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# NEWSLETTER



**He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

There are new signs of life everywhere you look. There are trees budding, birds chirping, and daffodils blooming! These signs of life remind us of Jesus' love for us and the *new life* He gives us. Our sins are washed away and forgotten through His death and resurrection. We are made new and have hope in Him!

We had a wonderful Lutheran Schools Week and enjoyed our dress-up days, visits from Hogle Zoo and Storytime with Anderson Library! Staff Appreciation Day was awesome too! We loved breakfast and the "beach bags" full of fun treats! THANK YOU! Also, thank you for supporting the Usborne Book Fair by volunteering and/or purchasing books. We had a fantastic turn out and the school was able to order \$1034.94 in free books for our classrooms!

In Christ,

Barb

Barb Ballif, Director

*For God so loved the world, He gave his only begotten Son to die for us, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*



**Arriving  
April 5th!**

**Painted Lady  
Caterpillars**

**Puppet Shows**  
**"Old McDonald's**  
**Mixed up Farm"**  
**Monday - Tuesday**  
**April 9th & 10th**

**Friend's for Sight**  
**Eye Screenings**  
**for 3's & 4's**  
**Monday – Tuesday**  
**April 16th & 17th**

Please be sure your children are present.  
Vision screening certificates are required for  
Kindergarten enrollment.

**Save the date**  
**Pre-K**  
**Graduation!**  
**May 23, 2018**  
**11:00am**

#### **TUITION PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

**(Remember to pay May's tuition before April 10)**

Tuition is due the first of each month- with a ten day grace period. Tuition received after the tenth of the month will be assessed a late fee of \$20.00. Tuition is paid in nine equal installments, August-April. April's payment is the last tuition payment for the year. If you have any questions about your payments, please see Holly in the preschool office!

# Worship with Us! Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Everyone is Welcome!

Morning Prayer  
with Communion  
8:15 am

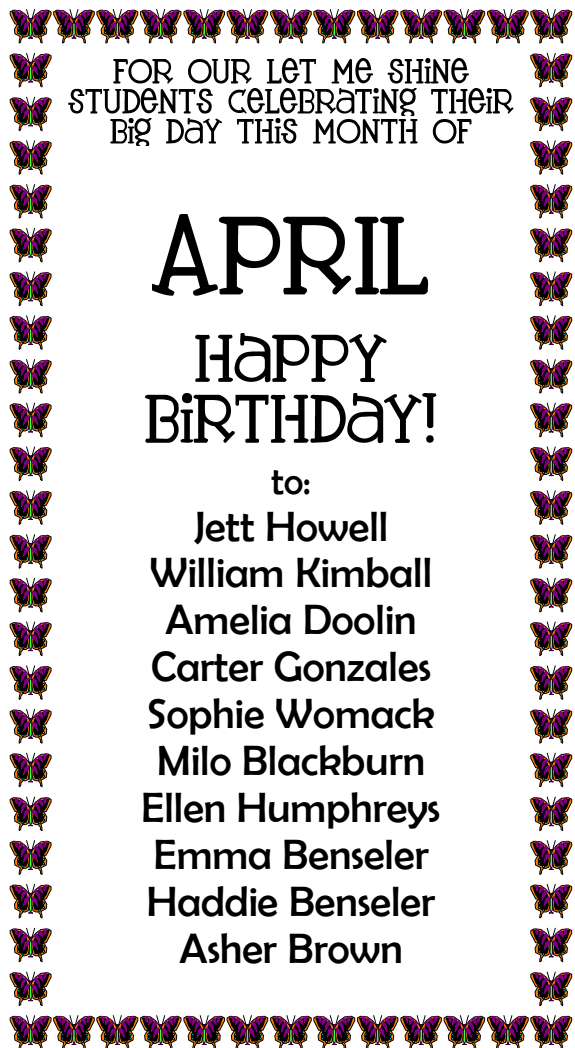
Traditional  
worship  
10:30 am

Sunday School for ages 2 and up  
9:15 to 10:15 am



Been Missing Something?

Please Be sure to Visit our lost  
and found to recover your missing items before  
the school years end! Thank You



FOR OUR LET ME SHINE  
STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR  
Big Day THIS MONTH OF

# APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

to:

Jett Howell  
William Kimball  
Amelia Doolin  
Carter Gonzales  
Sophie Womack  
Milo Blackburn  
Ellen Humphreys  
Emma Benseler  
Haddie Benseler  
Asher Brown



## Need a little extra time in the morning?

Take advantage of Morning Bunch!

Drop off time is anytime between 8:00 am—8:45 am. Please sign your child in as usual on the clip board at the sign-in table and bring him/her down to Miss Sabrina's Room #8. **Morning Bunch** has story time, color time and game time! Make sure your child has breakfast before they come! Your child is escorted to their classroom to begin their school day at 9:00 am. You will receive an invoice at the end of each month.

## LUNCHBUNCH

**Do you need an extra hour after school for a hair appointment, doctor's appointment, etc.? Try out the Let Me Shine Lunch Bunch program!**

Lunch Bunch is a hit with kids, and it is so easy to do. Pack a lunch for your child, buy a yellow lunch ticket in the office, and that's it! We'll take care of the rest. You don't need to come until 1:00 for pick-up, and the lunch bunch kids will be downstairs in the Terrace Room. Lunch Bunch is a lot of fun for the kids because we play games, have fun and interesting activities, and the kids get to eat their lunch together in a social setting! Our fabulous Lunch Bunch staff of Holly, Sabrina, Chris, and Heather help the kids open their lunches (eating the "healthy stuff" first!), then the kids get to do floor tumbling, art, fun games, story time, even some science activities! Lunch Bunch costs \$6.50 for one ticket, but if you buy the tickets in a pack of 10, the price is \$60.00 (a savings of \$5.00). We'd love to have you! If you have any questions about lunch bunch, please ask Barb, Holly, or any of the teachers for information!

From Dr. Laura Markham's **Peaceful Parents, Happy Kids**, please read and consider including these *10 Routines that will strengthen a Parent-Child Relationship*. (continued)

**6. Welcome emotion.** Sure, it's inconvenient. But your child needs to express his emotions or they'll drive his behavior. Besides, this is an opportunity to help your child heal those upsets, which will bring you closer. So summon up your compassion, don't let the anger trigger you, and welcome the tears and fears that always hide behind the anger. Remember that you're the one he trusts enough to cry with, and breathe your way through it. Just acknowledge all those feelings and offer understanding of the pain. Afterward, he'll feel more relaxed, cooperative, and closer to you. (Yes, this is really hard. Regulating our own emotions in the face of a child's upset is one of the hardest parts of parenting. But that doesn't mean we're excused from trying.)

**7. Listen, and Empathize.** Connection starts with listening. Bite your tongue if you need to, except to say, "Wow!...I see....Really?...How was that for you?...Tell me more..." The habit of seeing things from your child's perspective will ensure that you treat her with respect and look for win/win solutions. It will help you see the reasons for behavior that would otherwise drive you crazy. And it will help you regulate your own emotions so when your buttons get pushed and you find yourself in "fight or flight," your child doesn't look so much like the enemy.

**8. Slow down and savor the moment.** You aren't just rushing your child through the schedule so you can spend a few minutes with him before bed. Every interaction all day long is an opportunity to connect. Slow down and share the moment: Let him smell the strawberries before you put them in the smoothie. When you're helping him wash his hands, put yours in the running water with his, and share the cool rush of the water. Smell his hair. Listen to his laughter. Look him in the eyes and meet him heart to heart, sharing that big love. Connect in the magnificence of the present moment — which is really the only way we *can* connect. (For most parents, this is also the secret to being able to tolerate playing that same game, yet again.)

Concluding next month : #9 & #10



## Miss Kristina's Ladybugs

Thank you all for a fantastic March. Not only was spirit week a huge success but so many of you set aside time to meet with me at Parent Teacher Conferences. It's fun to brag about your little ones and swap funny stories. Thank you for making it a priority. April is a great opportunity to celebrate Christ's resurrection by appreciating the emerging life around us. This month we will talk about gardening, seeds, and all things farm! As always, we love having parent volunteers - join us on a nature walk or try your hand at churning butter! We will be giving thanks for God's gift of everlasting life through the miracle of Easter as we continue to learn about our risen Lord. Christ is risen. Alleluia! He is risen, indeed!

Miss Kristina



## Miss Chris's Critters

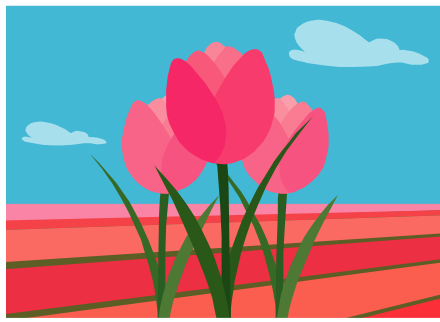


Hi Parents,

Though spring has officially sprung, let's not forget all the blessings the month of March has brought us. We had a wonderful time celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

The children had a blast discovering all the clues and treasures left behind by the mischievous leprechaun. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who generously participated and donated their time in making Teacher Appreciation Week a success. I enjoyed the one on one time with each and every one of you during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The children also enjoyed dying Easter eggs and going on a basket/egg hunt. We also talked about the Resurrection of Christ and His unconditional love. We will be focusing on the last the letters "X," "Y" and "Z." We will also work on writing our first and last names. As always I am looking forward to yet another exciting month.

Continued blessings,  
Miss Chris



## Miss Kristina's Birds

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe, that the school year is coming to an end - only 2 more months! But talking to you at Parent Teacher Conference and looking at the pictures in your children's portfolio showed me once more how much our little Birds have grown and developed. On that note, thank you so much again for taking the time to come to conference and visiting the book fair (we love the donated books!). Also, a big THANKS for all your kind words and generous gifts during teacher appreciation week. I feel so appreciated and supported from all of you and I'm truly grateful for the privilege to work with your children!

In March we saw some first signs of spring and talked about new life, especially in the context of celebrating Easter. This month, we'll be studying some spring colors and check for more signs of spring. We'll also try our hands at "planting", though only in the sensory bin.

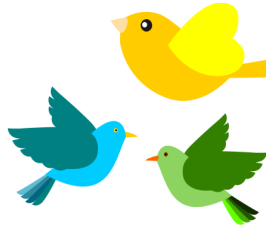
As always, I will be posting any special activities on our message board and/or the calendar.

Blessings,

Miss Kristina

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14



## Miss Heather's Happy Hedgehogs

We are seeing signs of spring on our bus ride! The children have enjoyed getting outside and playing in the sand box again. Thank you to all our spectacular parents for the great treats and kind words during Lutheran Schools Week. We have the best families! You are what make Let Me Shine such a special place. In April, our class is learning about the animals that live in the meadow and on the pond and spring flowers. I will continue teaching the children about Jesus's death and Resurrection. As we celebrate Easter, we will focus on the hope and peace that Jesus gives us. The children are making big leaps in language, motor skills and socialization. I am so proud to see them sharing and helping each other. What a blessing to spend my mornings with these sweet, little spirits!

In His Service,

Miss Heather



## Miss Sabrina's Sweeties

Hello Parents,

What a fabulous spring start! I pray you all had a blessed Spring break! Our caterpillars will soon arrive and we will enjoy watching them grow and change. The process is just amazing. In April we will have almost finished the alphabet. During the month of March we had fun with St. Patrick's Day and Spirit week. We have learned about the letter "T" and turtles and tortises. The letter "U" with the underwing moth and how to let our light shine! Like moths are drawn to the light we should let our shine for Jesus. We talked about the story of Easter and how much Jesus loves them.

Blessings to you and yours,

Miss Sabrina





## Miss April's Raccoons

Hello Raccoon Parents!

The month of March just flew by! I hope everyone had a blessed Easter week. He is Risen and that is every reason to celebrate! This month we have a puppet show on April 10th at 9:30am. We will also be hosting chapel that day, at 11:40am. Please plan to come and watch your littles teach a Bible lesson! We have TWO birthdays this month, AJ and CARTER! Also, we will be finishing out our alphabet with the letters "V," "W," "X," "Y," and "Z." I plan to start a 2-3 week lesson on colors and mixing them to make new ones! Be looking for some interesting creations coming home! As always, thank you SO MUCH for sharing your kids with me....I feel honored and blessed!

With love, Miss April



## Miss Megan's Fox Den

Fox Den Families,

Spring has sprung and it's simply delightful! I hope you all had a lovely and safe Spring Break. Celebrating Easter was, yet again, wonderful. How blessed we are that Christ LIVES and has saved us all! Teaching your children about the true meaning of Easter has been one of the highlights of my year and I feel so fortunate to be a part of this spectacular program. Christ is risen, and how glorious we get to share His great message at Let Me Shine. This April we will be doing a literacy study, conducting a Spring investigation, and introducing my 5 senses! We will be making oobleck, conducting science experiments, and planting! Spring is my favorite season of all, and I am thrilled to spend it with your children.

God's blessings, Miss Megan



## Miss Alia's Music Class

Hello Let Me shine families!

I can't believe we are nearing the end of the school year! What a blessing it is for me each week to get to be a part of your children's lives! We have been memorizing Bible verses and learning new songs! Through the song "God Made Me," we are learning the truth from Psalm 139:13: "For you have created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."

It has been exciting to see the kids' growth from the beginning of the year and we can't wait to share with you soon!

"Sing"-cerely, Miss Alia



## Miss Anne's Busy Bees

Dear Busy Bee Families,

What a fun-filled month it has been! We've enjoyed following Jesus to Jerusalem and talking about the events that led up to Easter morning. Through His great love and sacrifice, we are made new every day.

I enjoyed meeting with each of you in March and celebrating all the progress your kids have made. These kids are ready for Kindergarten!

As we look ahead to April, I look forward to the world waking up again (the flowers starting to emerge, buds on the trees beginning to open, and warmer weather too!). Please remember we have two more months to fulfill volunteer hours. Let me know if you need additional time.

Blessings,

Miss Anne



## Miss Carlee's Owlets

Hi Parents,

We had such a fun spirit week dressing up and having Hogle Zoo come visit. In the month of March we learned its okay to get messy. We painted pigs with pudding and we made puffy paint and sheep! Then we just had fun with shaving cream! We learned about different farm animals and insects. We have talked about Easter and how much Jesus loves us and yes "He is risen!" Thank you for the amazing teacher appreciation week and I had so much fun visiting with you at parent teacher conferences. Spring is here!

God's blessings,

Miss Carlee

