



September 2025

Welcome to a New School Year at Family of Christ!

We are so excited to be working with you and your child this year! Thank you to all who have helped prepare for the start of school—we deeply appreciate the dedication and support of both our teachers and parents.

At Family of Christ, we believe that children are precious gifts from God, each growing and developing at their own pace—often in ways that go beyond age or grade level. We believe that play is foundational to learning, and that during free choice time, a child's natural curiosity leads them into meaningful learning experiences. Children learn best through play—and they learn from one another as well.

Our goal is to provide an environment rooted in trust, freedom within limits, and Christ-centered love—where children can grow in self-confidence, take initiative, and explore the world around them. Each day is thoughtfully planned to support your child's physical, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual development.

Most importantly, your child will learn that God loves them deeply—and that Jesus loves each of us so much that He gave His life on the cross and rose again to give us victory over sin.

As your child's first and most important teacher, we encourage you to continue these conversations about Jesus at home. Together, we can nurture a strong foundation of faith and love.

We are truly looking forward to a wonderful year together. It is our prayer that your child and your entire family are richly blessed this school year!

With joy and gratitude,

The Family of Christ Preschool & Child Care Team

It's the little things that make smooth days...

To help keep things running smoothly and safely, please take a moment to review the following reminders:

- Sign In & Out:

Please remember to sign your child in at drop-off and out at pick-up. If someone else is dropping off or picking up, make sure they do the same.

- Report Absences:

If your child will be absent, please let us know by emailing the school office at absenceline@foclutheran.org.

- Stay Connected with REMIND:

Be sure to sign up for the REMIND app with your child's teacher to easily communicate and receive classroom updates and photos.

- Bathroom & Handwashing:

For older toddlers and preschoolers, please have your child use the bathroom and wash hands either before leaving home or upon arriving at school. This helps prevent accidents and reduce the spread of germs in our classrooms.



Picture Days at Family of Christ October 7, 8, 9, & 10, 2025

We're excited to welcome LifeTouch Photography back again this year for school pictures!
Please review the schedule below based on your child's program:

CHILD CARE – Tuesday, October 7

Most children enrolled in Family of Christ Child Care will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, October 7.

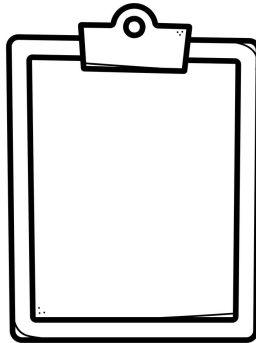
- If your child attends on a different day, we kindly ask that you bring them in on Tuesday for their photo before dropping them off in their classroom.

PRESCHOOL – October 8, 9, & 10

Children in Family of Christ Preschool will have their photos taken on October 8, 9, or 10, during their regular class time.

- If your child attends more than one class, their picture will be taken in the first class they attend that week.

Please watch your child's mailbox for more information and ordering details coming soon!
Thank you for helping us capture these sweet moments in your child's journey!

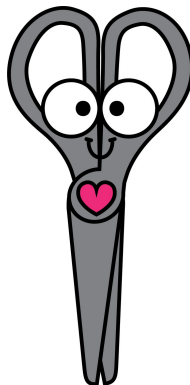


Missing Forms Reminder

Please submit any missing forms for your child's file as soon as possible.

The State of Minnesota requires that all health and enrollment forms be on file within 30 days of your child's start date. Children may not attend if the required forms have not been received by that deadline.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter! If you have any questions or need additional copies of forms, please let us know.



A Huge Thank You!

To everyone who helped with cutting projects, cleaning, playdough, and gooey goo making—thank you so much!

We truly couldn't have done it without your time, creativity, and helping hands. Your support makes a big difference and is so appreciated!



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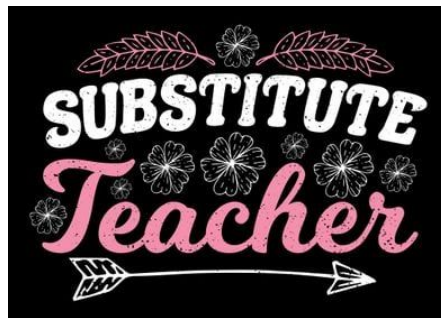
If you have a prayer request, we would love to pray for you!

Please fill out a Prayer Request Form located by the magnetic board in the entryway. Our staff regularly lifts up families in prayer, and it's our joy to support you in this way.

If you would also like the Family of Christ Church community to join in praying, simply let your child's teacher know.

We are blessed to walk with you and your family in faith!

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.
Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done."
Philippians 4:6



Interested in Subbing?

Are you—or someone you know—interested in being part of our substitute list?

We're looking for caring, dependable individuals who would be willing to occasionally sub in our preschool or childcare classrooms. This is a great opportunity to support our staff and serve our amazing kids in a flexible way!

If you'd like more information, please reach out to our directors:

- Preschool: Mary Hiller – mhiller@foclutheran.org
- Childcare: Katie Norby – knorby@foclutheran.org

We'd love to connect with you!



Scholastic Book Clubs Are Back!

We're excited to partner with Scholastic Book Clubs again this year!

By ordering through Scholastic, you'll have access to a wide selection of expertly curated, affordable books—perfect for building your home library, strengthening your child's reading skills, and creating special moments of quality time together.

Books are available for all age groups, including:

- Infants & toddlers
- Preschoolers
- Elementary-aged children

Every order also helps our school earn free books and learning materials!

Happy reading!



September Birthdays
God's Blessings to You!

Blakely Borstner

Ruby Brozek

Henry Carpenter

Graham Dickman

Noah Dinh

Wyatt Dinh

Hazel Fluth

Noelle Gominsky

Harlyn Greig

Iroh Harrison

Jayden Hislop

Sema Korman

Levi Mathis

Finnley Miller

Nora Norman

Riggins Oldenburger

Callan Prokosch

Hazel Schultz

Ryder Scovill

Elias Xiong



Openings Available at Family of Christ Preschool & Childcare!

We still have a few openings available in both Family of Christ Preschool and Childcare for the upcoming school year!

Additionally, there are limited spots in our Preschool Before and After Care program—perfect for families needing a longer day or for children who simply want more time to play and explore!

If you're interested or have questions, please reach out soon—spaces are filling quickly!



Did you know that Family of Christ Child Development Center is 4 Star Parent Aware rated?

What a Four-Star Rating Means:

That our program commits to ongoing quality improvement by using most of these best practices:

- Responds to unique cultural customs and needs of children and families
- Offers activities that encourage family participation and help children transition to kindergarten
- Gives families opportunities to provide feedback about the program
- Shares child development updates with families to set goals together
- Makes accommodations for children with special needs and their families
- Has highly-qualified and trained leadership staff, teachers, and providers
- Creates a program-wide professional development plan
- Encourages healthy living through nutrition and physical activity, always evaluating to set goals for growth

If you are interested in learning more about Parent Aware or getting free tools and resources for your family, here is the Parent Aware website:

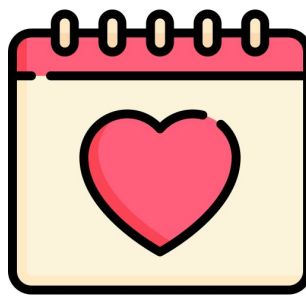
<https://www.parentaware.org/families/#/>

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Childcare Closed Preschool Closed	2 Preschool Cleaner Training 10 am Preschool Teacher Prep if needed	3 Preschool Parent Child 1/2 Day 9-10:30 am Classes 1, 2, 3, & 4	4 Preschool Parent Child 1/2 Day 9-10:30 am Classes 5, 6, 7, & 8	5 Preschool Parent Child 1/2 Day 9 am -10:30 am Classes 10, 11 & 12	6
7 9 am Worship 10:130am Worship Online or In Person	8 Regular Preschool Classes Begin	9 Regular Preschool Classes Begin	10	11	12 Regular Preschool Classes Begin	13
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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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2025 Childcare Closed Holidays

August 29 – Childcare Staff Policy Training and Review
September 1 – Labor Day
October 17 – Close at 4pm for Childcare Staff Meeting
November 26 – Parent Teacher Conferences
November 27 – Thanksgiving
November 28 – Thanksgiving Break
December 24 – Childcare Closed
December 25 – 26 Christmas Break
December 31 – Childcare Closed
January 1 – Childcare Closed
January 2 - Childcare Resumes

2026 Childcare Closed Holidays

January 1 – New Year's Day
January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr Day – Childcare Staff Meetings and Online Training
February 16 – President's Day – Staff Online Training
March 5 – No Preschool or Childcare
March 6 - MN South District Early Childhood Conference
April 2 – Close at 4pm for Parent Teacher Conferences
April 3 – Good Friday & Parent Teacher Conferences
April 6 – Easter Monday
May 22 – Childcare Closed Childcare Curriculum Planning, Cleaning, and Online Training
May 25 – Memorial Day
July 3 – Independence Day Observed
September 4 – Childcare Staff Policy Training and Review
September 7 – Labor Day
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



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