Family of Christ
Child Development Center

# November Newsletter




## Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

Let's Celebrate Your Child's Growth!
**November 23–25, 2026**

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming in November! We look forward to this special opportunity to connect with families, learn more about your child, celebrate their accomplishments, and discuss their growth and progress.

We believe that strong partnerships between parents and teachers help children thrive! Communication Is Always Welcome!

You don't need to wait until conferences to connect with your child's teacher. If you ever have questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out! You can schedule a meeting, arrange a phone call, send a message through the REMIND app, or email your child's teacher.

### Conference Dates & Childcare Information

**FAMILY OF CHRIST CHILDCARE**
Wednesday, November 25

- No regular childcare classes on conference day.
- Assistant teachers and aides will be available to supervise children during their parents' conferences in Room 175 (Large Motor Room).

**FAMILY OF CHRIST PRESCHOOL**
Monday–Wednesday, November 23, 24 & 25

- No regular preschool classes on conference days.
- Assistant teachers will be available to supervise children during parent conferences scheduled between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

**HOW TO SIGN UP**

Watch for conference sign-up sheets in the lobby and select a time that works best for your family!

If you do not regularly drop off or pick up your child, please call or email one of our directors to schedule your conference.
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We look forward to celebrating all the ways your child is learning and growing! Thank you for partnering with us in making these early childhood years so meaningful.



# November Chapel

Preschool Chapel - Tuesday, November 3 @ 9 am
Childcare & Preschool Chapel - Wednesday, November 4 @ 9 am



# Meals for Teachers

Please consider thanking our teachers and making their lives a little easier by providing teachers with lunch during the parent-teacher conference days on November 23, 24, and 25.

- **November 23 & 24:** Family of Christ Preschool Parents
- **November 25:** Family of Christ Childcare Parents

Would your family be willing to provide a main course meal, in addition to a side dish or salad, dessert, or drinks for those days? Some suggestions could include lasagna, chili, or soup. Food can be brought any time before **11 am** on the day it is being served. Thank you!

If you are able and willing to help, please sign up on table by the office. We sincerely appreciate your help in thanking our wonderful staff here at Family of Christ Child Development Center!



# Christmas Programs

Family of Christ Childcare's and Family of Christ Preschool's two day classes will be having a short program for families.

We realize this may be inconvenient for some of you to attend because it is during the day. We hope that telling you in advance will enable you to take time off or reschedule plans so that you may attend. If you cannot attend, please let your child's teacher know in advance. Please also note that our Spring program will also be during the day. There are no classes following the Christmas Programs. The Child Development Center will close at 5 pm on December 17.

**Mark your calendars now!!!**

**December 16: Classes 1 & 2 @ 11 am**
**December 16: Class 3 @ 1 pm**

**December 17: Classes 4 & 5 @ 11 am**
**December 17: Classes 6 & 7 @ 1 pm**
**December 17: Childcare's Duck & Apple Classes: 4:30 pm**

Please note that Classes 7 & 8, will be having a Pajama Party on December 18.
Please watch for details from your child's teacher regarding this!



# Outdoor Play

Please send your child in weather appropriate outerwear. Once the snow comes, the 2 1/2 hour class does not go outside unless your child's teacher notifies you.

The childcare, the 3 hour class, and extended day classes will continue to go outside daily unless there is rain, heavy snow, or severe cold. If it is zero degrees or less, these classes will be inside. Please send boots, mittens, hat, snow pants, and a coat for children in the Bunny, Monkey, Duck and Apple classrooms and those children in classes 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8. It is helpful to send snow gear in a separate bag in addition to backpacks.

Those who attend childcare, items will need to go home on the weekends for washing / drying. Preschool items go home daily.

No scarves please! MN Childcare Licensing state that they are a choking hazard.



# Service Project Benefiting The Dwelling Place

Beginning Mid-November

This Christmas season, Family of Christ Child Development Center families are invited to help bless children and mothers served by The Dwelling Place, a ministry supporting women and families escaping domestic abuse.
The Dwelling Place has opened a new childcare facility that will provide a safe, nurturing environment for children while their mothers attend classes and receive support. The children will also benefit from special programming designed just for them!

**How Can You Help?**

We are collecting the following supplies to help stock their new childcare facility:

**Basic Needs Supplies**

- Disposable gloves (non-latex)
- Diapers (sizes 4–6) and pull-ups
- Baby wipes
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**Consumable Art Supplies**

- Washable paint
- Craft sticks (Popsicle sticks)
- Disposable 5 oz. cups

**Where to Bring Donations**

Beginning in mid-November, families can place donated items under the Christmas tree at Family of Christ.

Please note: Baby wipes and washable paint should be placed in the large collection box on the table rather than under the tree. Due to childcare licensing requirements regarding alcohol-containing products, wipes need to be kept separate and out of children's reach.

Thank you for helping us share the love of Jesus! Your generosity will help create a welcoming, safe space where children can learn, grow, and experience God's love during a challenging time in their families' lives.

**Together, we can make a difference—one child and one family at a time!**



## Book Orders

Online Ordering Information:
scholastic.com/bookclubs
Class Activation Code: GPVPL
Ordering Due Date: November 12



# Happy Birthday!
# God's blessings to you!

Nash Brandt
Calla Del Gallo
Anneliese Dittmer
Winston Evans
Ford Fellows
Lillian Griffey
Duke Hall
Myla House
Levi Johnson
Declan Loftus
Emery Raedel
Eleanor Schahn
Logan Scovill
Olivia Schroeder
Calvin Syvock
Gavin Zwiefelhofer




# Winter Weather Closings & Delays

**Keeping Our Families Safe and Informed!**

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind families of our procedures for weather-related closings and cancellations. The safety of our children, families, and staff is always our top priority!

**Family of Christ Childcare**
If Anoka-Hennepin School District 11 closes due to severe weather, Family of Christ Childcare will most likely close as well.
If the district cancels all after-school activities due to weather conditions, Family of Christ Childcare may also close early.
How will you be notified?
Please watch your email for an official announcement through Constant Contact confirming any childcare closures or changes to our regular hours.

**Family of Christ Preschool**
If Family of Christ Preschool closes due to severe weather or another emergency, families will be notified through:

- WCCO school closing announcements
- KARE 11 school closing announcements
- Email from Family of Christ Preschool

**Stay Connected!**
When winter weather is in the forecast, please check your email and local school closing announcements for updates.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to keep everyone safe this winter!



## Make sure to take your valuables inside!

Family of Christ Child Development Center recommends that you bring all your valuables inside when you drop off or pick up...this includes your children!

If you leave anything of value in your car for any reason, be sure to lock it for safety purposes!




## You are invited to Thanksgiving Worship at Family of Christ

**Thanksgiving Worship**
**Wednesday, November 25, 2026**
**6:30 pm**



Grateful Together

## Thanksgiving Family Fun

**Faith Walk:**
As you walk around your neighborhood, seek things for which to thank God.

Say a quick prayer of thanks!

**Faith Talk:**
What are you most thankful for in your life?
How are all things a gift from God?
How can you show more thankfulness in your life?

**Faith Activities:**
Write the words, "We are thankful for..." on a large sheet of paper and tape it on the wall near the dinner table. Draw pictures or write ideas each day.
Make a circle and throw a beanbag or ball in the air as each person says what they are thankful for.




## We are thankful for you!

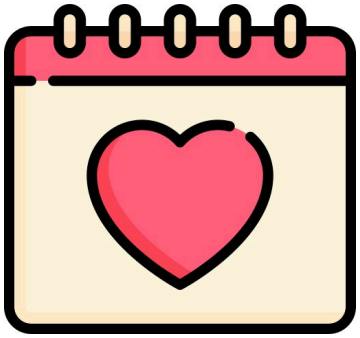
**From the staff at Family of Christ Child Development Center...**
**We want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!**

**We are thankful that you have gifted us with your child to care for and teach!**




## Family of Christ Childcare

Family of Christ Childcare will partner with Legendary Studios and host **"Pictures with Santa"** on Tuesday, November 17 from 3-6 pm



# Family of Christ Childcare
# Closed Holidays

## 2026 Childcare Closed Holidays

October 16 – Close at 4pm for Childcare Staff Meeting
November 25 – Parent Teacher Conferences
November 26 – Thanksgiving
November 27 – Thanksgiving Break
December 24 – Christmas Break
December 25 - Christmas
December 31 – New Year's Eve
January 1 – New Year's Day
January 4 - Childcare Resumes

## 2027 Childcare Closed Holidays

January 1 – New Year's Day
January 18 – Martin Luther King Jr Day – Staff Development Day
February 15 – President's Day – Staff Development Day & Cleaning
March 5 – No Preschool or Childcare – Staff Development Day
March 26 – Closed - Parent Teacher Conferences
March 29 – Closed Easter Monday
May 28 – Childcare Closed - Childcare Curriculum Planning
May 31 – Memorial Day
July 5 – Independence Day Observed
September 3 – Closed Childcare Curriculum Planning & Cleaning
September 7 – Labor Day
November 24 – Parent Teacher Conferences
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# Three months at a glance...

# November 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 2 | 3<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Chapel<br>9 am<br><br>Fire Drill | 4<br>Family of Christ Childcare &<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Chapel<br>9 am<br><br>Fire Drill | 5 | 6<br>Fire Drill | 7 |
| 8<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19<br>Family of Christ Childcare<br>Legendary Studios<br>"Pictures with Santa"<br>3—5 pm | 20 | 21 |
| 22<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 23<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>not in session due to<br>Parent Teacher Conferences<br>8 am—3:30 pm | 24<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>not in session due to<br>Parent Teacher Conferences<br>8 am—3:30 pm | 25<br>**Family of Christ Childcare &**<br>**Family of Christ Preschool**<br>**not in session due to**<br>Parent Teacher Conferences<br>7:10 am—3:30 pm | 26<br>Thanksgiving | 27<br>Thanksgiving | 28 |
| 29<br>9 am Family Worship<br>10:30 am Family Worship<br>Online or In Person | 30 | | | | | |

# December 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Chapel<br>9 am<br>Fire Drill | 2<br>Family of Christ Childcare &<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Chapel<br>9 am<br>Fire Drill | 3 | 4<br>Fire Drill | 5 |
| 6<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 14<br>Christmas Program Practices<br>9:15 am<br>Classes 1 & 2<br>9:45am<br>Class 3<br>Duck and Apple 10:15 am | 15<br>Christmas Program<br>Practices<br>9:15 am<br>Classes 4 & 5<br>9:45 am<br>Classes 6 & 7<br>Duck and Apple 10:15 am | 16<br>Christmas Programs<br>11 am<br>Classes 1 & 2<br><br>1 pm<br>Classes 3 | 17<br>Christmas Programs<br>11 am<br>Classes 4 & 5<br>1 pm<br>Classes 6 & 7<br>Family of Christ Childcare @<br>4:30 pm | 18<br>PS & CC<br>Pajama Parties | 19 |
| 20<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 21<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Closed<br><br>Family of Christ Childcare<br>In Session | 22<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Closed<br><br>Family of Christ Childcare<br>In Session | 23<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Closed<br><br>Family of Christ Childcare<br>In Session | 24<br>Family of Christ Childcare &<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Closed<br><br>Christmas Eve<br>Worship Services<br>2, 4, and 9 pm | 25<br>Family of Christ Childcare &<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Closed<br><br>Christmas Day<br>Worship Services<br>10 am | 26 |
| 27<br>9 am Family Worship<br>10:30 am Family Worship<br>Online or In Person | 28<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Closed<br><br>Family of Christ Childcare<br>in Session | 29<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Closed<br><br>Family of Christ Childcare<br>in Session | 30<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Closed<br><br>Family of Christ Childcare<br>in Session | 31<br>Family of Christ Childcare &<br>Family of Christ Preschool<br>Closed | | |

# January 2027

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1<br>Childcare & Preschool Closed | 2 |
| 3<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 4 | 5<br>Preschool Chapel<br>9 am<br>Fire Drill | 6<br>Childcare & Preschool<br>Chapel<br>9 am<br>Fire Drill | 7 | 8<br>Fire Drill | 9 |
| 10<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 18<br>Family of Christ Childcare & Family of Christ Preschool Closed<br>Childcare meeting and online training<br>8 am—4 pm | 19<br>Family of Christ Childcare in session<br>Family of Christ Preschool Closed<br>Preschool Meeting and Online Training | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am KIDZONE<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Online or In Person | 25 | 26 | 27<br>"Exploring the Desert"<br>Stay at School Fieldtrip<br>Ducks @ 9:15 am<br>Apples @ 10 am | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31<br>Preschool Sunday@ 10:30 am<br>Family of Christ Preschool Registration Begins<br>9 am Family Worship<br>10:30 am Family Worship<br>Online or In Person | | | | | | |

## Family of Christ Preschool
## School Calendar

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| **September 8, 9, & 10, 2026** | Parent Child Half Days |
| **September 11, 14, 15, 2026** | First Day of Preschool |
| **October 15 & 16, 2026** | MEA—<br>*No School* |
| **November 23, 24, & 25, 2026** | Parent Teacher Conferences<br>*No School—Parents Attend* |
| **November 26 & 27, 2026** | Thanksgiving Break—<br>*No School* |
| **December 16 & 17, 2026** | Christmas Programs |
| **December 22, 2026-<br>January 1, 2027** | Christmas Break—<br>*No School* |
| **January 4, 2027** | Classes Resume |
| **January 18 & 19, 2027** | MLK Day & Teacher In Service—<br>*No School* |
| **February 15 & 16, 2027** | President's Day-Teacher In Service<br>*No School* |
| **March 4 & 5, 2027** | MN Early Educator's Conference<br>*No School* |
| **March 10 & 15** | *District Days Off*<br>*No School* |
| **March 23, 24, & 25, 2027** | Parent Teacher Conferences<br>*No School—Parents Attend* |
| **March 29— April 2, 2027** | Spring & Easter Break<br>*No School* |
| **May 15, 19, & 20, 2027** | *Last Days of Preschool* |

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