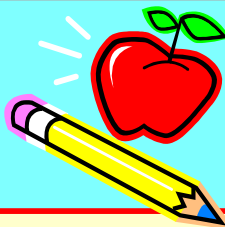




# THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



**Weekday Ministries**  
Child Care Center

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Director

## March 2022



### Marching Fourth



Carol & Jack - 2021

Mrs. Carol Flaherty will be retiring on Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> after almost 24 years. I will miss her, but I know Beth Brack will miss her more than anyone else. They have been a team for a long time.

Carol planned many of the Math, Science and Spanish lessons. On top of that, she anticipated what Beth would need during the day, so that Beth didn't even have to ask.

If you ask parents of our graduates, you will hear good things about how well prepared their children were for kindergarten. They learned how to get along with others, take turns, communicate effectively and so much more.

Carol and her husband have four children and three grandchildren who want her to spend more time with them.

Carol has some ideas for children's books that she would like to write. She also enjoys painting artistic themes but hasn't had the time to indulge in that hobby.

One of her daughters was married last fall in a historic church with a hotel reception following. The other will be married next spring at an outdoor venue in a forest resembling a medieval sort of fairytale. She is excited to participate in the event planning.

Please make sure to see Carol before she leaves to "march fourth" into retirement! We hope we will be able to convince her to return and substitute teach!

### Current Events

**Picture Day is Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.** This is the only day scheduled for the year. Caps and gowns will be available for the graduates. All children will be photographed. A proof will go home that day so that you can order online. There is no obligation to purchase photos. If your child does not normally come on Thursdays, talk to your teacher about a good time to pop in.

We are desperately looking for additional staff. We need full timers. We are in competition with other hourly jobs, but if you know anyone, tell them this. There are no evenings or weekends. Holidays are paid. Our families are wonderful people and the teamwork is tops! Most importantly, we have the most adorable children in the South Hills!

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. For six weeks, Christians from different denominations meditate on life and death. Jesus Christ came to give us eternal life through His awful sacrifice. As someone super smart said, "He came to pay a debt He did not owe because we owed a debt we could not pay."

On the 17<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. More than Ireland and leprechauns, St. Patrick was a real man who put his life on the line for the sake of the Gospel.



### Jesus Says

*Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God*

Matthew 4:4

## Classroom Highlights

The Infant Room reminds you to take a look at the bulletin board outside their room. Wear your St. Patrick's onesie or T-shirt on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our Supertots are enjoying St. Patrick's Day, Dr. Seuss books, the coming of spring and the theme *Jesus is our friend*. Please see rainbow week posted on the door and wear the corresponding color for each day.

Tiny Tots are learning shapes and colors as they observe St. Patrick's Day and look for signs of springtime. They're learning that Jesus loves us.

Older Toddlers are learning that Jesus is their friend. They are learning about friendship, reading Dr. Seuss stories; experimenting with rainbow colors and observing St. Patrick's Day.

Jr. Pre-K is focused on healthy bodies in March. They are also going to try catching leprechauns as they study letters Ll and Rr. They will be learning about springtime, too.

Sr. Pre-K's main theme is weather, as they learn about tornadoes, wind and Springtime. They are concentrating on letters Tt, Uu & Vv as well as on the numeral 8. Of course, it will be St. Patrick's Day, and time to catch a leprechaun!



## 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. Face coverings and social distancing are required at all times. Please wash or sanitize hands.

## Special Dates

Please see our website. The Health Form and Parent Handbook are posted there. [www.mlumc.org](http://www.mlumc.org).

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday  
4<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Carol Flaherty Retires  
24<sup>th</sup> Picture Day starts at 8:00 am  
25<sup>th</sup> Soccer Shots begins for spring. Register online. [www.soccershots.org](http://www.soccershots.org).



Children:	Byron B.	3/3	5 years
	Grace B.	3/9	5 years
	Van B.	3/17	4 years
	Margot M.	3/27	2 years



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## MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

Sunday Services: 8:30 am & 10:45 am  
Modern worship at 8:30am

Watch on YouTube!