



# FAITH CHILD CARE & NURSERY SCHOOL

## January 2025 Newsletter

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### REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/2 - FCCNS Re-Opens - Happy New Year!
- 1/13 - 1/24 - Parent Conferences
- 1/11-2/14- West Wing Bathroom Repairs
- 1/20 - PCSD Closed - MLK Day - School-Age here.
- 1/26-2/1- National Lutheran Schools Week
- 1/29 - PCSD Closed- Lunar New Year- School-Age here.

#### Notes from the office...

Please remember to submit Office Change forms for changes to schedules **two weeks** in advance.

### January Birthdays

Oliver	GK	1/11	9
Miss Maria	ALL	1/12	😊
Mathias	FF	1/17	4
Chelsea	FF	1/24	5
Sydney	BF	1/25	3
Mackenzie	BF	1/27	5
McKinley	LB	1/30	2
Vivien	GK	1/31	6

### Happy Birthday Everyone!

**Stop in the office to pick out a new book to take home!**

### Staff Highlights

#### Employee of the Month Bonnie Millen

Miss Bonnie has been with us for 11 years. She has been in every classroom and strives to support the kids and staff while teaching the kids important lessons. Bonnie will be retiring on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. She did not want to make a big deal about her retirement, but it is only right that we



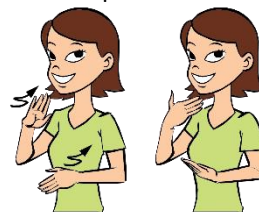
acknowledge her and all she has done for FCCNS. God's Blessing in your retirement, Bonnie. Well done good and faithful servant. Bonnie will be recognized during our late service (10:45am) on FCCNS Sunday 2/2.

### You are invited:

- 1/5 – Noon – Un-Decking the Halls – Removal of the greens, families invited & lunch provided.
- 1/31 – Coffee House, 7 p.m., desserts & entertainment by Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY).
- 2/2 – FCCNS Sunday – recognition of FCCNS staff and ministry, 10:45 service

### American Sign Language – Signs of the Month

**Happy** – Take your open hand (or both hands) and brush up your chest a couple of times.



**New** - open slightly bent hand (right) scoop up from flat horizontal left hand.



**Year** – right fist circles and lands on left fist.



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## Classroom News

**January monthly curriculum:** Theme: Winter  
**Word:** Kind **Shape:** Triangle **Color:** Red

### Little Lambs – Miss Faith, Miss Karen & Miss Irene

Happy New Year all! We will be saying good-bye to Iris as she moves up to The Ladybugs. We will continue to work on our motor skills. Our letters this month will be I and J. Our class will be going for walks and to the Big Room and continuing to learn sign language.

### Lady Bugs - Miss Laura

Goodbye 2024, Hello to 2025. We will continue to go outside, please make sure your child has all their snow gear here at school. We will learn about the season of winter and continue to talk about colors and letters. We will be welcoming Iris to our class.

### Caterpillars – Miss Stephanie, Miss Katie & Miss Eva

Happy 2025 Caterpillar families! We are so excited to celebrate the new year with your kiddos! This month we will be talking about Outer Space, Snow, Winter and Construction Vehicles. It's going to be a fun month! Please be sure to check your child's white mailbox at least once a week. Important papers, as well as crafts and projects are put in there on a weekly basis. With any luck we hope to be able to get outside and play in the snow this month, so be sure your child has all the snow gear they need here at school. If your child has not yet started potty training yet but you are interested in getting them started with that process, let us know! We are ready and willing to work with any family on getting their kiddos potty trained. As always, any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!

### Butterflies – Miss Stacey & Miss Micaela

Happy New Year! We hope 2025 is filled with many blessings for all. With winter fully upon us, during the month of January we will be participating in activities which are snow themed. Wild and tame animals will be introduced and explored as well. The children will be learning to recognize their last names and over the next few months they'll learn to recite their house numbers and address. The expectations of the older 4's are growing greater as we prepare them for kindergarten in the fall. All older children should be writing their first names by now. Practice at home is always helpful. Our class will be working on balance and hand-eye coordination. Our vocabulary words this month are sequence, melt, hibernate, pattern, freeze and address review numbers will be 12 through 25 and letters I, J and K Happy New Year!

### Fireflies – Miss Sarah, & Miss Meghan

Happy New Year! We are excited about the new year and all that we have in store during January. We'll be getting back into our letters G, H and I. We also will be starting our Ready Readers, Bob Books! In Math Mania, we will be doing patterns AB and ABBA along with talking about winter and hibernation and which animals hibernate. We will be enjoying the outside whenever we get the chance. So, please make sure your child has appropriate outside gear every day. Hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy New Year. Blessings!

### Good Knights – Miss Amy & Mr. Joe

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a nice holiday! There is no school for Penfield on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for MLK Jr. Day and Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> for the Lunar New Year. Please let the office know if you are/are not in need of care either of those days. We have lots of crafts and activities planned for those days. Hopefully it will snow so we can try to make some snow ice cream. If the weather is cooperative, we will go outside to play on our days off school. If you could please bring in snow pants, hats, gloves, jackets and boots for those days. The kids love to go sledding down the big hill in the back. The children will have drama club on Monday's and Wednesday's from 4:00-4:30, this year their play will be Cinderella. Hope you have a wonderful January.

