

October Newsletter



Plant Mobile

Reminder: Permission Form Due

Please complete the permission form for your child to attend October 1 & 2!

The University of Minnesota's Plant Mobile will be visiting with a hands-on science program:
"The Buzz about Apples"

Students will:

- Taste apples
- Learn how apples grow
- Discover the role of bees in apple production
- Enjoy songs, movement, and multi-sensory exploration

Don't forget to return your child's permission slip!



Chapel

Chapel begins this month! Usually, chapel typically happens the first Wednesday and Thursday of the month for two-day preschool classes and those in attendance in childcare (Apples and Ducks classrooms.) Chapel days this month are October 14 and 15 due to the Plant Mobile visit.

All parents - We hope that you can join us for our 20 minute worship; however, we know that this isn't always possible.

For those who attend Family of Christ Childcare: Chapel will be on Thursdays (or Tuesdays...this time)

For those who attend Family of Christ Preschool: After signing your child in, you may take him / her down to the worship center. If you need to leave, let the assistant teacher know (she will be waiting by the classroom) and your child may sit with their class.

This year our chapel offering money will be going to Ysleta Mission and Family of Christ's partnership as they build homes for families in Mexico. <https://ylm.org/>. If you are interested in learning more and potentially helping out, contact Pete Hiller at philler@foclutheran.org



About School Picture Day

School Pictures will be October 7, 8, 9, & 10

- We will have non-messy art on pictures days and let the younger classes get their pictures taken first.
- The background will be a Christmas background. You can also choose a background color for your child's "School Photo." Please return the form on picture day to ensure your background color choice
- Children in both preschool and childcare will be getting their pictures taken during their school day.
- Siblings Pictures for Childcare Families - If you are wanting sibling pictures, bring all your children into room 100 starting at 8:30 am on Tuesday. You may drop your children into the classrooms following pictures. Please sign up at the sign-in cart. Young children in groups do better with a parent present if possible.
- Sibling Pictures for Preschool Families - If you are interested in having pictures taken

or younger / older children, LifeTouch will be able to do that before or after class - there will be a sign-up sheet on the sign-in cart.

- When you order pictures, also know that the preschool and childcare earn a percentage from every order that helps meet our fundraising goal.
- Staff - all staff that works in the mornings should get their pictures taken.



It is requested that everyone wear orange!

The Harvest Parties will be celebrating fall with fall themed learning activities for the **two day a week** classes on October 29 & 30. (Family of Christ Preschool only)

On Friday, October 31, all preschool age children and older toddlers will visit the church office for a few small treats and prizes to celebrate fall.

Thank you for wearing orange to celebrate fall with us!

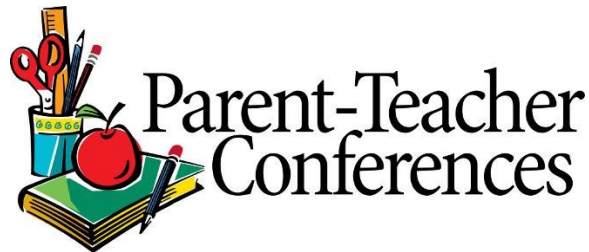


Book Order

Book orders for October are due on Thursday, October 9.

<https://clubs.scholastic.com/home>

Class Activation Code: GPVPL



Reserve Space on your Calendars!

Family of Christ Childcare Families: Fall Parent Teacher Conferences will be November 26 from 7:10 am - 3:30 pm. There will be no childcare on that day, but your children can play with assistant teachers and aides while you attend your child's conference.

Family of Christ Preschool Families: Fall Parent Teacher Conferences will be November 24, 25, & 26 between 8 am - 3:30 pm care available so that parents can attend conferences "child free." There will be NO SCHOOL on conference days

**Please do your best to be on time**

With the weather being cold and the morning being dark, it is easy to come later to school...don't let that happen!! Regardless of which program your child attends, he/she is always learning at Family of Christ! Much of the structured learning occurs starting at 9 am. Please help us make every minute count!

Wash hands

Illness season is on the way! Parents, please monitor children's health by washing hands before coming into or upon entering classrooms at Family of Christ. Make sure that hands are washed and/or sanitized before you leave the building as well, so illness isn't brought into your home.

Coat sleeves ready

Help your child be successful by having the sleeves on their coats out so that they can easily dress themselves to go outside. Your child thanks you!

Going to be absent?

If your child is ill or will be missing school for any reason, please email the absence line by 9 am. absence@foclutheran.org.

Parking lot safety

Parking lots can be a source of great danger. As you walk with your child in the parking lot, always hold their hand. Do not let them run ahead or wander behind you.

As you drive through the parking lot, exercise extreme caution. Watch for wandering children and make sure you double check behind you as you back up. Please do not stand in the parking lot conversing with other parents unless your child(ren) are seated safely in your vehicles and the doors are close. Furthermore, we encourage you to not leave your children in cars unattended.

Security system

There is a doorbell if anyone needs to enter the building outside of the stated times, however office staff are frequently in classrooms so please know the following:

Childcare parents have a "FOB to come and go as needed. Childcare families - please remember to bring and use the FOBs. If a FOB is lost, please notify the office. Extra FOBs are \$15.

Preschool parents have 10 minutes before and 15 minutes after the start and end of class to enter and exit the building. It is also extremely important that if we do not know a person, that they not be let in. Let's all work together to provide as safe a school as we can!

Thank you for your cooperation!





Preschool and Childcare Immunization Report

Family of Christ Child Development Center is required to make an immunization report to the State of MN. This report documents how many children are fully immunized, partially immunized, or conscientious objectors to vaccines and how many doses children have. It does not detail child or family names.

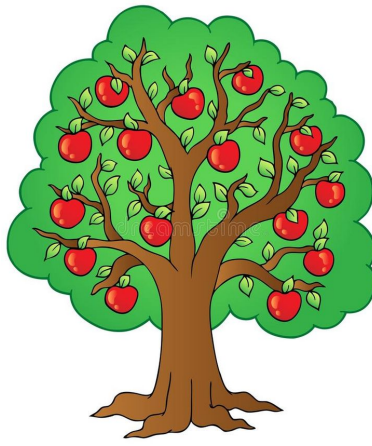
Many childcares and preschools use a program called MIIC (Minnesota Immunizations Information Connection) in order to complete the vaccination report. The MIIC data base would allow Family of Christ employees to look up children's vaccination records. As an added layer of privacy, Family of Christ chooses not to use MIIC to complete the immunization report.

Family of Christ depends on families to turn in immunization information to complete the report. Please turn in the health care summaries and immunization documentation if you haven't done so already. Immunization documentation and the Health Care Summary (Pink Forms.) are due at preschool and childcare with initial enrollment and as an infant transitions to the toddler rooms, and as a toddler transitions to a preschool classroom. Additionally as your child gets vaccines, please update the office with a print out from your doctor. Thank you!



Friday Preschool Class Opening

Family of Christ Preschool has an opening in Class 8: Friday 9 am - 2 pm. Tuition is \$170/month. If you or anyone you know is interested in that spot, please contact Mary Hiller mhiller@foclutheran.org.



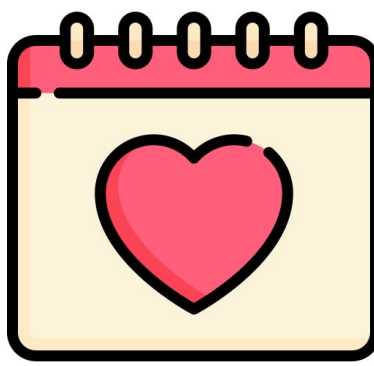
Items Needed

Family of Christ Child Development Center is looking for fallen apples or recently picked apples to use for many different learning centers during our fall units. Thank you in advance if you can donate or help us locate someone who can!



God's blessings on your birthday!

Lila Anderson
Jovi Czech
Sutton Decowski
Sunny Fields
Olivia Hayden
Cashton Larson
Mason Lippert
Isla Marchuk
Korey Mattson
Vienna Miller
Brooks Nelson
Ian Nelson
RiylInn Peltier
Natilie Pham
Harper Roessler
Jack Ruzycki
Holden Sigecan
Charlotte Sly
Lydia Whalen
Thomas Wolter



2025 Childcare Closed Holidays

October 17 - Close at 4pm for a Childcare staff meeting
November 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences
November 27 - Thanksgiving
November 28 - Thanksgiving Break
December 24 - Christmas Eve
December 25 - Christmas
December 31 - New Year's Eve
January 1 - New Year's Day
January 2 - Childcare Resumes



Amazing Opportunities

Sunday

Worship 9 & 10:30 am
Education for all Ages 9 & 10:30 am
Nursery Available

Wednesday

Refresh - midweek worship @ 6:15 pm
CrossTraining 6th - 9th Grade
PowerHouse 9th-12th Grade
Young Adults
Connected Families Bible Studies

Family Worship - The last Sunday of every month

Family of Christ makes worshipping with your family fun, meaningful, and easy!

Family Worship includes:

- Children's messages
- Pictures of the Bible readings
- Dancing and musical instruments for kids
- Students reading scripture
- "The Playground" for the youngest worshippers

Baptism & Membership Classes - Call the office to sign up!

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Plant Mobile Class 1 @ 9:10 am Ducks @ 10:10 am Class 2 @ 11:10 am Class 3 @ 12:10 pm	2 Plant Mobile Class 4 @ 9:10 am Class 5 @ 10:10 am Class 6 @ 11:10 am Class 7 @ 12:10 pm Apples at 3:00 pm	3 Fire Drill	4
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