

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

The Director's Corner

Greetings!

Children's Sunday on Feb 25th is a very special Sunday when we celebrate children at St. Andrew and the NLC during the 10:00 am Worship Service and we encourage everyone from our NLC families to join us. Our NLC Choir (2s thru Pre-K) will perform a song that morning, and several of our children and staff members will be participating in and helping to lead the service. There will be a short reception afterwards. You're cordially invited!

Also of note this month, we wanted to especially highlight a visit from the AcroKidz bus on Feb 27th. Our preschoolers (2s thru Pre-k) will be receiving a waiver the week prior which must be turned in so the kids can participate in this FREE, one-day special fitness class. If you and your child are interested, the Acrokidz bus will be leading a five-week fitness class at the NLC on Tuesday mornings beginning March 13th. See the section on page 2 for more info about this extracurricular class that is purely optional. Flyers will be sent home in the coming weeks with additional information.

Finally, it's not too early to be thinking about the summer, and we have an exciting summer planned at the NLC! Please take a look at the Summer Camp school age insert and registration form and check out all the fun and learning our school age kids will be doing each week this summer. Not only will they be going on amazing field trips (National Zoo, anyone?), but they will also be learning and having fun at the NLC.

For example, we will hold a luau, a patriotic bike/scooter parade, receive a visit from a petting zoo, we'll be building a volcano, making ice cream, and much more. You can sign up for one week, two days each week, or join us for four or more full weeks of camp and receive a discount each week of the summer. Please sign up early because space is limited for each week and we will open these camps to the public at the end of February.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich



February Highlights

February 2

Wear Your Favorite Team Jersey Day

February 8

Visit from Purcellville Pediatric Dentistry
10:00 am

February 13

Valentine's Class Parties
~3:00 pm

February 14

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper 5:00 pm followed by Worship Service at 7:00 pm

February 17

Parents' Night Out
5:30—9:00 pm

February 19

NLC Closed for President's Day

February 20

National Love Your Pet Day

February 25

Children & NLC Sunday
10:00 am

February 27

AcroKidz (2s through pre-K)
9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Sunday worship and Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 am

This Month at School...

During February we will learn about our bodies—how to label them (“Heads, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes!”), and how to take care of them! Of special note this month:

- Be sure to send your child to school in their **favorite team jersey** or team colors on Friday the 2nd!
- **Wednesday Afterschool Café (WAC)** will be held every Wednesday this month. EVERYONE is invited to dinner on Wednesday nights, whether you have a child in WAC or not. Please join us for some food and fellowship! WAC is a fantastic program for school aged kids from kindergarten through high school. After some down time and a snack, kids are engaged in Bible Study and game time before heading up for dinner and then Children’s Choir. Bring a friend!
- **Purcellville Pediatric Dentistry** will pay us a visit on Thursday the 8th to teach us about caring for our teeth!
- Class **Valentine’s Parties** will be on the 13th around 3:00 pm. See the sign-ups outside the classrooms.
- Wednesday the 14th is **Ash Wednesday** (see the article on page 6), which we mark with a Pancake Supper to which everyone is invited at 5:45 pm, followed by a Worship Service at 7:00 pm.
- Don’t forget to sign up for **Parents’ Night Out**, which will be on the 17th.
- The NLC will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 19th in honor of Presidents Day.
- **Children and Youth/NLC Sunday** is the 25th! See Ms. Jo Anna’s article AND Pastor Dave’s article!
- To learn how exercise is healthy for our bodies, **AcroKidz** (see below) will bring their bus to us on Tuesday the 27th where 2 year olds through pre-K will have fun tumbling and playing between 9:00 am and noon.

Summer Camp

Registration

It’s cold outside now, but—believe it or not—summer is right around the corner! Our new and improved Summer Camp for School Ageds will offer field trips (including the National Zoo, National Building Museum, and Skyline Caverns, and LOTS of pool time) and awesomely fun in-house activities ranging from science experiments to photography!

Online registration will go live towards the end of February, when registration is made open to the public. Until then, we give first dibs to our current NLC families, so fill out your form and drop it off with your registration fee so you can ensure you’ll be able to register for the weeks you want.

Space is limited, so register early!

AcroKidz

AcroKidz is a full-sized school bus converted into a fun and safe gymnasium. It’s padded and filled with fun equipment specifically designed for children ages 2-5. They will be bringing their bus to the NLC, weekly on Tuesdays to hold a 45-minute preschool age fitness and gymnastics class that includes fitness and basic gymnastics skill instruction. Sign your child up today, to ensure your spot!

Visit www.AcroKidz.net to register

\$75 per 5-week session Starting March 13th at 9:00 am

NOTE: AcroKidz is providing a FREE session on February 27th to try out their program! A Waiver Form will be sent home the week prior.





To Register:

- Complete your registration online at www.tnlcenter.com
- Email your completed form to info@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com
- Drop off (or mail) your completed form at our Center:
711 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132

2018 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

**ATTEND 4 OR MORE FULL WEEKS AND RECEIVE \$10 OFF EACH WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP TUITION
AND YOU MAY PAY THE CAMP RATE EACH WEEK OF THE CAMP ATTENDED!**

Attend fewer than 4 full weeks and payment for all camps must be received in full on or before June 5th, 2018
Space is limited. Registration will continue until each camp is full.

SUMMER CAMP RATES

- Full week (4 or 5 days) = \$235 per week
- Daily = \$60 per day (No Discounts for Daily Drop Ins)
- Non-refundable registration fee \$50 (Includes 2 shirts)
- Family discounts for multiple children
- *Week of Aug 20 – 22 Summer Camp tuition is \$150.
August 23rd and 24th will be charged at prorated School-Age Program rates

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Summer Camp is from 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- *Center Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.* Extended care available at no additional cost!
- Weekly tuition includes all activity fees!
- For some field trips, campers will need to pack a sack lunch. Parents will be notified in advance.

Select Your Camps	Circle Your Requested Days Per Week						Total Due
___ June 18 – 22	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ June 25 – 29	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ July 02 – 06	M	T	CLOSED	TH	F		\$ _____
___ July 09 – 13	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ July 16 – 20	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ July 23 – 27	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ July 30 – Aug 03	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ Aug 06 – 10	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ Aug 13 – 16	M	T	W	TH	CLOSED		\$ _____
___ *Aug 20 – 22	M	T	W	School Starts 8/23/18			\$ _____
<i>Non-refundable registration fee (includes two shirts)</i>						+	\$ 50.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

CHILD Name: _____ Grade Entering: _____ Shirt Size: (Circle) YXS YS YM YL AS

Parent Name: _____

E-mail(s): _____ Phone: _____

We accept checks, cash or weekly ACH Direct Debit for Summer Camp payments.

The \$50 registration fee must accompany this form to complete the registration process. Payment for ALL CAMPS must be received ***in full on or before June 5th***, unless your child is attending 4 or more full weeks and you wish to use the weekly payment option.

CANCELLATION RESPONSIBILITIES: YOU MUST CANCEL IN WRITING BY THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE WEEK YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND, OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE WEEK. NO EXCEPTIONS. Thank you for your cooperation!

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above stated cancellation policy.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

The Neighborhood Learning Center 2018 Summer Camp

Register Now!

Every week a new theme encourages campers to explore and learn, all while having FUN! The kids stay active, whether going on the regular field trips or staying in-house enjoying activities and games led by our awesome Staff! Summer Camp is for children entering 1st through 5th grades.

June 18-22: SURF'S UP! Get ready for a luau! Inspired by a Hawaiian beach party, this week we will dive into summer at both Volcano Island Water Park and the Franklin Park Pool. Our week of ocean-themed fun and exploration might lead us to explore questions like why the ocean tastes salty, or what lives on the ocean floor? This is the week we jump with both feet into these questions and more during our fun explorations, all topped off with – of course – an actual luau!

June 25-29: ANIMAL PLANET! Ever wonder why chameleons change colors, what materials birds use to build their nests, or why giraffes have purple tongues? We will find answers to these questions and more! We will visit the National Zoo in D.C., a local farm, and may even bring a petting zoo to us!

July 02-06: PARTY IN THE USA! As we celebrate our country's independence, we visit "For the Kids, By George" Children's Museum, inspired by the life of the young George Washington. Lots of patriotic activities including a cookout at a local park with our friends, a dip in the pool, and ice cream and apple pie fill the days. We will also hold a patriotic bike and scooter parade in the parking lot, followed by water play and popsicles!

July 09-13: CREATIVE FRENZY! From painting to sculpting to drawing and more, campers are encouraged to express their inner artists and let their imaginations soar all week long. To explore the beautiful world around us and let our creative juices flow we will take a trip to Skyline Caverns – truly God's canvas! –and will visit with a local artist. Cooling off in the pool might not be artistic, but it sure is a great way to enjoy the summer! Art show at the end of the week!

July 16-20: PICTURE PERFECT! Campers will explore the tools necessary to capture great photos and videos, as well as composition and attention to detail. Visiting Great Falls will be a great place for photos, and going to a movie will allow us to observe cinematography in action! We will add some of our photo projects to the art show we started the prior week.

July 23-27: MEGA SPORTS! This week we focus on fitness fun and experiencing a variety of different sports and games, both indoor and out. Campers can play familiar favorites like freeze tag and soccer, and can try some new sports and games, too (Quidditch, anyone?). Field trips to a bowling center and Sport Bounce of Loudoun are also on tap!

July 30-Aug 03: BLOCK PARTY! Dream it. Build it. Wreck it. Repeat! Campers will construct simple and elaborate objects, structures, and vehicles, using different materials. We'll build using items like Lego blocks, but also unusual materials such as paper and string, or even food items, all while exploring fundamental principles of engineering and physics. Field trips include a trip to Udvar-Hazy to learn about airplane engineering, and the National Building Museum in D.C.

Aug 06-10: MAD SCIENTIST! Get out your goggles, magnifying glasses, and microscopes! We will create fun experiments like building our own volcanoes, collecting items to grow in petri dishes and then checking them out under a microscope, and making our own crystals. Our scientific minds will be working overtime this week! Field trips include the Children's Science Center and walking the nature trail at Franklin Park to explore the local flora and fauna. And every mad scientist must experiment with what floats and what sinks by visiting a water park!

Aug 13-16: OUR WACKY AND WET SUMMER! Water, water everywhere, and everyone will get wet! Towels and swimsuits are a must every day this week as we have fun cooling off with water, both in house and out and about. We will head to the AV Symington Aquatic Center and Jay Dee's Family Fun Center's water park for our outings, and will enjoy fun water-themed games and activities in-house all week long.

Aug 20-22: LAST LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER! With 3 days of summer left before school starts, we will relax at the NLC and take one final trip to the local pool. Chalking up the sidewalks, having a bubble blowing frenzy, signing each other's summer camp tees, scrapbooking our summer adventures, making ice cream or getting comfy while we watch a movie or read a good book, this week will be the perfect end to an amazing summer! Rising Kindergartners will join the summer camp fun this week!

Hello Parents of the Neighborhood Learning Center!

My name is Malloch Henderson and I am currently a Life Scout and a member of Boy Scout Troop 969. I have been an active member of St. Andrew Church for many years, so I felt it was only right to dedicate my Eagle Scout project to the Church.

I spoke with Session and the NLC Director about project ideas and they tasked me with finding a solution to help prevent children from tripping over the exposed tree roots in the playground. These exposed roots have caused many accidents like cuts and bruises on kid's arms and legs. My plan for the NLC playground (shown below) is to redo the current mulch area to make a larger play area for the kids. With that, I will also be constructing a wooden ark -shaped playground set for the kids to play on. There is an additional benefit to this project in that if you have been to the Church while it was raining, you know about the run-off and erosion problem that happens in the playground. With the proposed new mulch and ark playground area, I will be able to install a French drainage system underneath the mulch that will transport the water without eroding the land.

I need YOUR help!

This project will make a big difference for your children and the NLC, however, I can't do it without you. The fundraising for this project is very important. The estimated cost for this project is approximately \$7,500.00. I really need monetary donations but donations of materials as any help fundraising would also be welcomed as well. I am grateful for any assistance I can get and I bet your kids will be, too!

If you would like to discuss a personal donation, or need a letter to submit for a corporate sponsorship, please let me know. You may contact me by email at: mallochh900@yahoo.com or call me at 703-999-2276.

Thank you!

Before:

After:



Wildlife Ambassadors paid us a fantastic visit during January to talk about how the local animals adapt to the cold weather



Dean Alan worked his magic again with his "Very Frozen/Frosty Show!"



Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the season of Lent, which is a time to prepare for Easter; it lasts for 40 days, not counting Sundays. On Ash Wednesday, we put ashes on our foreheads to signify our repentance and sorrow for our sins. Lent is a time of penance and purification, a time of turning toward God once again, and a time to get ourselves ready for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord.

Please join St. Andrew:

Imposition of Ashes available from 7:00 am

Pancake Supper 5:45 pm

Worship 7:00 pm



May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise.

The Pastor's Epistle:

NLC Sunday

Every year, we are delighted to celebrate the children, staff, and ministry of our Neighborhood Learning Center at a Sunday worship service at St. Andrew. You cannot know how delighted church members are to hear your children sing. It's almost as good as your delight when *you* hear them sing! If our church is succeeding at helping your children receive quality care, learning things that will help them in this very formative age, and with the love and goodness of Jesus at the heart of it all – that is something to celebrate.

So I am hoping that there will be super turnout for NLC Sunday on February 25 at the 10:00 am service.

A celebration like this might actually have a surprising effect on you. I remember what effect a similar event had on me a number of years ago. Because my wife, Bonnie, worked at the Northminster Presbyterian Church Child Care Center in San Diego, I had to go to their Child Care Sunday service. At the time, I was working in a different church as a youth director. But when the church welcomed me so warmly, it started a relationship

that ended with me becoming a first a Presbyterian and then a pastor. I still look back at Northminster with great appreciation and love.

Oh, I'm not suggesting that you will end up being a pastor by coming to NLC Sunday. (But if God did such a thing, who would I be to say anything but thanks and "Fantastic!") Yet, I would hope that you would feel a similar welcome when you come to our church, especially in how we celebrate the blessings of your children, how we are appreciative of the staff's giftedness, and their daily dedication.

Please put the date, February 25th, on your calendar. The teachers are already busy with teaching songs to the children. Ms. Jo Anna and I are designing the worship service so that it will be fun, kid-friendly, and memorable. Our Fellowship and Children and Youth Ministries Committees are also putting together games and good food to enjoy after the service is over. We would be so happy to have you as our honored guests.

Blessings,



Pastor Dave Milam

Coming Up at St. Andrew...

Weekly Worship: *Sundays 10am*

NOTE: Child care is available for the littlest ones during worship. 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.

February 2nd-3rd—Youth Overnight! - Meet at church at 6pm on Friday to visit our friends at Sha'are Synagogue in Leesburg, followed by a night of bowling and a sleepover at Pastor Dave's!

February 3rd—Men's Group Tour of Makersmiths—7:30 am—Come tour their brand new space in Purcellville! From their Facebook page, Makersmiths describes themselves and their mission: "We are building a community of Makers in Loudoun by providing a facility (aka makerspace), tools, training and other enabling resources." See the flyer posted on the front door for details.

February 4th—Boy Scout Sunday—10:00 am

February 14th—Ash Wednesday—Imposition of Ashes from 7:00 am, Pancake Supper at 5:45 pm, Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7:00 pm

February 24th—Book Club Event led by George Cassutto—7:30 pm—The Book Club invites you to join them for a discussion of The Last Jew Rotterdam, by Ernest Cassutto. Our very own *George Cassutto* will lead the discussion. The book chronicles his family's journey of faith and hope during the Holocaust. As book reviews claim, "This book reads like a novel, but the riveting story it tells is true. Journey with Ernest and Elisabeth from the horror of the Holocaust to salvation in Jesus the Messiah." Visit the Light Beacons Ministry website for more insight about this family's journey. Copies of the book will be available for an \$8.00 purchase at the church office. RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

February 25th—Children's Sunday (CYM/NLC) —10:00 am

February 2018

Monthly Theme: My Body

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Music & Movement Wear Your Favorite Team Jersey	3
4 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	5	6 Chapel	7 WAC Dinner: Inside Picnic for Dinner at 5:45	8 Visit from Purcellville Pediatric Dentistry 10:00	9 Music & Movement	10
11 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	12	13 Chapel Valentine's Class Parties ~ 3:00	14 WAC Dinner: Breakfast for Dinner at 5:45 Ash Wednesday – Worship following Pancake Supper	15	16 Music & Movement	17 Parents' Night Out 5:30 - 9:00
18 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	19 NLC CLOSED President's Day Staff Development Day	20 Chapel National Love Your Pet Day	21 WAC Dinner: Italian Night at 5:45	22	23 Music & Movement	24
25 Children & NLC Sunday 10 am	26	27 AcroKidz (2s through pre-K) 9:00 – 12:00	28 WAC Dinner: Mexican Night at 5:45			

Wednesday, February 14th – Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes available all day. All are invited for a Pancake Supper starting at 5:45 pm followed by a worship service in the sanctuary.

Sunday, February 25th – Please join us for a special, interactive, and VERY child-friendly worship service! The children of the NLC (age 2 and older) and the children of St. Andrew will offer songs and other gifts! Worship at 10 am.