



First English Lutheran Preschool

October 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming activities

***Oct. 6/7:** Meet and Greet picnics (noon-1pm)

***Oct. 8:** Hearing/Speech Screening (appt. times will be given to those not attending school!)

*** Oct. 8** Playground Playdate (noon to 1pm)

***Oct. 15-** Global Hand-washing Day AND Fall Family Fine Motor Fun night 5:30-6:30pm

***Oct. 18/19** All school field trip to Matthys' farm 9:30-11:30am

***Oct. 20** All school SAFETY DAY event (9-11 am)

***Oct. 21-23** No School-Family-Teacher conferences

***Nov. 2** 6:30pm OPEN PRESCHOOL BOARD Meeting

*From the Director's desk: Our first month of school has really been falling into routine very nicely. We all have enjoyed having outdoor time and we will continue through the next months as well! Please make sure to have warm gear for those brisk mornings ahead. Our class/individual photo fundraiser was a huge success as we had 100% participation...this is the first time we have been able to capture everyone's smiles within the few days of offering photos! Prints and digitals will be coming soon. Thank you to **Miss Johnson** for her time to capture, create and edit as well as **Mrs. Smith** for the props, assistance, and equipment! **Mrs. Kozak** and **Mrs. Gomez** helped keep masks and children clean as they waited! Your child's photo pose was their decision; we hope you will enjoy the new layout!*

*Fall celebrations will be planned by each class as the month ends, specific info will be coming via lesson plan emails as the dates get closer! Happy Fall ya'll! Mrs. Tracy Gleissner
gleissnerfelp@gmail.com School 255-4234 Home 343-2918*

We are excited to attempt some all-school field trips this year! We have scheduled our first ones on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 18 and 19. Families will bring their child and stay with them to the Matthys' Farm (57754 Crumstown Hwy) if you want to participate. There will be no regular class at FELP so that all the teachers can attend as well! The cost per child is \$7 and we need the permission slip/family info turned in by Oct. 15. If something happens, in that you register but can't attend, then we will refund your money. Adults are free as are siblings under 24 months. Return the form (**Page 6**) to let us know how many and who will be attending.

We are also excited to try a SAFETY event with area police and fire personnel to share some tips with everyone. This would again not be a regular day of school as the information is so important that we want families to attend with your preschool child. Children who usually come on T/Th are asked to join in this event as well! More info will be coming soon!



Ages and Stages Questionnaires. Thank you for your prompt return of these parent assessments. These have been scored and we look forward to sharing the results with you at the fall conference.



Meet and Greet Picnic. We are ready to try this again this upcoming week!

We hope your family will be able to stay after class on Wednesday or Thursday to meet the other families who attend your child's class but also our program. Bring your own picnic food/drinks along with a blanket/chair to enjoy the time outside. If rain does ruin our outdoor picnic, then we will move it inside to trout hall so we can get it done before the weather turns too cold!



Family conferences: Each fall and spring we designate specific days to allow time for our preschoolers' parents/guardians to come into school and talk individually with the classroom teachers. We do not have school on these days as we use the classrooms to conduct the conferences. Teachers determine their own schedule and we do try to allow for some late afternoon and early evening times.

The link to sign up for your child's conference time will be sent out soon. Families with multiple children will have the opportunity to schedule times first. We are not offering babysitting this year during the 20 min. conference so we hope families will be able to make their own arrangements as it is our desire that the toddler/preschool child is NOT in the classroom as he/she is being discussed. We look forward to sharing our insight into your child's development, their transition into school as well as listen to families' share information. Together, we hope to create some goals as we work with your child into the school year.



Open Board Meeting- Nov. 2 at 6:30pm – This is an important time for families and staff to interact/converse for the united goal to improve the preschool environment. It is important to hear the wants/needs of staff but also parents as well. We want to know how we can improve on the safety and well being of all the children in our preschool program. Refreshments will be served! Please plan to attend and share your opinion and insight with the members of the FELP board.



T shirt sales: We are working out arrangements to have a "new" t-shirt design to have available soon for purchase. We hope to take orders for t-shirts (toddler size, long sleeve, short sleeve, youth, and adult sizes) but also some sweatshirts and/or hoodies that families can purchase for their children and other family members.



Family Photos: Saturday, November 14 will be our family photo mini-session fundraiser. Holly Konwinski Photography will partner with us to offer the \$50 session to capture your family's smiles. The arrangements are still be made but we wanted to get the word out that this event is returning! Sign-ups will be available soon!



GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY: What will your family do to celebrate? Get messy then enjoy making some bubbles to get clean! Make your own soap or just count the number of times you wash your hands as a family contest!



Fall Family Fine motor fun: We have several activities planned for Friday, Oct. 15 from 5:30-6:30pm and it will be a great time to encourage the development of fine motor skills along with gathering/socializing with other families. Getting the fingers to work precisely along with strengthening the eye and hand coordination are the critical first steps so a child can learn to hold a writing tool correctly. We will have a few crafts, games, a photo opportunity, and a snack for the members of each family attending. The cost to attend is \$25, with some of that used for supply purchases and the remainder used as our FUN-raiser project which helps our school revenue. Please consider joining us for this outdoor activity! Send the slip and money back by Friday, Oct. 8, so we know how many will be attending and we will have your families' supplies ready to go!



Our family will attend the FALL FAMILY FINE MOTOR FUN

Cost: \$25 (paid with cash/ check-FELP)

Family: _____

Number of children: _____

Number of adults: _____



Thank you to those who donated food items in September! October's food pantry list is Mac/cheese, hamburger helper or shampoo.



We hope you are enjoying the observations on your child which teachers are taking for your child's observation record (COR). You will receive a formal report twice a year, December and April and these weekly notes will be placed with the skill/criteria that was being supported. Please note that some weeks your child may not have an observation sent due to classroom activities (subs) or teacher's ability to stay up to date with documentation. Some weeks teachers may only be documenting one specific criteria as well.



Parent Advisory Meeting: We did cancel the official meeting but through emails there are several families who have responded in ways to help. I have someone to do the monthly book orders as well as some to reach out to businesses for silent auction solicitation (could use several more). We even have someone planning a book reading event for the fall yet! Thank you and we will hope to meet in person (or ZOOM) in January!

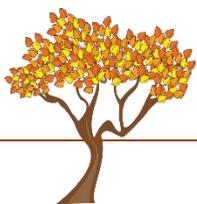
Oct. 31: Pastor Zell has been the pastor our FELC and Gloria Dei for several years. He has decided to follow a different course and Sunday, Oct. 31 will be his last sermon. We are so sad to be losing a pastoral leader who has been passionate about our preschool program since he arrived! There will be interim pastor(s) working until a 'full-time' one is chosen. Please pray for the Synod as they make the decisions about his placement. We will wish you well Pastor Zell!!



Baby News:

*We know next month we will be able to announce that a few new babies have arrived as two preschoolers, **Samuel Gonzaga**, and **Maddox DeShone**, are awaiting the birth of their new sibling!*

Openings: We do have several openings in our 3/4 class and Pre-K classes still. If you know of anyone who wishes their child to attend preschool, then please let us know soon! Additionally, if any current family wishes to increase the number of days their child attends, please let your child's teacher know so that we can get them added!





Pre-K class: Oct. 1 **Nora** (5th)

Oct. 2 **Adaline** (5th)

Oct. 9 **Michael** (5th)

3/ 4's class: Oct. 2 **Elizabeth** (4th)

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Oct. 4 **Sawyer K.** (4th)

Oct. 5 **Royce** (4th)

Staff: "**Miss**" **Marsha** (Oct. 14)

Mrs. Hoopingarner (Oct. 24)



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Fall Family Field trip

Where: Matthys' Farm (57754 Crumstown Highway, SB)

When: Monday, Oct. 18 (Monday/Wednesday children)

Tuesday, Oct. 19 (Tuesday/Thursday children)

Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Cost: \$7 per preschool student (up to 24 months and adults are free)

\$7 siblings to attend as well (over 25 months)

Details: families will meet at the farm, waiting for FELP staff to arrive, then will be allowed to proceed around the areas on their own timing!

Return your form/payment by Oct. 15 to attend!

I give permission for my child, _____, to

attend the Matthys' Farm field trip as

_____ will be the adult providing transportation and supervision throughout the event.

I am paying _____ (\$7 per child) for _____ (people)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

List number(s) to contact if an emergency should arise during the field trip: