

# CLDS Chatter

## From the Director's Desk

Dear Day School Families,  
Our Fiesta celebration was a huge success! It was a beautiful day for our party. The children loved the Fiesta snacks, music, and face painting! It was great to see the Cavaliers. They are always so fun!

Our **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on May 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Extended Care and Pre-K afternoon will be closed. There will be child care for children while parents are in conferences only. Teachers will continue to schedule conferences for those parents who were unable to come on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. We want to accommodate all of our families.

We will celebrate our **Week of the Young Child, May 14-18**. The children will be participating in many wonderful activities. Monday will be Creative Art Day. Tuesday will be Taco Tuesday. Wednesday will be "Wacky Wednesday," and Magik

Theatre will be here at 10:00 a.m. to perform "*The Three Little Pigs*." Everyone is invited to attend the show. Thursday will be Pajama Day. Friday will be Outside Play Day/Pirate Day. Children can wear all their pirate gear. We will be raising money for the Never Say Never Foundation.

Watch journals and notes for your child's splash day. Please remember to bring your child in their swimsuits with sunscreen already applied. Also bring a towel with your child's name.

Our **CLOSING PROGRAM** will be **Thursday, May 24, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church Sanctuary. We will not have a regular school day schedule (no Early Birds or Extended Care). **The doors will open at 9:30 a.m.**

Please drop your children off in their classrooms by 9:45 a.m. Parents should proceed to the Church Sanctuary after they drop off their children. All of our classes are encouraged to attend. Each

child in our school will be recognized during the program. After the program, parents may pick their children up in their classrooms. We will have refreshments in the Fellowship Hall for a final farewell. *Mrs. Flores' 3's will meet in the small Chapel and Ms. Crowley's Monday/Wednesday 2's will meet in Ms. Ford's room.*

For those of you who have been a part of our Day School Family and are moving on, I wish you God speed and a big THANK YOU for sharing your children and your lives with us! And to the families who will be returning for the 2018-2019 school year, I want to THANK YOU for giving us another year to love and teach your child.

I would like to thank Pastor Leslie, our staff, our CLDS families, and the Day School Board for all the support you have given me this year! It has been an exciting and fun year.

For the children,  
**Dana Ferraro**

## Christ Lutheran Day School

May 1, 2018



### Special Dates

- ☉ 05/02-05/03, P/T Conferences/CLOSE AT NOON
- ☉ Thursday, 05/10, 10:00 a.m. Pre-K—Mother's Day Tea
- ☉ Thursday, 05/10, 11:00 a.m. Happy Tails
- ☉ 05/14-05/18, Week of the Young Child
- ☉ 05/14-05/18, Scholastic Book Fair
- ☉ Wed., 05/16, 10:00 a.m. Magik Theatre presents... "The Three Little Pigs"
- ☉ Thursday, 05/24, 10:00 a.m. Closing Program

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# May Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Mrs. Godfrey	3	4	5
6	7 Hannah Braaten	8	9	10	11	12
13 Ruby Wesmoreland	14	15	16	17	18 Tommy Turner	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Lilly Kate Garrett	26
27	28	29	30	31 Hallie Pape		

## JUNE

1—Mimi Johnson  
 2—Georgia Conger  
 10—Ms. Ford  
 12—Anna Hodge  
 13—Annabel Peterson  
 13—Ah'Miyah Richardson  
 20—Emma Holliday

## JULY

6—Mrs. Meyer  
 7—Maryn Ashcroft  
 12—Benjamin Brown  
 13—Pieter Kaars-Sypesteyn  
 14—Mrs. Ferraro  
 14—Addie Hinchey  
 14—Ella Hoyt  
 17—Gabrielle Scheuer  
 19—Caleb Holliday  
 21—Greer Gainey  
 24—Reese Menzel  
 25—Madelyn Franke  
 27—Ah'Meir Richardson  
 29—Greg Ferraro  
 29—Millie McCloskey  
 30—Mrs. Hans

## AUGUST

7—Hodge Craig  
 13—Bobby Shaw  
 13—Liam Shaw  
 13—Reeves Shaw  
 16—Kaliyan Kaars-Sypesteyn  
 16—Jenna Toppin  
 18—Dylan Robitschek  
 18—Alexander von Hartmann-Engel  
 19—Caroline Ahrens  
 23—Hattie Naugher  
 24—Will Vornsand  
 25—Madelyn Borgman  
 26—Paschal Leddy  
 27—Benjamin Baker  
 28—Eloise McMurray  
 31—Julieta Blanco  
 31—Riley Gerken



## **SPOTLIGHT on Ms. Crowley's & Mrs. Nash's Toddlers**

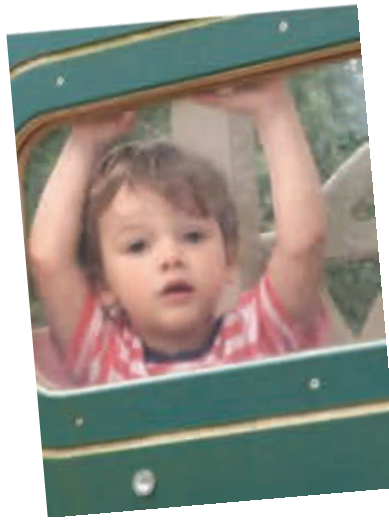
We hope that everyone is enjoying spring so far! Now that all our friends are 2-years-old, we are able to enjoy the use of the larger playground. We have had so much fun watching our class try out all the different play equipment. They have adjusted well and have experienced the various parts of the playground. We would like to say we have some very agile children in this class. We are happy to see that these friends are interacting with each other during outside time. They travel in groups mimicking each other which is where they should be socially.

In the classroom, we have been painting a lot! They request it frequently. Also, they request music and bubbles. Bubbles have been a hit! We have switched out toys and items in the sensory tub to accommodate the various skills and interests in this class and to reinforce the various topics we are studying. They always notice when there are new items to play with in the classroom. They tend to play in pairs in the classroom which is great because they have opportunities to engage in play and are able to practice interacting with others. They are becoming more independent in hand washing and preparing for snack. They are now familiar with the schedule and are right on task when asked to transition. This is a huge accomplishment for this age group. We are learning to clean up after snack, as well as helping to clean up the toys in the classroom and outside on the playground. In the beginning, we mainly focused on getting used to our environment and our new friends. This age group especially needs to be taught how to interact with others appropriately. Recently, we haven't had to intervene as much because they have learned to interact more appropriately and even do some problem solving on their own. They have become a tight group of friends that have learned to respect each other's space. The interactions have been so fun to watch. They have grown to develop relationships and are verbally interacting as well. Even the children that have very little language seem to communicate their needs and wants when it's appropriate. We have seen tremendous growth developmentally and have enjoyed seeing the various milestones they have met. Since it

is a small class, it has given us opportunities to sit and help them problem solve when they have a conflict. We have created some fun sensory experiences such as finger painting, playdough, water play, and sand. The majority have participated and the ones that didn't were very fascinated and willing to observe.

At the beginning of the year, Mrs. Ford came to our room and did music time. They quickly developed a relationship with her and enjoyed their time with her. It didn't take long for them to want to participate and interact with her and looked forward to her coming to the classroom. As they got comfortable with her, we began transitioning to her room. Since the first time in her room, we all look forward to our time with her in her room. Mrs. Ford's room is one of our favorite times of the day. She sets up her room to facilitate use of gross motor movement which is extremely important for this age group. We have been so impressed with how each child has developed his motor skills in her room. When at first they were a little hesitant to try out the various equipment, they now want to experience everything in her room. It's so fun to see their gross motor skills sky rocket! In May, we will continue to work on social skills and facilitating language to interact with our friends and teachers. Sharing and taking turns are the main skills we continuously work on. We will be looking at the life cycle of butterflies and the season of spring. The butterflies are in their chrysalis and we will be watching their process of turning into butterflies and then we will release them on the playground. This is always an exciting activity.

As the year comes to an end, we feel like they are ready for next year. They have met and exceeded all our expectations with great attitudes and grace. This is a loving and kind group of friends that will excel at whatever they do in the future. It was our pleasure to be a part of this precious time in their lives. We look forward to watching them grow through their years at Christ Lutheran. For those of them that may not return, we want to wish the best!



# Mrs. Ford's Music and Motor Skills

We hopped into Easter activities and songs. We sang "Little Peter Rabbit" and "Here is a Bunny." We moved around the room to "Little Bunny Foo Foo" and did a fun dance to "Humpty Dumpty." We sang "John the Rabbit" and moved to "Bunny Hop." Our favorite was "Colored Eggs!" For this song, we played a game where I passed out colored shaker eggs. Each egg color had a motor skill assigned to it, such as blue eggs-run, yellow eggs-gallop, pink eggs-jump. We sat on our tape, sang the song, and shook our eggs. The song has a part where a "Big Bad Wolf" wants colored eggs to make his belly grow. At this point in the song, I say "GO!" the children start their movements and I chase them around the circle pretending to be the wolf. Yum, yum, colored eggs!

Elephants, lions, monkeys, and pirates! Our jungle adventure was full of exciting activities. We changed the "Hello Song" to "Willoughby, Wallaby, Woo" and laughed each time the elephant sat on one of us. We did a "Monkey Dance" and "Five Little Monkeys." Our favorite was "Treasure Hunt." We rode a jungle jeep; jumped through alligators in a swamp; tiptoed past lions; then crawled into a tunnel to find treasure, only to be discovered by a pirate and having to run, run, run!

VIVA FIESTA!!! And boy did we celebrate in Music and Motor Skills. We sang "The More We Get Together" in English and Spanish, "Cada Vez Que Nos Juntamos." We learned how our bodies can make music to "Mi Cuerpo." We used rhythm sticks to "Stick Tune" and "Bate, Bate." Then we moved around

the room freely as we played instruments and danced with streamers to "Biddy Biddy," "Tingalayo," "La Bamba," and "De Colores." We loved doing the crazy hat dance/sombrero loco, where we used the parachute to bounce the sombrero up, down, all around, and sometimes completely off the parachute as we danced to "La Raspa." We did the "Macarena" and "The Chicken Dance" and sang a song about little chickens called "Los Pollitos."

I can't believe it is May already! Where did this year go? We will go under and over the sea, on a jungle adventure and celebrate Week of the Young Child this month. What fun it is going to be!

Don't forget...the fun does not have to end...Sign up for one or all of our summer camps. We have a blast!

Have a fun and safe summer!

## Fall Fest 2018 Kickoff & Volunteer Breakfast—Thursday, May 17th, 9—10 am at CLDS

Join us after morning drop-off on Thursday, May 17 in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served. We will reveal the 2018 theme, answer questions and sign up for committees. Come casual and stay as long as you can!

\*\*Mark your calendars for November 1, 2018 to enjoy a fabulous evening supporting our school at Fall Fest 2018.

Margaret Pape  
Elaine Vornsand  
*Fall Fest 2018 Co-Chairs*

Virginia Powell  
Sybil Westmoreland  
*Silent Auction Co-Chairs*

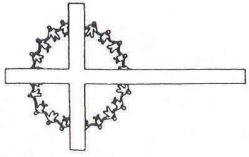
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# May 2018

Crowley/Hans  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>A Seed of Faith</i>	2 <i>The Pharisee &amp; the Tax Collector</i>	3 <i>Zacchaeus</i>	4 <i>Song Chapel</i>	5
6	7 <i>God's Love is Forever</i>	8 <i>The Light of the World</i> <b>Hannah Braaten</b>	9 <i>Woman at the Well</i>	10 <i>Jesus Feeds 5,000</i>	11 <i>Song Chapel</i>	12
13	14 <i>The Good Shepherd</i> <b>Ruby Westmoreland</b>	15 <i>Lazarus</i>	16 <i>Serve &amp; Follow</i>	17 <i>God's House</i> <b>Tommy Turner</b>	18 <i>Song Chapel</i>	19
20	21 <i>The Promise of the Holy Spirit</i> <b>Lilly Kate Garrett</b>	22 <i>Love Is</i> <b>Hallie Pape</b>	23 <i>Fruit of the Spirit</i> <b>Annabel Peterson</b>	24 <i>Closing Program</i> <i>No School</i>	25	26