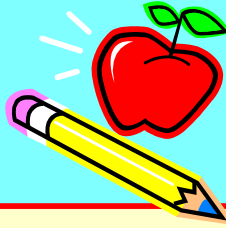




THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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What is True Love?

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

Jesus laid down his life for us. He would have been justified in saying, "Mettelise is not worth this! Why should I have to suffer in agony and die for her? She isn't even grateful most of the time!"

He did it anyway.

If we observe Lenten practices when the season begins on the 17th, we show our children how to "lay down" their lives for other people. We are not asking them to literally die, of course. We are asking them to think about ways to set aside their own rights and privileges and think about the needs of other people.

This is how good citizenship, lasting friendships and faithful marriages begin. This is how to avoid raising a spoiled, self-centered child.

It is never too early. Lent is a good time to start.

- Encourage your child to apologize to others when they are wrong.
- Take turns watching everyone's favorite programs. They cannot always do the choosing.
- Admit when you are wrong. Ask for forgiveness.
- Don't make every family activity about what your child wants to do.
- Involve your child in doing things for other people, especially when they have to give up some of their own time or resources.
- Do not give in when children demand their own way, especially when they throw tantrums.
- Involve your children in deciding how best to help someone else.
- Remind children to wait patiently when adults are talking.
- Help your children find kind things to say about someone else. Remind them that no one is perfect, not even them!
- Most importantly, tell them again and again that God loves everyone. Everyone. And everyone is just as important to God as they are. Jesus gave up His bodily life so people can be forgiven of their sins and live with Him forever.

Important Notes

We will be **OPEN** for President's Day on February 15th.

Looking ahead: Picture Day with Lifetouch Preschool Portraits will be on March 25th.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th. In the past, Pastor Strandburg was available to adults for a quiet time of personal meditation and imposition of ashes in the church sanctuary. If this is possible again, I will let you know.

We are hoping and praying that our staff will be able to receive vaccines for COVID-19 soon. The state is working on a plan in cooperation with Children's Hospital. We hope we are able to get vaccinated soon so that we will no longer be an infectious threat to your children.

Please continue to bring us your Health Forms and immunization updates. It is very important that we are all current.



God Says

A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."...
John 13:34-35

Classroom Highlights

Infant Room

There will be a special Valentine's Onesie/T-shirt Day on 2/12 with treats for parents, too!

Supertots

Supertots will be celebrating Valentine's Day on the 12th. They are learning we all have hearts that beat. We hug and kiss our families. We share with friends. We also learn that Jesus loves us!

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots are exploring how Jesus grew and we grow too. Their Valentine's party will be on the 10th. They are making a mobile with different shapes.

Older Toddlers

Older Toddlers are learning about how Jesus grew and how they are growing bigger, too. Please make a box for Valentine cards at home and bring it on the 12th. National Muffin Day will be celebrated by decorating muffins for snack on Friday, the 19th. All month long, they will be reading nursery rhymes.

Jr. Pre-K

The Jr. Pre-K will celebrate their Valentine's Day on the 10th. See the sign-up sheet to participate by bringing something to share. They are also learning about Chinese New Year; letters H and N, and that Jesus is our friend. Oh, and let's not forget the groundhog on Groundhog Day!

Sr. Pre-K

The "big kids" are learning about dental health, birds, letters P, Q & R. They are celebrating Valentine's Day on the 12th. Don't forget show 'n tell on the 18th!

Important Reminders

1. Everything must be labeled!
2. We must send children home with fever, diarrhea, unexplained rashes or vomiting.
3. Tuition checks must be made out to MLUMC and are **due by the 1st of the month**. Automatic withdrawals are available from checking, savings or credit card accounts. See the director for an authorization form.
4. We close at 6:00 PM and will charge you late fees after that.
5. **DO NOT open the door for strangers.** Even friendly strangers have the potential to be dangerous. Call upstairs and let us check it out!

Special Dates

Please see our website. The Health Form and Parent Handbook are posted there.
www.mlumc.org.

February

2/9	Chapel with Pastor Tom for Pre-K
2/15	President's Day / OPEN
2/17	Ash Wednesday/Season of Lent Begins



Children:	Brooks P.	2/7	2 years
	Abigail P	2/14	5 years
	Rishi D.	2/14	4 years
	Scarlett C.	2/27	3 years
	Theo V.	3/1	5 years
Teachers:	Miss Cathy	2/18	
	Miss Stephanie	2/19	
	Miss Andie	2/27	



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MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

Worship services are 8:30 am 10:45 am.

Online streaming at 8:30 am.

Watch anytime on YouTube