

CHRISTIAN DAY NURSERY SCHOOL  
FOUR YEAR-OLDS  
APRIL NEWSLETTER



**Welcome Spring!**

It's hard to believe that it is April already! We are certainly ready for warm weather. We plan on taking advantage of it by possibly playing outside on nice days.

**Grandparent's Day**

Traditionally the 4's have invited grandparents or special adult friends to attend a day of class with them. We will send home the information for grandparent's day when it gets a little closer. It is scheduled for May 16th. Morning class arriving at 9, and afternoon class at 12:30. We will have activities for 2 to 2 1/2 hours for class that day. If you have questions please let us know.

**Singing in Church**

Another CDNS tradition is to invite students to come to a church service to sing as a group for the congregation. This year we will have this event on Sunday April 21 at the 10:30 service. The children will be called up to the front during the service to sing some of the songs they have learned this year.

**Trike-A-Thon**

During the month of May, we will be studying bike safety with Bikewell Bear and Pedals the Bunny (St. Jude Mascots). On Friday May 10 you are invited to bring your child with a bicycle and helmet to ride the safety course in our parking lot. Please plan on attending for 20 minutes or so (Between 9-10:30) whether you collect pledges or not. The children will learn valuable safety lessons and have a good time! Someone must stay with your child to take them around the course.

**Imaginary Trip to Mexico**

During the month of April, we will be learning about the country of Mexico. We will learn about the Mexican people and their traditions. We will even learn some Spanish words. When the unit is completed, we will celebrate with an "imaginary" trip to Mexico on May 9th! Please check your child's folder and watch for more information to be sent home about our "trip" Also, we will be asking for some donations to make this day extra fun.

Thanks again to all of our families for your support throughout this year!

Mrs. Perry and Ms. Weilnau

**Important Dates**

**March 29– April 8: Spring Break**

**April 9: Return to school**

**April 21: Singing in Church**

**May 9: Trip to Mexico**

**May 10: Trike-A-Thon**

**May 16 :Grandparent's Day**

**May 21: Last Day of School**

**May 22: Class Picnic**

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It was so good to see everyone come out to Open House and Art Show. The children did such a great job.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Chili Cook-off and SuzinL Easter Candy fundraisers. These profits will help update classroom equipment.

There is a lot coming up at CDNS this spring!!! Please look for the Children Singing in church and a ice cream social following the service on April 21, Law Enforcement visit, St. Jude Research Hospital Trike-a Thon, school picnics and a calendar full of fun.

Michelle Schaffer,  
CDNS Director



### Large Motor and Music

**Large Motor** – Students will be working on eye-hand coordination skills, as we work with our hands, racquets and bats. If the weather is nice, we will be going outside for large motor classes this spring.

**Music** – Jody Chaffee, from the Firelands Symphony Orchestra, had to cancel her presentation with us last month due to a death in the family. We have rescheduled her for Monday, April 29 for all the morning classes at 10:30 and afternoon classes at 1:00.

**Body Systems** – This month will understand about the Urinary System. When we drink fluids: where does it go in the body, why is it important to drink fluids and how do we get rid of our waste water?

Thank you,  
Becky Parcher

## TEMPLE TALK

Hope everyone had a beautiful Easter!

During April we will continue with the Easter Story, hear about Jesus' ascension into heaven and about the Holy Spirit coming down on Jesus' disciples. We will also practice the songs we will sing in church.

Big Reminder! Sunday, April 21 is the day we are asking you to bring your child to the 10:30 church service here at St. Peter. This is their time to sing for the congregation as a thank you for our school. There will be an ice cream social afterwards.

*Blessings, Krista*

### *St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church*

On April 8, we will have the once-in-a-lifetime experience of witnessing a total solar eclipse right here in the greater Norwalk area. We have been told to expect many extra people in our city and the attendant complications that will bring. At St. Peter, we have been planning an event for that day and hope to provide a safe, family-friendly place to observe the eclipse. Our Eclipse Task Force has spent many hours planning all the details and we are looking forward to implementing our plans. (*You are welcome to join us. Go to [www.stpeter-elca.org](http://www.stpeter-elca.org) for registration details.*)

This eclipse is a new way for us to see and marvel at God's creative power. In scripture we hear how God created the moon, the sun, and the stars. Through science we have begun to understand how perfectly all these heavenly bodies work together, moving in harmony, providing structure and order to the universe, to our world, and in our lives.

Whatever plans you might have for the eclipse, be sure to take some time to feel the wonder and awe of God's power and majesty as it is revealed in this unique cosmic event.

And happy Easter!

Pastor Ann

### **Hippo Song**

(Tune: Old MacDonald)

In the beginning God made the sea

And the forest filled with trees.

He made the mountains up so high

And up above he made the sky.

His fingerprints are everywhere

Just to show how much he cares.

And in the end he had lots of fun, He made a  
hippo that weighs a ton.

Hippo, hippopotamus

Hip-hip hooray God made all of us.

Hippo, hippopotamus

Hip-hip hooray God made all of us.

### **I am a child of God**

(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)

God created the sun

God created the sea

God created everything

And God created me

Refrain

I am a child of God I am very special 'cause

I am a child of God.

God created the stars

God created the moon

God created everything

And God created you.

Refrain

### **I Am Special**

(tune: Frere Jacques)

Did you know that I am special?

Yes I am. To God above.

I am very special, I am very special

And I'm loved, By God above.

### **My God is so Big**

My God is so big,

So strong and so mighty.

There's nothing my God can not do!

My God is so big,

So strong and so mighty.

There's nothing my God can not do!

The mountains are His.

The valleys are His.

The stars are his handiwork too!

My God is so big,

So strong and so mighty.

There's nothing my God can not do for  
you!!

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	<b>Spring Break Happy Easter</b>					
7 T	8 Solar Eclipse NO SCHOOL	9 Tulip Painting	10 Kites	11 Pinwheels	12	13
14 U	15 Intro to Mexico	16 Making Mexican Serapes	17	18 Dandelion Painting	19	20
21 V	22 Cactus Painting	23 Make a wish on a Dandelion	24	25 No School Teacher Day	26	27
28 W	29 Making the Pinata	30 Mexican Maracas				