

*The Mission of Faith Child Care, Inc.: "to provide quality Christian child care for families of the Fox Valley community in a nurturing environment that fosters developmentally appropriate growth."*

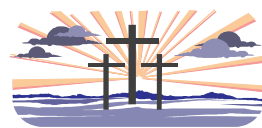
**Notes from the Director ...**

As I begin my twelfth year as director of Faith Child Care, I am once again reminded of how blessed I am that God has placed me in this position. The smiles and hugs from the children (and adults) brighten my days so much, and I hope that I have in some small way helped the children of Faith learn about God's love for them. I am so grateful to the parents, staff, Board of Directors and staff of Faith Lutheran Church for their ongoing support and encouragement.

We welcome Miss Tammy Eagles to our Center. Tammy is a graduate of Concordia University and is working as a substitute teacher. Please take a minute to introduce yourself when you see her.

I am in the beginning stages of planning for our Summer Program. With the addition of school-aged children for the summer, there are many changes that take place in our classrooms. If you know that your child's schedule will be changing for the summer months, please let me know as soon as possible.

Blessings, Miss Sandy



**MARCH  
2010**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Hat Day Dr. Seuss' birthday	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Vande Walle's candy bar form due	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> "Miss" Carol's birthday	<b>8</b> Mr. Shane visits Willows & Grhpprs.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Vande Walle's Candy Fund-raiser ends	<b>11</b> Willows & Eagles vision screening	<b>12</b> Beach Day	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Staff Inservice at 5:45 PM	<b>17</b> Green Day- St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Willows & Eagles visit Bubolz Nature Cntr.	<b>25</b> Jelly Bean Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> "Miss" Lynn's birthday
<b>28</b> Palm Sunday	<b>29</b> Make a necklace day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

Greetings from the PAC, The weather turned out to be nicer than expected on Saturday, February 6th. We had about 15 families show up throughout the event, and everyone said they enjoyed having the hot chocolate to keep them warm.

The PAC is looking ahead to spring (who isn't) and some of our annual events. The Week of the Young Child, which is April 12-16. It's a week that features fun activities for the kids

and includes a special evening event during the week.

We are also starting to plan for Teacher Appreciation Week, which is May 3-7. In the past we have showed our appreciation to the teachers and staff with treats throughout the week. We parents are proud of the teachers at Faith and look forward every year to recognizing all they do for our children. We welcome Jana Schreiber to the PAC! She is the mother of Elise in the Caterpillar room and Lydia in the Willow room. We are so excited

you are joining us!

We are looking for more new members as some of them will be leaving us as their children go off to Kindergarten. If you would like to join the PAC, our next meeting is Thursday, April 8th at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting at Paradise Island for food, fun and fellowship (and a meeting)! Please join us!!

**The PAC members:** Jennifer Dordel, Barb Dvoracek, Brenda Dvorak, Julie Gilkay, Marsha Kasper, Michelle Landsverk, Julia Middleton, Jana Schreiber and Megan Wheeler

*March Curriculum...* This month we will be focusing on Lent and Easter, that Jesus died and rose again for us. The children will be learning about our Savior's suffering, death and resurrection. They will use symbols of Easter (crosses, lilies, butterflies, baskets and colored eggs) in different ways. The month of March brings thoughts of Spring and Spring weather. During the month the children will be learning that warmer weather is on its way. On Monday, March 17th we are hoping that the leprechaun will pay us a visit and leave us some yummy treats. Our community helpers for March will be doctors and nurses. We will learn how they help us to stay healthy and how we can do things at home and at school to stay healthy.

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### SUNBEAMS

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God has forgiven you."

Ephesians 4:23

The days seem to fly by. It is March already! Soon we will be welcoming the spring rain and wind. We are thankful that all the illnesses that have been going around are milder in our room. We continue to watch the children grow and learn as they crawl, roll over and, yes, take those first tentative steps. We have some children that love to sing and some that just go, go, go. We look forward to some buggy rides outside soon! We say goodbye to Jenna as she moves to the Moonbeam room.

Please check cubbies for size and weather appropriate clothes. Just a reminder to always keep a warm coat and hat here.

The Sunbeams,  
"Miss" Linda and "Miss" Carol

### MOONBEAMS

"Jesus, may our hearts be burning, with more fervent love for you! May our eyes be ever turning, to behold your cross a-new." ~Hymn  
March is definitely coming in like a lion! Let's hope it goes out like a lamb! We had a busy February in the Moonbeam room. We painted with white gooey foam, played with fun things in our sensory table, crawled through groundhog tunnels and read a lot of books! Some of us are learning to walk and are drinking whole milk!

We have a lot of things planned for March. We will be playing with shamrocks, eating green Jell-o and playing in potato flakes in our sensory table.

We sadly say goodbye to Melita and Brendan as they move on to new adventures in the Bumblebee room. We warmly welcome Jenna and her family to the Moonbeam room.

**A few reminders:**

- ◆ Please remember to wash your child's hands when they arrive in the morning.
- ◆ Make sure to label bottles with first and last names, including tops.
- ◆ Check cubbies to make sure all extra clothes are size appropriate.

Have an excellent March, "Miss" Rachel and Miss Mary

### BUMBLEBEES

"Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains poured for me the life blood from His sacred veins." ~Hymn "Glory Be to Jesus"  
Good luck to Elise and her family as she ventures off to the Caterpillar room. We will miss your laughter and giggles. We welcome Thomas and his family to our room. We will have a lot of fun adventures together. Please remember to keep bringing outside clothes for your child. Hopefully, with spring coming, we'll get some warmer days to get out.

Our themes for the month were Groundhogs Day, shadows, Valentine's Day, love, colors: red and pink, mail and mail carriers, dentists and teeth, Presidents and nutrition.

During the first week, we talked about groundhogs and shadows. We painted with brown paint and a block and made a paper plate groundhog. In our sensory table we played with brown paper, rice and magnets. We also played with flashlights, puppets and did some shadow dancing.

The next week, we played with valentines, paper hearts, and red cellophane in the sensory table. We painted with sweetened condensed milk, made handprint roses and a handprint heart. We read "I Love You Through and Through," did the Valentine hop, and sang songs.

Next, we talked about postal workers. We painted with cups, stamped on paper and delivered valentines. We played dress up with backpacks, bags and purses and then delivered mail.

The last week, we talked about our teeth and about presidents. We painted with a toothbrush and dental floss and made Lincoln's log cabin. In the sensory table, we played with packing peanuts, beans and cups, Lincoln logs and magnetic blocks. We sang "I'm a Happy Smile" and practiced our tumbling, marching and jumping!

Think Spring! God Bless, Miss Joan and the Bumblebees

**Printouts for child care fees paid in 2009 are available in the office for each family. If you need a copy for tax purposes, please see Miss Sandy or “Miss” Lori.**

**CATERPILLARS**

“He spreads snow like a blanket.” Psalm 147:16

We had a busy month. The Caterpillars made groundhog stick puppets during the first week. The Caterpillars had fun crawling in and out of cloth tunnels like groundhogs. It was so much fun finding our shadows and playing with flashlights in the dark. The second week the Caterpillars learned about Valentine’s Day. We glued conversation hearts on a big paper heart, sponge painted a heart for Jesus, and played with crinkle paper and foam hearts in our sensory table. During our Valentine’s party, we played a game, blindfolded, to tape a nose on a heart. We exchanged valentines and ate yummy treats. Next, we learned about mail carriers. We made stamp collages and played with the post office prop box. We loved sitting in boxes and singing “I’ve Been Driving In My Mail Truck.” We also had scales to weigh our letters and packages. The last week, we learned about our teeth. We painted with toothbrushes, looked at our teeth in mirrors, glued marshmallows on paper mouths and played “Find the Missing Tooth” game. The Caterpillars did get outside a few times to play in the snow.

Happy Winter,  
The Caterpillars, “Miss” Lynn, “Miss” Dawn and Miss Lo

**BEAVERS**

“God loves me, yes-sir-ree!”

The Beavers had a lovely February! We started out the month learning about groundhogs. We played in groundhog burrows and ate a “dirt cup” treat! Next, we had a week of Valentine fun! We had fun playing pin your name on the heart and matching hearts by size. Of course, we had fun making our valentine bags for our party too! We had fun eating all our yummy treats and exchanging valentines at our party. We would like to thank all families that brought us treats for our party. Then we learned about mail carriers and dentists. We enjoyed delivering mail on bikes and making a thank you card for our mail carrier. We also made Beaver silhouettes and had fun guessing who’s who. The last week of the month we did fairy tale activities. We painted with a “dinglehopper” and played “knight, knight, dragon.” Please remember to have appropriate clothes here, and have everything labeled. We will be going outside as much as possible in the next months.

Good Luck in March!  
Miss Brianna and Miss Mary Heil

**GRASSHOPPERS**

February has come and gone so quickly. We have been so busy having fun with the focus of being like Christ and practicing being loving, gentle and kind to our friends. This class has grown so much in their understanding and ability and has been so much fun to teach and I praise God for them and how much joy they bring to me each day! They have been such good friends with each other and share in each others joys and sorrow. They are so compassionate!

They have really been interested in the “deeper” Biblical lessons of Jesus’ love and how only He can wash away our sins. Children have a natural love for Jesus and pleasing Him and we need to capture that and help them to keep Him close to them.

I look forward to sharing the signs of spring and, of course, the Easter story this month to help the children understand how much Jesus loved us and what He did to set us free from the wages of sin. We’ll begin the month with caring for the bodies God gave us and do a dental and doctor unit.

Happy Spring, “Miss” Lana and “Miss” Joan D.

**OPERATION OUTREACH**

We did it! We collected over \$100 for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. A HUGE thank to everyone who donated. Please watch your parent pocket at the end of March for our next Operation Outreach. If you have any questions or suggestions about this or future Operation Outreach collections, please talk with “Miss” Lori. Thank you for all of your support!

# Spring Fundraiser

Our Vande Walle's fundraiser is now in progress. The candy bar slip needs to be turned in by Friday, March 5th. Only order the amount you think you can sell; you will be responsible for collecting the \$40.00 for each box.

The tally form and money for the assorted candy are due in the office on Wednesday, March 10th. We will earn a 50% profit on everything we sell. We made over \$1,200 last year!

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## WILLOWS

"We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him." Romans 8:28

The Willows started the month with groundhogs and shadows. We used flashlights to make shadows of different kinds of animals on the wall. We also pretended to be groundhogs crawling through the tunnel. The next week, we talked about Valentine's Day and loving our friends. We made a red piñata for our party. We also blended red, white and purple on our milk filter hearts. Our Valentine's party was a big success. We played games, ate snacks and passed out valentines. Thank you to all the parents that donated food and brought in valentines.

Letters, Letters everywhere coming in the mail. We had a lot of cards, postcards and pizzas (hearts) that came in the mail to our Willow friends. We received letters from as far as Arizona and Florida and several from the great state of Wisconsin. We loved singing our songs about colored letters going in the white mailbox.

Mr. Shane came to teach us about owls. We hooted like owls and made our own owl puppets.

Learning how to brush our teeth and what a dentist does is how we ended our month. We painted with toothbrushes and made our own toothpaste. The dental hygienist visited us to teach us about cavities and plaque. She even gave us toothbrushes and toothpaste!

This month we are celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will learn about doctors and nurses and how they help us to stay healthy. The room will turn green during the week of St. Patrick's day. The last weeks of March will be devoted to Easter and counting down the days when our Lord and Savior gave his life for us and rejoicing when he rose.

Have a great month! "Miss" Tammy and Miss Debby

## EAGLES

The Eagles had a fun-filled February. Thank you to everyone who brought treats to our Valentine's Day party. Our four featured Eagle reporters this month are Liam, Ella, Amelia and Alysen.

Liam reporting on groundhogs and hibernation week: "I absolutely loved making the pop-up groundhog and putting stuffies in the hibernation cave."

Ella reporting on Valentine's Day week: "I liked making a valentine for my relatives and walking to the blue mailbox to mail them. Playing Valentine Bingo was fun too."

Amelia reporting on S,s and nutrition week: My favorite was painting pretty sunflowers and adding tasty sunflower seeds. Sledding with my friends at Erb Park was the best.

Alysen reporting on T,t, teeth and dentist week: I liked brushing the set of big teeth and learning about taking care of my teeth.

Next month, we will enjoy a trip Bubolz to learn about maple syrup, have vision screenings and have mischievous visits from the leprechaun. "Miss" Karen, "Miss" Mandy, "Miss" Sally and the Eagles

**Dates to Remember:** Please bring an object or list of words for the letter of the week.

Mar. 1- 5- Alysen, Star of the Week, Letter Uu, Spring Weather

Mar. 8-12- Amelia, Star of the Week, Letter Vv, Dr. Seuss and Eric Carle (favorite authors)

Mar. 15-19- Marin, Star of the Week, Letter Ww, St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 22-26- Owen W., Star of the Week, Letter Xx, Maple syrup, Spring