



# I know that I am loved at...Monthly News

## REGISTRATION INFO FOR FALL 2023-2024

Great News! We added 4 more days to our school year calendar in 2023-2024! Current student and sibling registration opened the week of November 28. Paperwork went home with your child along with a brochure. Please share it with family and friends who are looking for a preschool. Word-of-mouth is still the most effective way we fill our rosters and our greatest compliment! Thank you for your loyalty and support of this preschool ministry.

Currently enrolled students are guaranteed a spot in our program, siblings are placed next, then church members, alumni, & wait list families, followed by the public. Once public registration opens on January 9, we may not be able to guarantee you a spot in our program. Please turn in your registration form and fee ASAP! The non-refundable in-house registration fees are \$180 for your first child and \$85 for each sibling. We won't deposit your fee until January. See the registration letter for more details. Welcome back!

The registration form is also available on our website—click [here](#). ♥

Public Tours & Registration will begin Jan 9, 2023. ♥

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT FAITH CHURCH

Join Faith United for their Christmas services and events. Visit [Faith Church](#) for more information and service times. ♥

## SHOE BOXES OF JOY— THANK YOU



Thank you to those families who donated Shoe Boxes full of JOY! We collected so many boxes to help our elder population through Catholic Family Services. Your generosity has helped many folks have a special holiday! ♥

## LAST SPOT TO FILL

We still have a spot left in our PreK program for this current year—Please feel free to send any referrals our way! We would love to fill the class! ♥

## COFFEE CONNECTIONS

Join us in the lobby for a quick cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and meet up with class friends to say, 'hi' and maybe make plans for a playdate. Stop by right after drop-off.



### Dates:

December 1	January 3 & 5
February 7 & 9	March 7 & 9
April 4 & 6	May 2 & 4

## JACKET DONATIONS

If your child has outgrown their coat or jacket, please consider donating to the Preschool. Our current supply is getting very low in sizes 3T, 4T and 5T for both genders. Plus, we are still in need of shirts in the same sizes mentioned above. Thank you for those families who have already answered our call last month for spare clothes. ♥

## FRIENDSHIP HOUR ON HIATUS

Friendship Hour will resume in March—May 2023. ♥

## 2022 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—Jesus: Light of the World

You are cordially invited to join your child, staff, Pastor Ric and our pianist, Emily Cowhill for the best 15 minutes of holiday joy on Tuesday, December 6 @ 10 AM. Our students have been rehearsing since mid November and can't wait to perform for you so don't forget your cameras!



### Logistics:

- \* Please have your child dress in festive holiday wear or Christmas colors
- \* Drop off as usual at 9:30 AM
- \* Our M/TH Bunnies, please drop your Bunny off at 9:45 AM to the classroom
- \* Parents and family members please find your seat in the Sanctuary after drop-off
- \* The T/F Bunnies, Tigers, Hippos & Lions will be returning to their class after the program
- \* The M/TH Bunny parents please stay in the Sanctuary and collect your Bunny from their teachers
- \* Enjoy the holiday magic! ♥

## WEATHER

Please make sure your child comes to school with closed-toed shoes and warm outerwear.

Please Note: If ISD is closed or delayed due to inclement weather, we will be closed for the day. Likewise, if our parking lot or surrounding streets poses a hazard, we will be closed regardless of ISD situations. Safety is our #1 concern for you, our students and our staff. Please check our website by 8:30 AM for updates. ♥

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## **Dear Preschool Families:**

*To all of our families who have taken on a new and for some a known role in being parents with children being educated outside of the home; we know it hasn't been easy and we are grateful to you all for your partnership, support and love. Thank you for sharing God's love with us as we inspire and nurture your child, and for being the role model your child needs you to be.*

*The staff and I want to wish all of you **Peace, Love, Hope** and **Joy** this Holy Season! Kathryn Aitchison, Director ITBP ♥*



**November 29 & December 1**—Tour for current families to visit their child's class for the 2023-24 school year. 10 AM in the lobby.

### **DECEMBER 2022**

- 12/1 Tuition due
- 12/6 Christmas Program @ 10 AM
- 12/8 PJ & Movie Day @ 12:15 PM
- 12/12 Christmas Break Begins
- 12/25 **Merry Christmas**

### **JANUARY 2023**

- 1/1 **Happy New Year**
- 1/3 Welcome Back to School & Tuition Due
- 1/3 & 5 Coffee Connections
- 1/9 Public Registration begins
- 1/16 No School—MK Day
- 1/10 Registration for Church, Alumni & Waitlist
- 1/13 Public Registration and Tours begin
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Day—no school
- 1/21 Community Preschool Fair-Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church 10-12 pm

## LEGEND of the CANDY CANE

A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the church, and firmness of the promises of God.

The candy maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our savior. It also represents the staff of the "Good Shepherd" with which He reaches down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker stained it with red stripes. He used the tree small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Jesus on the Cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life, if only we put our faith and trust in Him.

Unfortunately, the candy became known as a Candy Cane - a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. But the meaning is still there for those who "have eyes to see and ears to hear".

