



Discipleship News

Ascension Lutheran Preschool
& Child Development Center

February 6, 2023

We celebrated NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK (Spirit Week @ Ascension) last week. A special **thank you** to all **CDC families and teachers/staff** for helping make spirit week a success. We had several parents bring items for the class posters and had almost **100% participation** in dressing in the color of the day. **WOW! Since we had such wonderful participation, ALL CLASSES will receive an ice cream party!** Yayyy! Check out “SPIRIT WEEK” pictures on Ascension’s Facebook page.

Valentine’s Day is coming and the teachers are planning **class parties**. Parties will be **Tuesday, Feb. 14**, Valentine’s Day. **A note with more information about party donations and/or items to bring will be sent home this week.**

Tax information for 2022 was placed in your child’s pocket of the sign-in book last week. **Stop by the office if you have any questions.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 20 – President’s Day – Ascension is **CLOSED**

Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday

Devotions from the Director

Depending upon what area of the country the ‘groundhog’ did/did not see his shadow last week. Here is a devotion based on Groundhog day. **Fear not; I will help thee. Isaiah 41:13**

Sunlight glistens on his whiskers as Mr. Groundhog cautiously pokes his head above his earthy burrow. He eases to his haunches, twitches his fuzzy ears and listens for signs of danger.

Then...horrors! He sees this big, black, spooky thing looming in front of him.

Whoosh! He’s gone. His shadow has sent him fleeing back to the safety of his den. This means, according to legend from Great Britain and Germany, that winter will last another six weeks.

I, for one, like a sunny day—especially in February. How silly to let a shadow spoil it. But, I wonder, how many times have I retreated from opportunity because I was frightened by a shadow called “uncertainty” or “inadequacy”? Perhaps my fear is as unfounded as the groundhog’s.

I have an idea! This Groundhog Day, despite the scary shadows in front of me, I’m going to take one small step toward something I want to accomplish. I’m going to accept that invitation to speak, even though I’m nervous. How about you? Are you thinking about accepting a new job, going back to school or trying to break an old habit? Then why don’t you make that phone call or write the letter that could change your life. After all, even the timid groundhog eventually raises his head, takes a whiff of clover and scurries from his hole.

Dear Lord, this Groundhog Day, give me the courage to confront my shadows.