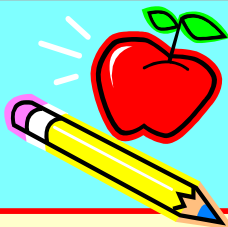




THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



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All Is Well?

It has been a rough 2020! What will 2021 hold?

Departed saints like Horatio Spafford inspire me. The Englishman lost his four-year-old son in the Great Chicago fire of 1871. Financial ruin forced him to pack his family and move back to England. On the way, his four daughters sank in a shipwreck. Only his wife survived.

But then, relying upon his faith, Spafford wrote the famous hymn, *It is Well With My Soul*.

When peace like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain

It is well, (it is well),
With my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life,
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
A song in the night, oh my soul!^[c]

May God give you the same peace that Spafford experienced. Happy New Year!

News for 2021

The teachers are very thankful for the gifts they received last month for Christmas. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. Special thanks to Kate Vitek for collecting and distributing the money collected for the teachers.

Thank you to Pastor Strandburg (AKA Santa Claus) for stopping by last month to see the children.

New this year: We will be **closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day** - January 18. Teachers will be in class, training. Note that we will be **open on President's Day** - February 15th, not closed as in past years.

Receipts for your 2020 taxes will be completed by Jan. 8th.

We are very much hoping that childcare workers will be among the next round to receive the vaccine. It will make it less likely we will have to close because someone became infected.

Having a new baby? Better let us know. We are booked pretty solid through the entire year.



God Says

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

Classroom Highlights

The Infant Room welcomes three new babies this month. We have Juliana, Dean and Scarlett joining our happy group.

Supertots are learning about snow, winter, safety and Martin Luther King. They are learning about animals that like the cold, Pittsburgh Penguins, and the theme *God keeps us safe*.

Tiny Tots are also learning that God keeps us safe. They are exploring how winter makes us feel, friends, family and homes.

Older Toddlers are exploring snowflakes, winter animals, Martin Luther King Day and friendship.

Jr. Pre-K is learning about the properties of water, frozen, ice, penguins, and Martin Luther King who taught us to care about everyone.

Sr. Pre-K themes include M, N & O; numerals 5 and 6; favorite authors like Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, Eric Litwin and Jonathan London. They are working on patterns and sequencing. They are also learning about Jesus as a boy and John the Baptist.



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.
6. If you send someone to pick up your child, make sure they have the code.

Special Dates

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

January

- 4th Open for 2021
- 18th CLOSED – MLK Day
Teachers are in classes



Children:

Mckenna L.	1/8	1 year
Augustus W.	1/9	3 years
Clara V.	1/13	4 years
Jonathan J.	1/17	1 year
Andrew L.	1/18	5 years
Mack M.	1/24	1 year
Nora J.	1/27	4 years
Emmaline S.	1/28	1 year



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MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

Worship services are at 8:30 and 10:45 each Sunday.
In person worship has resumed.

Visitors are always welcome!