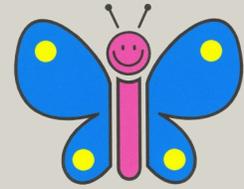




## April Newsletter 2018 Butterfly Class



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Holidays seem so much happier when there are little children in the home. Children sense the anticipation and excitement even though they may not understand what it's all about. And we want to make the holidays as much fun as possible for our children.

Easter is a special holiday for Christians, but the secular world has their own idea on how to celebrate. Christians retell the story of Jesus suffering and death, Jesus' resurrection and the joyous surprise Jesus' followers had when they realized Jesus had indeed come back to life. The secular world focuses on the Easter bunny and what surprises will be found in the eggs he hides and the Easter baskets he brings.

We can't ignore what the children see and hear all around them, but we can make Christ the primary focus in our homes. We'll tell and retell the story of Jesus and all He did for us to make it possible for us to be God's loved and forgiven people.

As we dye eggs and plan for the traditional Easter egg hunt, we can use the colors to tell the story of Easter:

*Red is for the blood He gave; Green is for the grass God made.  
Yellow is for the sun so bright; Orange is for the sky as it gets night.  
Black is for the sins we made; White is for the grace God gave.  
Purple is for Jesus' hour of sorrow; Pink is for our Easter tomorrow.*

As we hunt for the hidden Easter eggs and en-

joy the thrill of finding them, we can tell of Mary's joy when she found out Jesus was alive.

When preparing Easter baskets, include items (e.g., books or games) that tell of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Plan to attend worship services and join fellow worshipers as we share the ancient Easter greeting "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia."

May God fill you and your family with the true joy and excitement of Easter.



**April Birthdays**

Kaden McDonnell

**Memory for April**

He is not here, he has Risen!  
Luke 24:6

**Color for April**

Yellow

**April meal prayer**

Heavenly Father bless this food.  
For our everlasting good.  
AMEN

**Use this prayer before your meals  
at home also.**

**Dates to Remember**

**Kindergarten Roundup** — Mt. Pleasant public will be the week of April 23. Watch your mailboxes at home. Information should be sent directly to you with dates and times. Please let us know your date and time.

**NO SCHOOL March 30--April 3.** Easter Break. First day back will be Wednesday, April 4.

**Friday, April 20—Yellow day.** Wear yellow if you have it!

**Preschool Art Show** — During the month of April, our local Mt. Pleasant library holds a preschool art show. All Son Shine students have art work displayed at the library. Stop by the library and enjoy!

**Library Field Trip—We will be walking to the Library on Friday, April 27.** We will listen to a story or two, eat snack, make a craft, and look around the library. We would welcome anyone who would like to walk with us to please come. A permission slip will come home closer to the date. If you do not want your child to go, please keep them home. We will not have anyone at the school. We will only walk one way. Please pick up your children at the library. Make sure you inform your day care providers where to pick up your children. We will still load the children for them. We will load in the alley on the east side of the library at noon.



**Thursday, May 3—ARK day. Please mark your calendar now. ALL CHILDREN** will come to school this day. We would welcome any parents, grandparents to attend. We will need adult leaders of small groups to take their group around to the different activities. We talk and learn about Noah's Ark. We will listen to the bible story, see how big the ark really was, have crafts, and even have a petting zoo. Please make plans to join us. Younger siblings are welcome to attend with you. Because all children will be attending school on Thursday, **there will be no school on Friday May 4.**

**Friday, May 11** we will be spending the day at the united through play park here in Mt. Pleasant. Children will be dropped off and picked up at the park. Again, we would welcome any adults to come and spend the morning with us. More information will come home closer to the day. Younger siblings are welcome to attend with you.

**Wednesday, May 23—YES celebration** (Your Extra Special end of year celebration) 10:00am. Children are dismissed after the program. Should take no more than one hour. Mark your calendars and get time off from work!!!



**Please keep in your prayers:**

This month please include in your daily prayers:

- Ryker Valadez  
Parents: Ki & Jonhatan
- Hayden Hesseltine  
Parents: Chad & Becky
- Emersen Dodds  
Parents: Jacob & Sarah
- Hadley Freese  
Parents: Renee & Tyler
- Zachariah Smith  
Parents: Kari
- Lucas Forquer  
Parents: Adam & Kim
- Kinnley Forbess  
Parents: Michael & Morgan
- Continue to pray for all the children in your child's class
- Pray for our country and its leaders and the Mt. Pleasant community and school leaders that they make God pleasing decisions.

*Blessed is the nation who's God is the Lord,  
the people whom He has chosen as His  
heritage. Psalm 33:12*



**Offering for April** will be a little different. We will be collecting food for the Fellowship cup here in town. Please send in one food item

(you can send more) with your child on Chapel days (Wednesdays). They can use specifically, but will take anything:

- Canned Fruit, canned meat, canned veggies
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Soup
- Toilet paper
- Boxed meals (like hamburger helper)
- Hygiene products

**Routines for learning**

When parents get involved in learning, children are more successful. Help your children get off to a good start in school by creating habits like these at home:

- **Remind your children of rules** such as “reading before play or television.” This shows them that learning is a top priority. Also, give them a comfortable place to read or draw without distraction.
- **Make time each day to look over school papers with your child.** Be on the lookout for notes from their teachers, and mark important dates on the calendar.
- **Sharing at dinnertime** is an activity that can go beyond passing the platter. Ask your children to think of one new thing they learned during the day. It might spark an interesting conversation among everyone at the table

Remember, **YOU the parents** are the key to your child's success in kindergarten, early elementary school and further! Set up the good habits and routines now! The routines you put in place now will be the routines they continue with as they get older and more responsible for their own education.

## Faith Lutheran Church News

**Divine Service** every Sunday morning at 9:30am. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 8:15. You are always welcome.

**Thursday, March 29, 7:00pm.** —Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion and stripping of the altar. The day commemorating our Lord's institution of His Holy Supper.

**Friday, March 30, 7:00pm**—Good Friday Tenebrae service of darkness. The day our Lord was nailed to the cross, and after His death, placed in the tomb.

**Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday.** You are invited to celebrate our Lord's resurrection with us. Divine Service at 6:30am and 9:30 am. A breakfast will be served between the services.



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Splash Canyon**

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 15-19 — Here at Faith**

**The Lutheran Hour**, airs weekly on 1300 stations and the American Forces Network. Airing nationally since 1930, the Lutheran Hour is one of the world's oldest continually broadcast Christ-centered radio programs. From the show's early years to today, it continues to bring God's changeless Word and offers comfort and hope to millions. Listen to the Lutheran Hour on **KILJ radio 105.5 FM. Sunday mornings beginning at 7:00am.**

These questions and answers are taken from "the Answers Book for Kids" from Answers in Genesis. Check them out at [answersingenesis.org](http://answersingenesis.org). Also, if you ever have any questions, please contact Pastor Scudder at 319-385-8427, or stop in and talk to him! He would love to talk to you!

## Questions from Kids

If I am God's child, then why doesn't He keep me from being sick or hurt here on earth?

*And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away (Revelation 21:4)*

We often ask questions like: "Why am I sick?" "Why do people have to die?" "Why did my pet die?" Well, this is not the way God created the world to be. You see, after God created everything in the universe, He said it was all very good. If the world had stayed this way, nothing bad would ever have happened. But God created Adam with the ability to choose right and wrong. And even though Adam enjoyed everything in the Garden, and was even the head over all the earth, he still chose to do something terribly wrong. He chose to disobey God. Well, God made it clear that if Adam disobeyed Him by eating the fruit from the tree, then he would die. From that very first sin, all living things would have to die.

Sickness is part of dying. And even when you get sick and then get well again, it is still a reminder that the world is no longer "very good," the way God made it, because we all sin against God everyday. But there is great news! If you are God's child and believe in Jesus Christ, the Bible says there will one day be a place that is "very good" again; a place without the sickness and death that comes because of sin.

Other references:

Genesis 1:31;2:17;3:6; Romans 8:22