



ILS Connections

A monthly Newsletter Connecting
our school families, teaching staff, school leaders,
congregation, and community!

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Making Disciples for Life! February 2023



From our Preschool Director

I must admit I made a mistake! I know, right?! But when I first saw that our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (national church body with over 6,000 congregations) set the theme for this year's National Lutheran Schools Week as: "Making Disciples for Life" I thought to myself that the theme was "too old" and "too advanced" for Preschool. That thinking was a big mistake!

If we want our children to be and make disciples when they grow up then we need to focus on what being and making disciples is about even when they are little! "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) Furthermore, like every topic, this is something that we need to adapt to their level (oh, how often people talk over their heads). We don't need to talk seminary-level theology to teach preschoolers about discipleship (by the way, we don't need to talk seminary-level theology to teach adult Christians about discipleship either)!

Could being and making disciples be as simple as hearing God's Word regularly,

talking about God's love and grace with your family and friends? Well ... yeah!! And that's something we can all do and share! We're growing in our faith and encouraging others to grow in their faith too – that's making disciples!

And I gotta say: it is awesome watching preschool children learn about God's love and grace; and you know what: they are eager to share it!! We could learn something about making disciples from these joyous preschoolers!!

If you have questions or suggestions about our school please contact me: school office: 217-442-5036; text or call my cell: 217-516-0085; ILS.MichaelHeidle.Director@gmail.com or: ILS.PreschoolOffice@gmail.com.

Young Two's in Blue Toddler Room

Happy New year!! Our class welcomed a few new friends this month and will be welcoming a couple more soon. We are enjoying our growing class. The students had fun with the color blue. We even mixed blue and yellow to make green! A lot of fun to come next week during Lutheran Schools week with all the fun dress up days. We are looking forward to our valentines party/exchange for Valentines Day. The colors of the month for February will be pink and purple.

Mrs. Ricketts



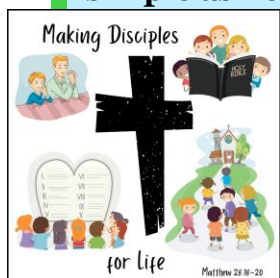
Two's Class in our Red Room

Coming strong into this new year, we added a friend and got back into the swing of things.

Although I'm not fond of cold and snow, the kids do and they liked learning about arctic animals and winter. We even went sledding a few days. Now we long for spring! We also revisited some colors and shapes.

There's nothing more fun than wearing your pajamas to school and having a fun spirit week! This month we will dig into dinos and fairy tales.

Mrs. Lasher



Three's Class in the Yellow Room

February is the month of love. The preschool class is full of hugs and friendships. We will be learning the letters P, Q, R and S, the number 6, the color pink and the shape will be a heart. Our lessons in Jesus time we will be about Zacchaeus and how Jesus stops the storm. We will be making a lot of cute Valentine crafts and we will also have a Valentine's party and exchange of our cards. Hope 2023 is going well for you.

Mrs. Hammer



Three's Class in our Purple Room

We are swinging right into the month of February, and I don't know about you, but our class is sure hoping this month brings more snow to play in! Our new color and shape this month are pink and heart. Of course we will see lots of pink hearts since we will celebrate Valentine's Day this month with all of our favorite friends. We will also be introducing letters Q, R, S, T, and it's hard to believe we are nearing the end of our alphabet studies. Our handwriting is improving with much hard work and our scissor and glue skills are getting lots of practice. Two new friends joined our class this month and we are so happy to welcome them!

Mrs. Showers



Rummage!

Immanuel hosts a HUGE Rummage Sale each Spring and Fall. As you begin Spring Cleaning, downsizing, or decluttering, you can begin bringing those items to school for our March 24-25 Rummage Sale! *Outgrown clothing and toys are greatly appreciated!*

PreK Class in our Green Room

BRRR it was cold in the PreK green room! We had so much fun learning about arctic animals and everything SNOW! We made a melting snowman out of shaving cream and glue. We made an icy penguin with Epsom salt. In God's time we learned about the visit of the wisemen, Anna and Simeon, and Jesus in the Temple. We finished the month having a Chinese taste testing for the lunar new year. We are having a great time during our celebration of Lutheran School's Week. Mrs. Heidle

BoxTops

Please use the BoxTops app to scan each store receipt to earn money to our school! Talk with Mike & Sue Heidle for a demonstration on your phone to begin scanning! You can bring your receipts to your child's teacher and we will scan them for you (especially receipts with snacks, breakfast, and baking purchases)! We have earned \$139.40 this year!

Upcoming Dates for ILS!

Feb. 20 No School: Presidents Day

Mar. 20-24: No School: Spring Break

Apr. 7, 10: No School: Good Friday; Easter Mon

ILS Valentine Gifts!

ILS Valentine's Surprise gift bags with treats and helium balloon can be ordered until Feb 10 for just \$5 each. Speak to your child's teacher if you need more heart forms to write special Valentine messages to your child or their friends!

Please visit our Immanuel website: www.ildanville.com and click on our School tab for info and more photos of our ILS! And be sure to follow Immanuel Lutheran Church & School on Facebook for photos, videos, and updates! Check out our Facebook page often!!

Making Disciples for Life



National Lutheran Schools Week and more!!

We hope that you and your child(ren) enjoyed the Fun -n- Faith of NLSW! Many THANKS to families that joined us for worship Sunday morning as the children sang! Let me renew an offer I've made many times: if you do not have a church of your own, please join us at Immanuel (Sundays at 9:30 am; Wednesdays at 5:00 pm); and if you are nervous about coming to worship you can join us: Mr. & Mrs. Heidle, we'll sit with you!

Join our ILS Staff Team!!

If you're looking for a part time job and love working with young children, we invite you to join our happy ILS Staff team! We are looking for a morning classroom Aide: Mon - Thur, 8:30 - 11:30 am. We are also looking for an afternoon Aide: Mon - Fri, 2:00 - 4:30 pm. One person could fill both positions or we could use 2 people. Speak with Mr Heidle for details! Starts immediately!

For Tax Purposes...

As families are beginning to file taxes, you may need our EIN# (also called FEIN#) for Child Care Credit. Officially, we are "Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, Danville" and our EIN# 37-0806907

Your monthly billing sheet shows the amount you paid (Fall 2022); but for those who were enrolled with us last year don't forget about payments in the Spring/Summer (Jan - July 2022) payments; let Mr Heidle know if you need those figures or a print out.

Tuition / Fees

ILS now has 77 students! Thank you to EVERYONE staying current on tuition, lunch, BeforeCare, and other payments! Your prompt payments are greatly appreciated! All tuition and other fees are due on the 10th and late after the 15th! If you are struggling to keep up, please speak with Mr. Heidle to set up a payment plan that will work or see about financial aid. Lunch and other fees can be paid by cash, check, or EFT - if you want to use EFT simply write "EFT" by the balance due with your signature or initials and return it to the school office and we'll set it up! IF you need to change the date/details of a scheduled EFT, be sure to call/text Mr Heidle several days in advance! *We're here to help!!*

School Mission Offerings

For January/February our ILS Mission offerings will extend God's love and care to elderly residents at Villas of Holly Brook. A *Chapel Offerings* sheet went home listing items we'll collect each week or send \$\$ in envelope!

Special Grant - Special Offering!

Mrs. Heidle applied for and received a food pantry grant for \$150. She needs to collect at least 150 non-perishable items in February for Immanuel's Food Pantry. She sent home a note about the grant. If you are willing to participate please send in items anytime in February. As items are gathered Immanuel's Food Pantry will also receive the grant gift of \$150! This is a very special gift; and an over-the-top offering! Talk to Mrs. Heidle if you have any questions.



Emergency Closings!

Since we do not rely on busing, we do not follow the closings of public schools. IF we close for weather (or any other purpose) you will receive an email from ILS or a group text from your child's teacher. Or listen for "Immanuel Lutheran School, Danville" (not Immanuel Lutheran Preschool - there is another in our region) on WCIA, D102, KRock, WDAN, WITY, KISS, KOOL for closing information.

ILS PARENTS SURVEY!

We sent out Parent Survey sheets in January and had hoped to hear back from every family because we value your opinions and support! We want you to tell us what you like about ILS (what we're getting right) and tell us what ILS needs to improve! So, it's not too late! Send your completed survey in to our school office; or text your child's teacher if you need a new survey!

