

CHILD CARE COURIER

January 2019 Edition



JANUARY DEVOTION

In the familiar book "Otis Gives Thanks" by Loren Long, Otis the beloved tractor delights in giving thanks for the land and country he lives in, for opportunities to play games freely, and for his wonderful and amazing friends. But most of all, Otis is thankful for love.

We receive the Lord's love every single day. It is absolutely appropriate to be thankful for many of the same things that Otis was: for the land we live in...for the ability to have time for recreation and play...for family, friends, and church. And if all of that were not enough, we can be thankful for his great love. Nothing can even come close to that. Maybe that's why the Psalmist couldn't help but express these words:

"Let them (the people) give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind" Psalm 107:8.

We have a God who loves us more than we could ever imagine. When God's Son, the Light of the World, pierced our dark sin-filled world, he reminded us that we are thought of by him, considered by him, and most definitely included by him and with him in his family. What a great reminder that is!



Otis may just be a tractor, but he knows a thing or two about thankfulness. We here at Bethlehem Lutheran Childcare are thankful for you, the families who entrust your children to our care. We are blessed by all the encouragement and support you provide. Over the Christmas season the staff and I were overwhelmed by greeting cards, gifts, candies, and special treats from your hands and the hands of your children. We are so filled with gratitude and joy to work with families like you. May your Christmas celebrations live on in the New Year as we thank our God for giving of himself and loving us first!

In Christ,
Mr. Kevin Walker
ECM Director

NEW CODE

There is a new entry code for child care and preschool, effective Monday, January 14th. Please remember that this code is for adult use only, and not to be shared with your children.

YEAR-END STATEMENT

Your year-end Child Care Statement will be sent out by the end of January.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If Bethlehem Lutheran School is closed due to inclement weather and your child will not need childcare as scheduled, you are required to let us know that your child will not be attending by 9 AM. In addition, if your child is not scheduled for that day, but will need care due to the school closing, please inform the center your child will be attending before bringing your child to the center. Please see the full policy in your handbook.

MR. KEVIN WALKER



Mr. Walker began as Early Childhood Ministry Director on December 1st. This means that he oversees the Child Care and Preschool at Bethlehem (don't worry, the previous teachers and directors are still here). Please stop in and introduce yourself!

UPCOMING NO SCHOOL DATES

Mon 2/4 - No School
- Child Care is open

Fri 2/22 & Mon 2/25 - No school
- Child care is open

SCHEDULES

March schedules (for 3's and older) will be sent out to you on January 29th and will be due back on February 4th.

3K/4K INFORMATION

Information for the 2019-2020 preschool year will be coming soon!

4K FIELD TRIP

4K will be going on their Build-A-Bear field trip on 1/31. Please let us know by 1/11 if this changes your child care needs for that day.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, January 31st, at 6:30pm in Germantown.

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