



Staying Connected

Ascension Lutheran Preschool
& Child Development Center
April 8, 2024

Summer Camp will be offered **June 3 - July 26** for **former students (K-2nd) and current families**. If you are interested in enrolling your school-age child in summer camp, please write your child's name on the sign-up list located on the clip board near the sign-in books. **Forms and activity fees are DUE at the time of registration. Registration ends Friday, May 10.**

The weather is getting warmer but don't forget, **sandals/crocs** are **ONLY ALLOWED** to be worn from **May** through **September**.

Splash into the Summer with Scholastics! Book Club flyers for **May** were sent home **last week**. **Orders and money** will be **DUE, next Monday, April 15**. Order online at [Scholastic.com/bookclubs](https://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs) or **Scan QR code** on front of book flyer. Use **Class Code - QWTWB**

FYI: We are seeing that several of the children are getting more **screen time** than needed. **Please don't allow your child to come into the school carrying devices (tablets, phones, etc.)** Too much screen time can cause children to lack social skills and hinder language development. An article with more information was sent home last week. **More articles will be sent home soon.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday-Friday, April 22-26 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – This is the time of the year to sign-up to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their developmental and academic progress. **A schedule of meeting times will be posted on the door of your child's classroom this week.**

Wednesday, May 15 – Pre-Kindergarten Graduation @ 11:00am – Pre-K families are invited to come join us as the students showcase what they have learned throughout the school year. Dessert and juice will be served following the program. Mark your calendars. **A sign-up sheet to let us know if you will be in attendance will be out next week.**

Friday, May 17 – Last Day of Academic Classes

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day – Ascension is **CLOSED**

Devotions from the Director - Scripture: [Luke 15:1-3](#) - While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him.

When I read in today's Scripture about how the son was "still a long way off," I imagine him in rags, perhaps with a small sack of belongings, limping down a path towards his father's house. The father, working outside, recognizes the familiar stride of his son from a distance, and runs to greet him.

I have been in the son's position, and I've seen friends in the son's position as well. We stray away and begin to search for fulfillment in the world. After some time, we realize that home was better, so we turn and take a step back toward the Divine. Maybe the step is just a simple prayer, but God sees the desire, and therefore runs, grabs us and embraces us in love and compassion.

I'm comforted in knowing that although we may turn away at times, God waits in expectation of our return. God allows us to remember, and then welcomes us home, even though we don't deserve it.