

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

The Director's Corner

Greetings Parents!

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe the summer is almost over! There were lots of fun water days, exciting field trips and interesting camp themes. Now we are looking ahead to the new school year. As you know, we are in the middle of a renovation project that will give us some updated space, additional classrooms, and some much needed storage. We are working hard to complete most of it by August 20, the first day of our new school year at the NLC. Below are just a few photos of what is happening around the NLC. Thanks for being patient with us as we move furniture and supplies and sometimes classes around until our project is complete.

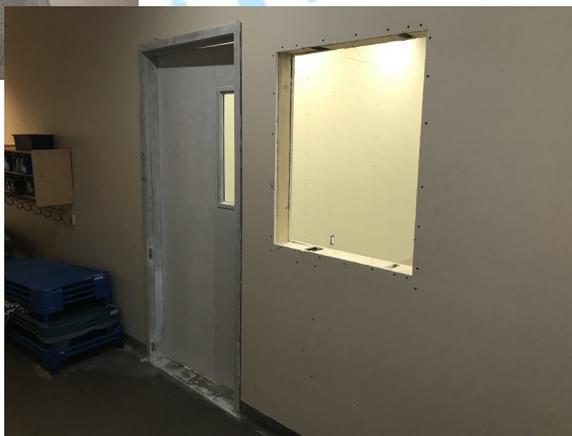
Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich



In the basement: New flooring has replaced the linoleum, walls have been removed and new ones built, extra doorways filled in, more space created by removing the kitchen area, central heat and air conditioning have been installed....

In the classroom hallway: The former Owls classroom has been split, with half of it being our new Infant Room with window (pictured), and half being a dedicated choir room for St. Andrew....



August Highlights

August 10
National S'mores Day

August 17
NLC CLOSED for Teacher Workday

Open House 3:00—5:00 pm

August 18
Parents' Night Out
5:30—9:00 pm

August 20
First Day of NLC School Year

New Tuition Rates In Effect

Opening Day for New Infant Room

August 20—22
Rising Kindergartners Join School Age Campers

August 23
First Day of LCPS

August 26
Blessing of the Backpacks

August 31
National Eat Outside Day

SAVE THE DATE:
September 3
NLC CLOSED for Labor Day

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

This Month at School...

August brings “Back To School,” but it’s also summer’s last hurrah! Of note this month:

- The **NLC will be CLOSED** on Friday, August 17th for a Teacher Workday. Our staff will be hard at work with training in the morning and will spend the rest of the day readying their classrooms for your children’s new school year.
- Also on Friday the 17th, we will host a **Meet and Greet Your Teachers** from 3:00—5:00. See the Back-To-School article below.
- Don’t forget to sign up for **Parents’ Night Out**, which will be held on Saturday the 18th from 5:30—9:00.
- Monday the 20th marks the **First Day of the New NLC School Year**, which is when **new tuition rates** go into effect. Also on this day, we celebrate the **opening of our new Infant Room!**
- **Rising Kindergarteners will join the School Agers** from Monday the 20th through Wednesday the 22nd for all activities. This will help them transition to being part of the School Age group throughout the rest of the LCPS school year, which begins on Thursday the 23rd.
- St. Andrew will hold a **Blessing of the Backpacks** on Sunday the 26th at the 10:00 am worship service. Students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship for blessings and good wishes for the school year.

Back-To-School Time Has Arrived

The **NLC will be CLOSED on Friday the 17th**, so the teachers can attend training and staff development in the morning, and spend the afternoon readying their classrooms for the new school year.

YOU ARE INVITED to drop in between 3:00 and 5:00 pm on the 17th for a Meet and Greet with your child’s teachers. You’ll also have the opportunity to tour both the newly renovated basement and the new Infant Room.

Along with the New School year come updated tuition rates (see the included Tuition Rate schedule) and updated paperwork. If you’re unable to attend the Meet and Greet to complete the new school year’s paperwork, it will be available to you on Monday the 20th. It is very important that you complete this paperwork as soon as possible—it is all required for enrollment at the NLC.

We are excited to kick off this new year with you and your children!

Thirty-One Gifts Fundraiser—COMING SOON!

One of our amazing parents, Megan Ensor (mom to Sammy in Frog Hollow and Myra in the Butterfly Tree), is a consultant for Thirty-One Gifts. She is teaming up with the NLC to host a Teacher Fundraiser this month! With your participation, you can help YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER purchase items for their classroom. Here are the details:

- ⇒ **25% of all sales go toward your child’s individual classroom**—Megan is taking NO profit from this sale—ALL PROFITS go to the classrooms!
- ⇒ All sales are *tax free!*
- ⇒ The classroom with the most sales will earn a **pizza party** courtesy of our friendly Thirty-One Consultant!
- ⇒ Anyone who books and hosts their own party based on this fundraiser will ALSO have all of the proceeds go to the school!

Packets will be distributed the week of August 20th and sales will run through the 31st.

Don’t forget to stop by the samples table to check out the amazing quality and style of Thirty-One Gifts!

Tuition Rate Schedule

RATE SHEET 2018-19 (effective 8/20/18)

REGISTRATION

New enrollment - \$80; \$60 each additional child

Annual re-registration - \$60 for each child

DISCOUNT: 10% discount on additional family members (off the lesser tuition); 5% Military discount

INFANTS

\$150 – 2 days/week

\$210 – 3 days/week

\$305 – 5 days/week

\$1322 - monthly

TODDLERS

\$145 – 2 days/week

\$205 – 3 days/week

\$295 – 5 days/week

\$1279 - monthly

PRE-SCHOOL TWOS

\$140 – 2 days/week

\$200 – 3 days/week

\$285 – 5 days/week

\$1235 - monthly

PRE-SCHOOL THREES

\$135 - 2 days/week

\$190 – 3 days/week

\$275 – 5 days/week

\$1192 – monthly

PRE-KINDERGARTEN FOURS

\$135 – 2 days/week

\$190 – 3 days/week

\$270 – 5 days/week

\$1170 - monthly

KINDERGARTEN/SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM

Daily Rate - \$30

School's Out Drop-In Fees - \$40 (enrolled students who attend weekly); \$60 (non-enrolled students)

\$55 – 2 days/week

\$80 – 3 days/week

\$115 – 5 days/week

\$190 – 5 days/week - before care w/after care

\$498 – monthly after care only

\$823 – monthly before w/after

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Breakfast/Transportation on NLC Bus

\$75 – 5 days/week

\$15 – daily/drop-in w/after care

\$25 – daily/drop-in

\$325 – monthly

Mission Team Challenge—Food Donations

Help us surpass the 154 pounds of food donated to Loudoun Hunger Relief in July!

Preferred Food Items:

- Beans (dried or canned)
- Pasta and rice, especially whole grain
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Cereal and granola bars
- Canned meats (tuna and chicken)
- Mac and cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Heart soups
- Cooking oil

Other useful items:

- Grocery gift cards,
- Paper products
- Household items (dish soap, laundry soap, diapers, wipes, formula and nutritional shakes)

Please put your items in the big wooden box in the main entryway!

July brought lots of summer fun!



The Pastor's Epistle:

Providing Blessing & Sanctuary

Gary Gunderson has worked to bridge health care with ministry in wonderfully creative ways. I met Gary in Michigan when he came to the local hospital's *Creating a Healthier Macomb* initiative. Our topic was how our whole community could improve on the 12 most problematic health challenges. Could we lower incidences of heart disease, infant mortality, cancer and the like? Our challenge was to find ways to make our community healthier in the five years ahead of us.

From that initial connection, I've seen how Gary went from a job at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta to serve as a Vice President in the Memphis area United Methodist Health Care System. There, he developed a way for people from faith communities to enter a covenant group so that the hospitals could tell their churches or synagogues or mosques of their hospital stay. Because prayerful people came to visit these patients, Gary was able to chart how their average hospital stays went from three to two days and that their mortality rate lowered considerably. The prayers and visits that came their way proved healthy!

Gary has also written several books. In *Deeply Woven Roots: Improving the Quality of Life in Your Community*, his thesis is that faith communities add to public health through such basic, common practices as invoking awe, helping people engage in community with one another and opening up their spaces for people to gather. Like the ecosystem surrounding a tree, Gary suggested that simple patterns and practices added years and to people's lives and a broader quality of life, as well.

I think of Gary when people ask about why we make it such a priority to give space to the community groups that use our building. Four groups regularly use the downstairs:

- Our St. Andrew chartered Cub Scout Pack 1162 that

meets once a month on Thursdays,

- Boy Scout Troop 163 which we host on every Monday night,
- and the 12-Step Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous group which use our facility on Tuesday and Wednesday nights respectively.

In addition to these groups, we have also hosted several other groups on a per use basis, including Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, a Rotary Interact Club, Mothers of Preschoolers, and more. Some of these groups will make a donation from time to time, but for the most part when people ask to use our building we say: "Come on." As I figure it, by being stewards of the gift of our facility, we are adding health to our community.

Occasionally, I've visited an NA meeting and this has borne itself out. The stories that you hear are enough to curl your hair. I've heard how low some of the group members have gone in hitting rock bottom – living on the streets, prostituting themselves, stealing from family members and friends, jail. The stories and the language they use to tell them are raw and honest in a way that is inspiring for how we should always be courageous in how we tell the truth about ourselves and seek forgiveness and change. When we give that kind of health and healing a space, it is essential ministry.

Both 12-Step groups are available for those who might like to check in if substances may seem to get the best of anyone. The Boy Scout Troop and the Cub Pack have been meaningful and edifying to many St. Andrew boys – as well as to their parents.

St. Andrew has many wonderful ministries. The ministry of providing a space, sanctuary if you will, to community groups is one of our very special ministries. It blesses our community with health!

Yours faithfully,



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.

Saturday, August 11—Trustee Workday—8:00 am-

noon—Everyone is invited to lend a hand around the church. Many hands make light work!

Friday, August 17—Holy & Whole Revival Service—7:00 pm—We would love to have you join us for Holy & Whole Revival Service with Pastor Michelle Thomas from Holy & Whole Life Changing Ministries of Lansdowne.

Sunday, August 26—Blessing of the Backpacks—10:00 am Worship Service—All students are invited to bring their school backpacks to worship service for blessings and well wishes for the school year.

August 2018

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Block Party				1	2	3 JC & SC National Building Museum DC 8:30	4
Mad Scientist	5 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	6 JC Berryville Pool 11:15	7 JC * Discovery Museum 10:00	8 SC * Children's Science Center 11:30	9 PK * Temple Hall Regional Park 9:30	10 SC Berryville Pool 11:15 National S'mores Day	11
Our Wacky Wet Summer	12 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	13 SC * Jay-Dee's Family Fun Center 10:00	14 JC AV Symington Pool 11:30	15 JC Berryville Pool 11:15	16 SC AV Symington Pool 11:30	17 NLC CLOSED for Teacher Workday Open House 3:00 - 5:00	18 Parents' Night Out 5:30 - 9:00
Last Lazy Days	19 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	20 JC & SC & PK Franklin Park Pool 11:45 Opening Day for New Infant Room NLC School Year Starts	21	22	23 First Day of LCPS	24	25
		← Thirty-One Gifts Fundraiser →					
		← Pre-K Joins School Age Campers →					
	26 Worship & Sunday School 10 am Blessing of the Backpacks	27	28	29	30	31 National Eat Outside Day	
		← Thirty-One Gifts Fundraiser →					

- Field Trips: 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**
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