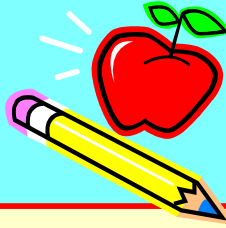




THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Easter Blessings to You!

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day ([Isaiah 53](#)). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin. According to the New Testament, Easter is three days after the death of Jesus on the cross.

Easter follows a period of fasting called Lent, in which many churches set aside time for repentance and remembrance. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Good Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion. The 40 day period was established by Pope Gregory 1 using the 40-day pattern of Israel, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus' time in the wilderness.

The week leading up to Easter is called The Holy Week, or "Passion Week", and includes Palm Sunday (the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and was celebrated), Maundy Thursday (the "Last Supper" where Jesus met with his disciples to observe Passover), and Good Friday (when Jesus would be crucified on the cross).

Easter is a very significant date within Christianity and is the foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus, the Son of God, fulfilled prophecy and through his death, has given the gift of eternal life in heaven to those who believe in his death and resurrection. Read the entire Biblical account of Resurrection Day in [Matthew 28](#), [Mark 16](#), and [Luke 24](#) and more [Easter Bible verses at BibleStudyTools.com](#).
<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/undertandingthhistory-and-symbols-of-easter-1256039.html>



Spring & Summer



Weekday Ministries Sunday - April 24th. All families are encouraged to attend the 10:45 am service. Our 2-5 year olds are practicing songs for the service. This marks Weekday Ministries' 40th year!

If your children are **changing schedules** over the summer or **leaving for kindergarten**, please make sure we know as soon as possible. We will be making changes to the Jr. & Sr. Pre-K programs for the summer months. We need to anticipate enrollment in order to plan accordingly. By Labor Day, all our four-year-olds will be moved to the Sr. Pre-K classroom.

Because it is spring, exchange your children's extra clothes for lighter ones.

Jackets and grippy shoes are required to play safely outside. Sandals without straps are not safe.

Sunscreen may be sent in now for use through the summer. Check expirations. We cannot use a sunscreen that is over one year old. We do not use sprays. Lotion only.

Please order your Lifetouch photo products sooner rather than later to avoid shipping fees. If you have misplaced your proofs, let us know. We have a master list of codes to unlock the proofs on the www.preschoolsmiles.com website.

The first spot for an infant is not until May 2023. If you need a reservation, please do not wait.

Masks will remain optional unless the Health Department recommends wearing them again. COVID is still possible. So if your child is sent home with symptoms, you must check with your doctor and return with a note clearing the child to return.

Classroom Highlights

Infant Teachers are planning special Easter treats for the babies and parents!

The Supertots are learning about Easter: Jesus is alive! They are also observing Earth Day and learning about farm animals, and how important the sun and rain are.

Tiny Tots are also learning about Easter and that Jesus is risen! They are making lots of art with springtime and Easter themes.

Jesus is risen! Older Toddlers will be learning about Easter, bunnies & Earth Day. They will be going on a nature scavenger hunt, doing a flower power experiment and painting with marshmallow peeps among other fun, instructional activities.

Jr. Pre-K is using a set of plastic eggs called resurrection eggs to tell the story of Holy Week. They are also learning about recycling, planting seeds, raising ladybugs and focusing upon letters E & G.

Sr. Pre-K's themes are *All That Grows & Easter*. They are working on the letters Ww & Xx. They are practicing songs to sing on Weekday Ministries Sunday - April 24th. Mrs. Brack will be phasing out as Miss Annie will be phasing in as the new Lead Teacher.

Important Reminders

1. Follow the one way arrows in the parking lot. Always hold your child's hand.
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. You will find the tuition rates, Health Form, handbook and newsletter posted. www.mlumc.org

April

- 15th CLOSED Good Friday
18th CLOSED Easter Monday
24th Weekday Ministries Sunday
10:45 am



Children:	Christian P.	4/4	5 years
	Lilah B.	4/10	2 years
	Maeve V.	4/20	3 years



MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

Families are invited to come from 10 am until Noon on Saturday, 4/9 for Eggstravaganza - a fun-filled time of games and crafts.

Join the congregation for Holy Week. There is a Good Friday Fish Fry on 4/15 from 4 - 7 PM. No cost. Donations accepted. *Palm Sunday & Easter services are at 8:30 and 10:45am.*