

# Neighborhood News

*The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter*

## The Director's Corner

Greetings,

We are so excited to share a new period of growth both at St. Andrew and the NLC! Below you will find excerpts of a letter from St. Andrew's Generosity Committee—the full letter will be sent home later this week or next Monday. Come grow with us!!

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich

“Exciting things are happening at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church and the Neighborhood Learning Center! For some time, NLC and SAPC leadership have been exploring how to create flexible, multi-use spaces within our facility that can support our growing ministries, including (but not limited to) increasing demand for NLC student enrollment as well as children and youth programs within the church. Faced with a basement in need of significant updates, classrooms at maximum capacity and shared spaces that must be broken down and set-up multiple times per week, we've rolled up our sleeves and drafted a plan to renovate the church basement and main hallway classrooms. That plan, approved by both the SAPC Session and NLC Board, enables significant programmatic gains with relatively few structural changes. The plan is also accompanied by a strategic and conservatively budgeted funding model – and that's where we need your help!

### The growth you'll see, made possible by your support, includes:

- Central heat and air conditioning installed throughout the basement for a temperature & humidity-controlled environment!
- Renovated basement classrooms to be used for an expanded NLC Pre-Kindergarten program as well as flexible, kid-friendly spaces for Sunday School
- A new, second infant classroom for the NLC, which will double our capacity to care for infants and open up enrollment to many of the families on our wait list
- Dedicated spaces for art, music and more!
- A refreshed, modernized SAPC Youth Lounge – a gathering place for the church's youth that can also be used by After School programs, WAC, Vacation Bible School & community groups
- And eventually: Full & permanent removal of the temporary NLC Classroom in the Fellowship Hall, returning the entirety of the Fellowship Hall to a large, open & multi-purpose space!”



**Planting seeds**  
& Growing Together  
SAPC/NLC Renovations 2018

**Excited yet?! Keep your eye out for that letter and how YOU can help us grow together!**

## June Highlights

**June 8**

Pre-K Graduation  
4:30 pm

**June 13**

Last day of LCPS

**June 15**

Donuts with Dad  
6:30—8:30 am

**June 16**

Parents' Night Out  
5:30—9:00 pm

**June 17**

Father's Day

**June 18**

First Day of Summer Camp

**June 24—28**

Vacation Bible School!

For ages 3 through 5th grade

Family Dinner: 5:30—6:00  
Program: 6:00—8:00

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

### Referral Credits

You can earn \$75 for every family you refer who enrolls their child (ren)! Also, if we missed providing a deserved referral credit—please let us know! We are very appreciative and would hate to overlook anyone!

## *This Month at School...*

During April we turn the corner from spring to summer, saying goodbye to preschool (and big kid school!) and hello to the adventures that summer has in store. Here are some highlights for the month:

- Our pre-K Owls class will complete their preschool journey with their **Pre-K Graduation Ceremony** on Friday, June 8th at 4:30 pm. We hope that the Owls families can join us for this special event with light refreshments to follow.
- Father's Day is Sunday, June 17th, and we want to make sure that all of our NLC dads, grandpas, uncles, or any special man in our kids' lives is recognized. Please join us on Friday, June 15th for **Donuts with Dad**, from 6:30—8:30am. We will have donuts, fruit, juice, coffee, and—most important—a chance to sit with your little one for a special time together to kick off the Father's Day weekend. Make sure you stop by the **Photo Booth!**
- Our School Ager's will have their **last day of LCPS** on Wednesday, June 13th, with the **first day of summer camp** being the following Monday, June 18th. **Drop-in days** are available for Thursday and Friday the 14th and 15th—check in with your child's teacher for details.
- **Vacation Bible School** runs from Sunday through Thursday, June 24-28. See the article farther down this page for details. We hope you can join us!!

## *Summer Camp Fast Approaching!!*

**Is your school ager signed up yet?? Register TODAY at [www.tnlcenter.com](http://www.tnlcenter.com)**

**Every week a new theme** encourages campers to explore and learn, all while having **FUN!** The kids stay active, whether going on the regular weekly field trips or staying in-house enjoying activities and games led by our awesome Staff!

**Themes include:** Surf's Up! Picture Perfect! Mega Sports! Mad Scientist! Creative Frenzy! ...and more!

⇒ Summer camp is for children entering 1st through 5th grade

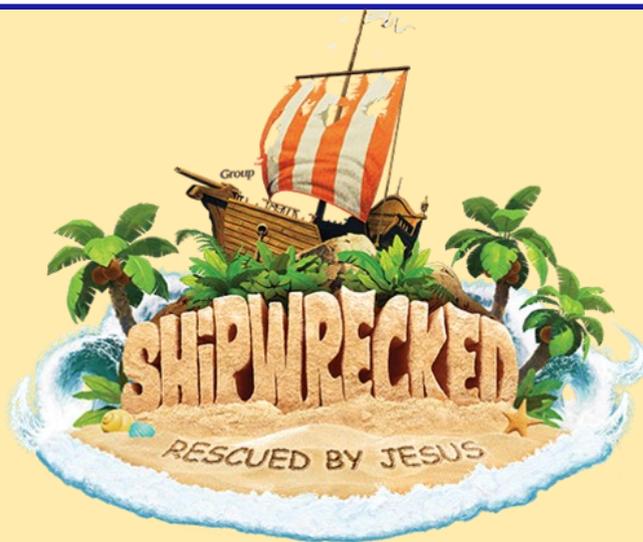
⇒ Summer camp runs from 8:30 am—3:00 pm Monday through Friday. Center hours are from 6:30 am—6:30 pm. Extended care is available at no additional cost!

## *Vacation Bible School (VBS)*

### **Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus**

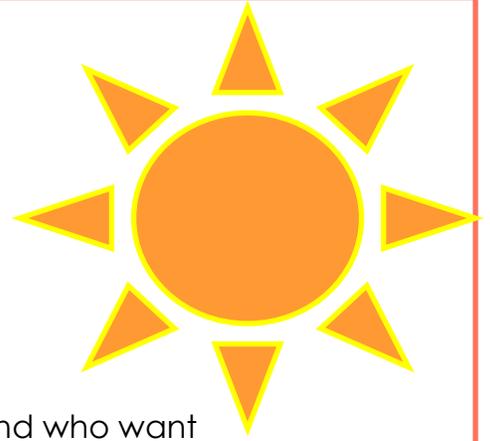
**Sunday—Thursday, June 24-28**

- Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.
- EVERYONE is invited to family dinner each night from 5:30-6:00.
- We can help transition your child seamlessly from NLC to VBS!
- The program runs from 6:00-8:00pm.
- A \$10 donation is requested to help with t-shirt and music costs



***We hope you join us for the FUN adventure!***

# COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM



*Calling all high schoolers* who **love kids** and who want to get some real-life **job experience**, all while **earning volunteer hours!**

- ◇ Come volunteer at The Neighborhood Learning Center to assist as a CIT in our school age Summer Camp which serves rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders!
- ◇ Each week you'll help chaperone field trips to fun places like the pool, local parks, and museums, AND you'll get to help assist at the Center with activities such as Arts & Crafts, Games, and even Science Experiments!
- ◇ You'll get a chance to shadow our experienced teachers, see what it's like to work in the childcare industry, earn some experience that will look great on your resume, and as you get older you'll be ready to step into a paid Camp Counselor role! Not to mention **have fun** with the kids!

**When:** Starting the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> through the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign up for one week, two weeks, or more! Camp hours are 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

**Where:** The Neighborhood Learning Center is located inside St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in scenic Purcellville, Virginia.

**Who:** If you're a rising 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grader who loves kids and who wants to see what it's like working with them, give being a CIT a try! It's also a great program for earning volunteer hours.

**Apply:** Fill out a program application, which includes providing references, and submit it to Director Jo Anna Rich at [joanna@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com](mailto:joanna@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com). Once your application is received, we'll schedule an interview with our Director and Camp Leader to get to know you, and to give you some real-life experience in what it's like to go on a job interview. Pick up your application from Jo Anna.

**What's Next:** If you're chosen, you'll come to a training session at the start of the summer, so you'll be ready to jump right in!

# A few pictures to remind us of the fun times May brought us...



**Congratulations to the Fike, Sassak, and Pinckney families whose children (Reagan, Jack, Camden and Carson) received the Sacrament of Baptism this past month at St. Andrew.**



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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!



**To Register:**

- Complete your registration online at [www.tnlcenter.com](http://www.tnlcenter.com)
- Email your completed form to [info@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>***, 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 Pastor's Epistle:

### Thanks, Malloch Henderson!

St. Andrew member Malloch Henderson approached the Neighborhood Learning Center Board and the church Trustees last fall with a proposal: to construct an Ark on the front playground. Malloch was pursuing the project in order to earn an Eagle Scout award. He just needed to raise about \$7,000, get some help and presto, the Ark would be ready to welcome children aboard.

Eagle Scout projects often give their pursuers more than they bargained for and this was very true for Malloch. Yes, he had understood that it would be very helpful to cover the roots of our wonderful shade tree so that the children wouldn't trip over them. His design took into account that the roots would need to breathe and so the design called for the boat to have an elevation that would support the tree's future health. The Trustees also foresaw that the water would need to flow under the boat with the help of a French Drain.



Fundraising, as is always true, was stubbornly challenging. But Malloch didn't give up. As Eagle Scouts must do, he persevered and persisted – he didn't grumble but kept a smile on his face. And now look what he has built!

What a great addition to the Neighborhood Learning Center and St. Andrew! We are proud of Malloch and will circulate invitations to his Eagle Scout Ceremony when it is scheduled. After the children were given safety instructions, they joyfully and excitedly started climbing into and onto the boat, slid down its slide, and viewed the horizon from the captain's cabin.

This snapshot picture of Malloch and some of our NLC kids shows Malloch's good work on all of the happy faces. Truth be told, that may be an even better reward than becoming an Eagle Scout.

Congratulations and thanks, Malloch Henderson!

Blessings,

*Pastor Dave*

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.

**Sunday, June 3rd—Summer Sunday School Starts—10:00 am**—Kids will have a blast with a variety of Bible curriculum. Come join the fun!

**Sunday, June 10th—VBS Planning Meeting—11:30 am—**

Calling all interested in making VBS 2018 a success this summer! There will be pizza and childcare will be provided. Please contact Jo Anna Rich if you are interested or have any questions.

[joanna@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com](mailto:joanna@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com)

**Sunday, June 10th—Graduation Sunday**—Our confirmation class will complete their journey and be confirmed. We hope you can come and support them!

**Sunday June 24—Thursday June 28—Vacation Bible School—Dinner for the Entire Family 5:30-6:00; VBS Fun & Learning 6:00-8:00**—Ages 3 through 5th Grade; \$10 donation requested to help with t-shirt and music costs. Register online: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/7b4f24>

# June 2018

Monthly Theme: *Goodbye Preschool!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 National Donut Day Music & Movement	2
3 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	4	5	6 National Running Day	7	8 Pre-K Graduation 4:30 Music & Movement	9
10 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	11	12	13 Last Day of LCPS	14 Flag Day	15 Donuts with Dad 6:30 - 8:30 am Music & Movement	16 Parents' Night Out 5:30 - 9:00
17 Father's Day Worship & Sunday School 10 am	18 First Day of Summer Camp JC Volcano Island 10:15	19 PK FT* Berryville Park & Ice Cream	20 American (Bald) Eagle Day JC & SC Franklin Park Pool 10:45	21 Luau Day	22 SC Volcano Island 10:15	23
24 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	25 Petting Zoo Visit	26 JC Ticonderoga Farms 10:45	27 SC Ticonderoga Farms 10:45	28 PK FT* Temple Hall Regional Park	29 JC & SC DC Zoo 8:30	30



- FT - Field Trip; JC - Junior Campers; SC - Senior Campers; PK - Pre-Kindergarten; \* - Pack a Lunch for Field Trip; Times listed are departure times; See full camp schedule for details - **Field Trips SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - **Pre-K Graduation** - 4:30 pm; pre-K students (Owls) participate
- June 15<sup>th</sup> - **Donuts with Dad** - Please join us at drop off from 6:30 - 8:30 am for donuts, fruit, and juice/coffee so we can show our love to our amazing NLC dads! Be sure to stop by the photo frame, too!
- **VBS (Vacation Bible School)** is **THIS MONTH!** Running from Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, **ALL FAMILIES** are invited to these free, fun-filled evenings! Dinner will start at 5:30 pm, with the program starting at 6:00 pm and ending at 8:15 pm. Bring a friend!