



# Easter Preschool Noteworthy News

*Providing a quality educational experience for preschool  
Children in a Christian context and gentle living environment*  
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## From the Director

Welcome to the start of our 25th year of preschool. I have had the honor of being the Director since the beginning. The joy I receive on a daily basis is beyond comparison. I know how lucky I am to say I've loved my job for 25 years! A big reason for that is the people who walk through the preschool doors each year. The staff gives their heart and soul to make this a great experience for your children. The church supports the work we do. The parents put their trust in the process and allow us to be your children's first teachers. The kids, with their effortless enthusiasm, learn, discover and grow. Thank you for allowing us to touch more lives (and for enriching ours) as we begin the 25th year!

Communication is important to us. Daily reminders and the snack menu will be written on the white board near my desk. The teachers will come out at the end of the school-day and give you a snapshot of what happened in the classroom that day. I will send emails with important reminders at least every two weeks. Please let me know if you aren't receiving emails and would like to. I will also send a newsletter home each month. The back of the newsletter will have a calendar of events that includes themes and special events. I will post some pictures on Facebook. It is our hope that by using a variety of communication tools, you feel well informed.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions along the way. After doing this for 25 years, things that are new to you may seem like old-hat to us. We want you to be as comfortable in this place as we are each and every day!

Here's to a great year!

- Alicia



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facebook.com/EasterPreschool

## Preschool Phone Number

Easter Preschool is using Google Voice to direct preschool texts and phone calls. Please use the number **651.217.8277** to contact Easter Preschool. Text is most convenient, but use what is most comfortable for you. When calling the preschool, please leave a voicemail and someone will respond, if a response is needed.

## Activity Fee

A one-time fee of \$35 is due on October 1 and can be added to your tuition payment. This fee pays for the bus trips, field trip expenses and additional instructors. You will need to write a separate check, or instruct me to draw from your account, if you are using Simply Giving to pay tuition. It isn't figured into these payments.

## In the Memo Line

Please include your child's name and class session in the memo line when writing a check for tuition, lunch bunch or Scholastic book orders.

## Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic book ordering is an easy and inexpensive way to start your child's love for literature. Easter Preschool will provide you with Scholastic's flier about once a month. Orders may be placed on-line using the class activation code GL4M8 or by bringing the order and check to Easter.

## Snacks

If your child has special dietary needs, we want to work with you to keep them safe and healthy. Please let us know how we can help. No outside food will be allowed in the classrooms without prior approval. As much as possible, children will be served a healthy snack of fruits or vegetables. When there are two food groups served, water will be the drink. The teacher and children sit together so the teacher can encourage trying new foods and engage in conversation.

## MOPS

Looking for some quality "me" time? Moms of Preschoolers are invited to learn more about how to get that time on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning in October. Childcare is provided for a minimal fee. Email [janeanlukes@gmail.com](mailto:janeanlukes@gmail.com) or connect on the Facebook page.

MOMMING IS HARD.  
YOU DESERVE A BREAK.



## Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is offered Monday through Friday from 11:45 - 1:45 and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 - 12:30. Sign-up is done through SignUp Genius. Lunch Bunch costs \$12 per session with punch cards available for \$60 & \$120. Parents provide lunch and the teachers provide more time for free play, large motor activity and a story in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Please remember to sign up one week in advance so we can provide adequate staffing.



## Handwashing

The children should be washing their hands upon entering the preschool building. This will help limit the transfer of germs in the classroom and helps keep the children with allergies safe.



## Volunteer Opportunities

**Classroom Volunteer** - we invite volunteers to be in the classroom during each preschool session. We hope this will be a fun way for you to experience a typical preschool day and to help the teachers during the busy times of preschool. You may assist with art projects, help the children write their names on projects or read to the children. Sign-up sheets are in the notebooks on Alicia's desk.

**Toy Cleaning** - Our kitchen includes a beautiful dishwasher that takes minutes to clean toys. If you'd be willing to be trained on using the dishwasher to help keep our environment clean, please let us know.

**Family Event Planning** - Easter Preschool hosts a family event one or two times a year. If you'd like to help plan these events, let me know! A meeting time will be determined by those who are participating.

**Teacher Lunches** - A Sign-Up Genius link will be included in email reminders. If you are willing to bring in lunch or dessert for the teachers, you may sign-up using the link.

## Easter by the Lake

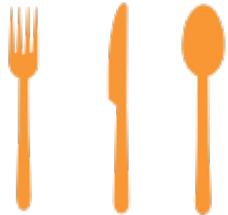
Our fall field trip will be on Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17. The children should be dropped off and picked up at Easter Church, 4545 Pilot Knob Road. Eagan, MN 55122, during their regularly scheduled preschool session. The kids will learn about static electricity and spend time in nature. Please send children with appropriate layers and shoes that can get dirty! Leave the backpacks and umbrellas at home.

## Lifetouch Pictures

Lifetouch will be taking school pictures on Tuesday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 24. There is no obligation to purchase the pictures. We are simply providing this as a service.

## Dates to Remember

A list of the important dates for the school year is posted on the preschool website and will be sent by email. The list includes Halloween parade days, conference days, days off school and so much more.



**Eat with Easter Church!  
Free Community Meals  
Four Nights a Week!**  
5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Monday through Thursdays  
Easter by the Lake  
4545 Pilot Knob Road  
(Pilot Knob & Cliff)

Join us and invite others!

September 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labor Day	4 No School Teacher Inservice	5 7 p.m. Parent Meeting	6 Orientation 10 - 11:30 TTh am 12:30 - 2 MFWTh pm	7 Orientation 10 - 11:30 MWF am 12:30 - 2 MWF pm	8
9 Author Kevin Henkes	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Who's Who?	17 Lunch Bunch begins	18	19	20 7p.m. Annual Preschool Board Meeting	21	22
23 Water	24	25	26	27	28	

## Birthday Celebrations

The classroom teachers will be assigning days for the children to celebrate their birthday and half-birthday. Dates will be posted on the teacher calendar and outside the classroom each month. Please help your child choose a special book to be read in the classroom. The birthday child will also be the special helper, put candles in the birthday cake, and will bring home a new birthday book and pencil. No outside treats are allowed.



## September Birthdays

### Star Room

9/5 Calvin Drews  
9/6 Patrick Jones  
9/9 Mia Hauenstein  
9/11 Bella Johnson  
9/12 Jagger Tindell  
9/19 Carson Schafer  
9/21 Lucas Martinson  
9/29 Amelia Levenhagen

### Sun Room

9/5 Hazel Lukes  
9/6 Ahmad Aqel  
9/6 Mustafa Aqel  
9/6 Elise Nielson  
9/6 Finnegan Voight  
9/24 Bella Bui

