

# Calvary Lutheran Christian



## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



February 2019

### *Important Dates To Remember! Plan Ahead!*

- \* Preschool children are singing in church on Sunday, February 10. They will sing at the end of the 8:15 service and the beginning of the 9:30 service. Please join us if you can! (see note that came home in your child's folder)
- \* Valentine Party days are Wednesday, February 13 and Thursday, February 14. Please send valentines that are signed only—not addressed to individual students.
- \* **No School** on Friday, February 15 or Monday, February 18 (Preschool is NOT having a makeup day as the public school is.) Child care is available for enrolled children.
- \* Conferences are on Wednesday evening March 6 and Thursday, March 7.
- \* **No School** on Thursday, March 8 or Friday, March 9. Child care is available for enrolled children.

*Pre-registration for the school year 2019-20 will begin on Monday, March 11 for currently enrolled children and their siblings. It will close on Friday, March 29. Watch for the forms and letters to come home in your child's folder (Orange and Blue groups—if a purple group sibling plans on attending, see Joan for the forms). Our open house will be on Thursday, April 4, when we will begin pre-registration for the general public.*



Dr. Seuss' birthday is in the month of March! To celebrate, the children will be having green eggs and ham at school on Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1.

**Dental Health Lesson** ~ In February your child will get to participate in a dental health presentation. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn about things related to their teeth and good dental hygiene. Here is part of an article from Colgate on brushing and flossing. Begin using toothpaste to brush your child's teeth when he (or she) is 2 years old. Young children tend to swallow toothpaste when brushing, rather than spitting it out. Introduce fluoride toothpaste when your child is old enough not to swallow it. As soon as two teeth touch each other, floss between them once a day. You can use regular floss or special plastic floss holders.

**Preschool Open House  
Thursday, April 4 from 6-7 pm**

This is for those friends you know who have future Preschoolers so please help spread the word! Pre-registration for the general public begins on this date.

Please remember to check your child's backpack regularly as there are many creations and updates your child and teacher would like to share with you. There also might be a few soggy mittens and some wet snow pants in there to dry as well!



**Scholastic book order forms are out!!**

Book orders are due February 27. There are many great children's books to choose from. Instructions and ordering due date are included with the order form. **We earn points for every dollar spent so we can purchase books for our preschool library!**

**March Against Hunger**

The month of March is *Minnesota Food Share* month. We will do our part by donating food to our classrooms for the Bemidji Food Shelf. This is a wonderful time to teach your child the importance of sharing what we have with others less fortunate.



*Suggestions of items to donate:* peanut butter and canned goods (veggies, baked beans, soups, tuna, fruit), cold cereal, rice, household supplies and personal care items. Be watching for the donation boxes to be out during the month of March!

Thank you to all those who came out on a chilly evening to our pancake and pajama night! We served over 90 people and had fun with various activities in the classrooms!

The preschool staff enjoyed seeing families and sharing time with them!

**Early Childhood is Not School Readiness**

Early childhood programs—especially those serving children birth to Kindergarten—should not be viewed as the first rung of the educational ladder (formal education should begin in the first grade).

Instead, programs that serve children birth to age six should focus on the view of school readiness popular before the current focus on academics, and characterized by the idea of developing social competence as a major goal for preschool. The foundation for this approach is the belief that each individual child's natural development and predispositions to learning should be at the center of everything we do.

Programs should focus on play, exploration of the arts, creating a classroom community, use of the outdoors, movement, and the use of integrated approaches to learning.

*Except from Exchange Magazine article (a magazine for early childhood professionals)*