

# Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

## The Director's Corner

Hi!

My family and I love adventure. This picture was taken a few years ago at the beautiful Zion National Park in Utah after we had hiked the Narrows. Jessica, my oldest daughter, was working at the nearby Utah Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City. Anna, my youngest daughter, had just finished her first year at NYU. We have been hiking together as a family since the girls were very young. Adventure and fun were always a part of our family time together. My girls are grown now and enjoying adventures of their own.



Being the Director at the NLC is my new adventure. I am so excited to be a part of the NLC family. I have heard so many wonderful things about the school, the families, the staff, and St. Andrew. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

I discovered my calling to work with children almost thirty years ago. Following college graduation, I moved to New Orleans to work with inner city kids. There has never been a doubt that God has called me to work with kids since my experience in New Orleans. It is my joy and privilege to serve the children, staff, and families of the NLC.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich

### Reminders...

- Send in your sunscreen permission forms!
- Label your child's belongings!
- Make sure we have your current and correct contact information in case of emergency.

## May Highlights

**May 1-5:**

Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 2:**

Wildlife Ambassadors

**May 3:**

National Baby Day

**May 12:**

Mother's Day Program at 4:30pm. Preschoolers participate, all families welcome

**May 15:**

National Dance Like a Chicken Day

**May 16:**

Wear Purple for Peace Day

**May 19:**

KE class field trip to pick strawberries  
National Pizza Party Day

**May 22:**

John Deere Tractor Visit

**May 24:**

National Scavenger Hunt Day

**May 29:**

Memorial Day  
NLC CLOSED

**May 30**

National Water a Flower Day

## This Month at School...

On the Farm is our theme this month— spring is the perfect time to explore baby animals (and baby humans!), barns and the bats that sometimes live there, and tractors and plows!

- Wildlife Ambassadors will be visiting on the 2nd with their fantastic show. (Remember last year when the show was actually delayed due to a mama goat who just couldn't wait for her kid to join the world?)
- Mother's Day will be celebrated with a program on the 12th at 4:30pm, with preschoolers participating and all families welcome.
- Who doesn't enjoy the Chicken Dance? We sure do, so we will celebrate National Dance Like a Chicken Day on the 15th. Yes. There IS a National Dance Like a Chicken Day.
- On the 19th our Kindergarteners will travel to a local farm to pick strawberries, which will be a perfect dessert to share on National Pizza Party Day!
- One of our absolute FAVORITE events last year was the visit from several John Deere tractors—mark your calendar because they are coming back on the 22nd! Mr. Joe Cahill, one of our NLC fathers, is generously bringing several tractors for the children to learn about and explore.

## Sunscreen & Bug Spray

Along with warmer weather come sunburns, mosquitos, and gnats—all of which can be found on our very own playgrounds! Please ensure that every bottle you provide is clearly labeled with your child's first and last name. **We CANNOT apply sunscreen or insect repellent to your child without a written permission form.** You must apply sunscreen at home in the mornings—we will do a single reapplication in the afternoon.

## Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 1st-5th** is the perfect chance to show your child's teachers how much you appreciate the love and care they show your child every day! Even small things mean so much to these dedicated folks who give their all every day. Here are a few ideas of things to do for your favorite teacher...they need not cost much, or anything at all! (Note that every teacher has a "Favorite Things" list at the front desk, too!)

- ⇒ Write a note of appreciation, or help your child do so.
- ⇒ Bring them a flower.
- ⇒ Gift the classroom with a book or other item.
- ⇒ Their favorite candy bar.
- ⇒ A gift card.
- ⇒ Nice smelling antibacterial gel.
- ⇒ A cup of their favorite coffee or soda.
- ⇒ A reusable water bottle
- ⇒ A bowl of fresh strawberries.
- ⇒ A big hug and a "thank you."

## Enrollment for Summer & 2017-2018 School Year

It is time to start planning for the summer and the 2017-18 school year! The first week in May a Summer and Fall 2017 Enrollment Form will be sent home with your child. Please complete it and return it as soon as possible.

Please remember that the NLC Preschool (Toddlers through Pre-K Fours) policy requires a minimum of a 2-day enrollment over the summer to hold a place for the fall. Please contact Ms. Jo Anna or Ms. Lorie if you have any questions or concerns.

Also, the School Age Summer Camp packets and registration forms will be available on May 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a summer of fun activities and outings planned and we hope your school aged child can join us! Please see Ms. Karen, Ms. Jo Anna, or Ms. Lorie with any questions.



## The Chaplain's Corner:

### VBS 2017: Rome! Paul and the Underground Church—June 25-29

As the weather warms up, we know what is coming shortly....SUMMER! And, with summer, also comes our Vacation Bible School week. This year we are headed to ROME for an adventure with the Apostle Paul and the early, underground church. We will explore the Roman Marketplace to hear about this Jesus who has been raised, and the folks who have come to believe and follow after him. We will hear Paul's travel stories. We will sing songs and play Roman games, too! Each night will feature a meal at the Roman Café

**So, who can participate?** Children 3 years old through completed fifth graders.

**When will it happen?** June 25-29 (Sunday –Thursday evenings). Dinner is served nightly at Rome Café beginning at 5:15 pm, followed by VBS Program from 6 to 8 pm.

**What fills the night?** Participants will visit the Marketplace and “shop” at the many Roman establishments like leather-making, wreath-making, food shop, the scribe and much more! They will also visit with Paul and members of the early church and break outside for some game time!



**How can you sign up?** Visit the VBS table in the church entranceway or complete online registration via <https://vbspro.events/p/events/sapcvbs2017>.

**How can you help?** Volunteer to keep a shop, serve on the drama team, lend a voice or instrument to the music team, help make or clean up dinner or provide for the games. Teen volunteers are needed to serve as Roman Crew Leaders to guide our children through their experience.

**Can't volunteer, but still want to help?** We are always in need of donations. Keep checking the VBS table for needed donated or borrowed items to help make VBS a super success!

In God's Grace and Love,  
Pastor Jessica

## Coming up at St. Andrew...

**Weekly Worship:** Saturdays 5pm; Sundays 10am

**NOTE:** Child care is available at all worship services for the littlest ones. For children age preschool and up, Sunday School is provided during Sunday worship services—your child starts the service sitting with you, will leave for Sunday School and then will return to you before the service concludes. The first Sunday of every month is Family First Sunday, when children remain in the service and their joyful noises are welcomed!

**April 29th—Music with a Cause—7:30pm**—The Loudoun Chorale presents, “Can the Circle be Unbroken.” Proceeds to benefit Loudoun Hunger Relief. Tickets: \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors/Students, Free for age 12 and Under. \$2 discount for online ticket purchases.

**May 5th—HOT Mess Party—5-8pm**—Youth and teens are invited to join with Harmony Methodist youth and teens to for a messy, fun time! Prepare to get messy with paint Twister, slip-n-slide, sloppy joes, s'mores, and messy worship! RSVP to Pastor Jessica.

**May 14th—Donuts Before Worship for Mother's Day**—Celebrate Mom with a special donut breakfast before worship starting at 9:30am.

**June 4th—Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday**

**June 11th—Graduation Recognition**

**June 18th—Donuts with Dad Before Worship**

**June 25th-28th—Vacation Bible School...Rome! - Register for VBS now!**

**July 10th-16th—Kentucky Mission Trip**—Registration is ongoing.

# May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Moms & Their Babies	1 Chapel	2 Wildlife Ambassadors - 10:30	3 National Baby Day Music	4 Staff Meeting 6pm Music	5 Cinco de Mayo Yoga	6
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7 Barns & Bats	8 Chapel	9	10 Music	11 Music	12 Mother's Day Program 4:30pm Yoga	13
14 Cluck Cluck Chicken	15 Dance Like a Chicken Day Chapel	16 Wear Purple for Peace Day	17 Music	18 Music	19 National Pizza Party Day KE Go Strawberry Picking Yoga	20 Parents' Night Out 5:30-9:00pm
21 Tractors & Plows	22 Chapel	23 Tractor Visit 10:00	24 National Scavenger Hunt Day Music	25 Music	26 Yoga	27
28	29 NLC CLOSED for Memorial Day	30 National Water & Flower Day	31			

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