will be gone for an extended time.

Idlewild Park in Ligonier is extremely popular with young children and families. We will be purchasing tickets at a significant discount and are planning a group trip on Sunday, July 25th. Tickets have been ordered and will be available for \$21 each. We have extra tickets, so even if you did not reserve yours, you can get them from the Weekday office. Checks should be made out to MLUMC.

SHOES...

Warm weather brings wiggling, naked toes. But consider the safety of your children! Children need to wear shoes that protect their feet while running and climbing stairs! **Flip flops are not okay.** Sandals with straps are okay if a child can run in them. Water shoes will also be required for sprinkler time in the courtyard. See your child's teacher with questions.



CLASSROOM NEWS

INFANTS

Our infant room has one space for a new baby later in the summer. Otherwise, we do not have any openings until September. We are saying *goodbye* to Tyler at the end of this month. Liam and Katherine are transitioning to the Supertots Room. We celebrate Tyler's birthday on the 24th. We also celebrate Liam's birthday on the 4th and Katherine's on the 17th. Jackie Perry

SUPERTOTS

We will go into the deep ocean this month and learn about the creatures that live there. Our theme words will be fish, crab, seahorse, octopus, and starfish. Our theme colors are blue and white. Our theme shape is the star. We also learn that God makes sea creatures! We wish a *Happy Birthday* to Veronica. Alissa Matson

YOUNG TODDLERS

Dive into summer with us! This month we will be learning about sea creatures and how God made fish through art and stories. We welcome Veronica Betta to the Young Toddler room. She celebrates her birthday on July 1! Erin Piatt

OLDER TODDLERS

The themes for our room are the beach and Fourth of July. The children will be learning about animals that live in the sea, the activities we enjoy at the beach and some of our favorite summer foods. As we learn, we recognize that God made them all. Best of luck to our friend Aly as she transitions to the preschool room. We will miss you. Happy birthday greetings to Nicholas and Oscar who are turning the big "3". Did you know it is also our hamster Tinkerbell's birthday? Janice Zaborowski

PRESCHOOL PALS

This month we will learn about oceans, lakes, rivers and the animals that live in them. We will thank God for the fish and other animals. We will also try to have at least one picnic while we enjoy time outside in the courtyard with our sprinkler and the sunshine. Cathy Helbig

PREK CLASSES

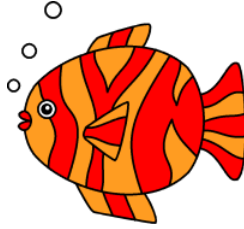
Beth Brack, Monica Bochkoris and Carol Flaherty wish to thank all the parents and extended families for a terrific year in PreK3, PreK4 and Transition classes. They especially thank those who were able to help with the carnival. They also thank Rosalia Wrosteck for Spanish lessons earlier in the year and Bernice Merchant for a wonderful music program. The teachers will be doing some planning over the summer and contacting you with information for fall if your child is returning after Labor Day for the 2010-2011 school year.

FROM THE DIRECTOR
Mettelise Ziegler

⁴In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

⁵The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. Psalm 95:4-6



When I was a little girl growing up in the Lutheran Church, we chanted much of the service. Did I enjoy it? No, I cannot say that I did. I suppose I put up with it since the liturgy became second nature to me and I knew what was coming next. I developed some patience, at least.

It has probably been something like 32 years since I chanted the above Psalm from my youth. Although it was a long time ago, I remember every bit of it with joy and deep appreciation.

What happened? The little nuggets of faith planted through God's Word have had time to mature, take root and grow: that's what happened.

Simple messages like the one we are teaching this month, *God made fish*, seem too simple to be important.

Look closely at the Bible. We start with the basic facts. God made everything. He made fish. He made people. People fell away from God and into sin. God gave us Jesus to restore us to our intended role as God's children in His family.

When I go to the beach, to the mountains, or to work in day care, I see what God has made and I do indeed worship the Lord, our maker. In fact, the Lord has created in me an appreciation for the things of God over a lifetime of learning and growing in the Christian faith.

Take every opportunity this summer to show your children our wonderful, creative Lord and Savior!

Make Hand Washing a Game!

Every single outbreak we read about is passed from person to person. Usually, proper hand washing prevents spread of disease.

We are told to wash with warm soap and water for a period of time roughly corresponding to singing “Happy Birthday to You” twice.

Here is a little song to teach the children at home, restaurant rest room, or in the car. If it’s used every time children wash, it will teach how long to wash effectively. It combines hygiene and language in a developmentally appropriate way!

This little song is a big hit in the Preschool Room.

Sung to the tune of *Happy Birthday to You!*

I am washing my hands
I am washing my hands
I am rubbing and scrubbing
I am washing my hands!

I am rinsing my hands
I am rinsing my hands
I am swishing and swishing
Now my hands are all clean!

