

# Neighborhood News

*The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter*

*November Highlights*

## *The Director's Corner*

Greetings!

The NLC theme for November is "Give Thanks," and there are lots of reasons to be thankful this year. We want to thank all of the NLC families for sharing their children with us. We want to thank the NLC Board and St. Andrew membership for supporting the Renovation project this past summer so we can have additional updated space. We are thankful for the wonderful NLC staff with whom we are blessed.

Please don't forget the NLC and St. Andrew are collecting food for the Loudoun Hunger Relief **Thanksgiving bags which will be due on November 9**. Please see Page 4 of this newsletter for details. Please involve your children with this project and talk to them about giving to others in need.



On Tuesday, November 20, the NLC will have its **Annual Thanksgiving Feast** beginning at 11:30 with a short Chapel service with Pastor Dave. The event includes the Busy Bees, Hummingbirds, Bird House, Bird Nest, and Owls. Around 11:45, we will move to the Fellowship Hall where NLC staff will serve you and your children a feast of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pumpkin bread, cranberry sauce, and Thanksgiving cookies. Sign-up sheets for family members attending will be posted outside classroom doors the week of Nov 5. We also need **parent volunteers to decorate the class tables**. Each class will have its own table with children and the family members who have signed up to come. Parents are asked to decorate the tables either Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. If you are able to help decorate, please talk to your child's teacher.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich

### **November 1, 8 & 15**

AcroKidz Bus 9:45  
Registration Required  
New Session Starts 11/8  
Wee Little Arts **also on 11/29**  
Registration Required

### **November 2, 9, 16, & 30**

Soccer Bugs 3:30  
Registration Required

### **November 7 & 14**

Family Night—ALL ages  
Dinner 6:00—6:30 pm  
Activities for children & adults  
6:30—7:15 pm

### **November 5 & 6**

LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN School's  
Out Drop-In Days for School  
Agers; Bowling Field Trip on the  
6th

### **November 6**

NLC Kids Vote...For Lunch!

### **November 16**

Have a Party with Your Bear  
Day—*Bring your favorite bear to  
school!*

### **November 17**

Parents' Night Out 5:30—9:00

### **November 19**

Owls receive visitors from Mac  
Brownell Adult Day Care Center

### **November 20**

Thanksgiving Family Feast  
11:30 Chapel with Lunch After

### **November 21**

LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN School's  
Out Drop-In Day for School  
Agers

### **November 22 & 23**

NLC CLOSED for Thanksgiving

### **November 28**

Advent Workshop—  
Drop in 4:00—7:15  
*For the whole family!*  
Chili Cook Off 6—6:30

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

## This Month at School...

November is a time when we take time to slow down and give thanks.

- Please join us on Wednesday evenings for **Family Night!** See the article at the bottom of this page, and be sure to read the special invitation from St. Andrew to the Families of the NLC on page 5.
- **Extracurricular activities** continue through November. Registration is required for Wee Little Arts, Soccer Bugs, and AcroKidz. We are so excited to offer these fully optional extracurricular activities. The kids had a *great* time during their demo class through Mercier School of Dance. Sign up by 11/2 by visiting [MercierSchoolofDance.com](http://MercierSchoolofDance.com).
- LCPS will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, the 5th and 6th, AND Wednesday the 21st, but the NLC will be OPEN. Parents of School Agers—we will hold “**School’s Out Drop In Days**” so be sure to sign your child up for a day of fun activities! Note that a trip to the bowling alley is planned for Tuesday the 6th.
- While the adults perform their civic duty on Tuesday the 6th and go and vote, the children will get their chance, too! The **kids will vote** for whether they want chicken nuggets or pizza for lunch on Friday.
- Don’t forget to sign up for **Parents’ Night Out**, which will be held on Saturday the 17th from 5:30—9:00.
- The Owls are honored to host **visitors for a second time from the Mac Brownell Adult Day Care Program** on Monday, November 19th! Our visitors will bring an active game to play with the children, and then will join in for Music & Movement with Ms. Rachel.
- The **NLC will be CLOSED** on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd.
- **Advent Workshop** will take place on Wednesday the 28th. Please see the article below.

## Advent Workshop—Wednesday, November 28th

**Workshop 4:30-6:00, Chili Cookoff 6-6:30; Workshop reopens 6:30-7:15**

Advent is a time of anticipation as we prepare for the birth of Christ. Please join us as we create family Advent wreaths so you can light a candle each week and watch the light grow as we get closer to Christmas.

This event is designed for families, so please drop in to make your family wreath with your child(ren), learn why we make and use Advent wreaths, and to enjoy ornament making and other activities!

At 6:00 pm the annual Chili Cookoff kicks off—entries welcome!



## Thanksgiving Family Feast

**Tuesday, November 20th. FAMILIES are invited to join their children for Chapel with Pastor Dave at 11:30 am followed by a special luncheon.**

**Room parents needed to decorate each classroom table! Please see your child’s teacher if you’re able to help make this event even more special.**

## Family Nights

**Wednesday evenings from 6:00—7:15**

Join us for a fun-filled, midweek gathering where you can reconnect and recharge with your NLC & St. Andrew Family and Friends!

**Dinner kicks off at 6:00 pm, followed by music & programming for the kids and book study & service projects for the adults.**

***Invite your friends and neighbors!***



# TRUNK-or-Treat Was a BLAST!







loudoun hunger relief

# THANKS GIVING DINNER BAG DRIVE

**Pack a reusable bag with:**

- Stuffing Mix
- 4 Cans of Vegetables
- Boxed Potatoes
- Gravy (mix or jar)
- Cornbread or Biscuit Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Dessert Mix/Ingredients

Nothing perishable, please!

-Put a \$10 Grocery Store Gift Card in a separate envelope, not in the bag.

**Register your bag at [loudounhunger.org](http://loudounhunger.org)**

**Deliver your Bag**

**By November 12, 2018:**

Loudoun Hunger Relief

750 Miller Drive Ste A-1

Leesburg, VA 20175

Mon.-Thurs. 9am-4pm

Fri. 9am-3pm

Sat. 9am-1pm

**NOTE:** You do NOT need to deliver items to Loudoun Hunger Relief. Deposit items in the boxes provided outside the classrooms and we take care of the rest.

**ITEMS DUE FRIDAY, 11/9**

703-777-5911

[loudounhunger.org](http://loudounhunger.org)

## An Invitation from St. Andrew to the Families of the NLC

The Neighborhood Learning Center was established as, and remains, an outreach mission of St. Andrew. Our overarching goal is to provide quality childcare at an affordable price to our Purcellville community and the surrounding areas. As such, we consider the NLC families part of our St. Andrew family, too!

We want to make sure you know that **ANY and ALL “church” activities are also open to the NLC families!** You are welcome at worship, at Sunday School, at work days, at picnics, at special events, on mission trips, etc.

In particular, we want to make sure you are aware of one of our family events that is ongoing through December—**Family Nights!** This family-oriented weeknight event takes the place of WAC (Wednesday Afterschool Café), and we feel it better fits the needs of our growing group of families.

*So what are Family Nights? I’m so glad you asked!*

Wednesday evenings we gather at 6:00 pm for a casual, fun, family dinner in Fellowship Hall. That’s right, you don’t need to cook dinner on Wednesdays! At 6:30 the kids go off with Mr. Zack (St. Andrew’s Music Director and an Elementary School Music Teacher) for some fun children’s choir. After some joyful singing and games, the kids head to another activity, usually mission-related (have you seen the posters around the building asking for Thanksgiving Bag donations? Yep, the Family Night kids made these!). While the kids enjoy their time, the adults gather to fellowship, hang out, play games, or whatever might be on the agenda for the evening. We wrap up at 7:15 sharp.

Throughout the end of November and December, Family Night will be SUPER fun—Advent Workshop on November 28th, then during December, events such as caroling to some of our shut-in congregants, and on another night a Birthday Party for Jesus!

**Please join us.** Children of ALL ages are welcome, the events are free (donations accepted to help defray dinner costs), and there is fun and refreshing in store for adults and children alike. We want to get to know you better—after all, we are all family members!



### 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.

**Ongoing Wednesdays—Choir Rehearsal—7:00 pm—**All are welcome, come sing with us!

**Saturday, November 3rd—7:30—9:00 am—Men’s Group Monthly Meeting—**All are welcome! Breakfast at 7:30.

**Saturday, November 3rd—Youth Trip Haunted Corn Maze—6:00—9:00 pm—**Rescheduled from October 27th because of rain. Prepare yourself! There will be a dark maze, screams in the distance, rustling corns stalks and that nagging feeling that something is about to jump out at us...Because there is! Don’t be late - we’ll leave promptly at 6:15pm!

**Sundays, November 11th & 18th, continuing into December—Adult Sunday School—9:00—10:00 am—**A discussion of The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James H. Cone. In response to the National Capitol Presbytery’s call to the DC Metro congregations to “engage in edifying discussions so that we could dismantle racism as a part of our Christian commitment.” Books are available in the church office.



# November 2018 *Theme: Give Thanks*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AcroKidz Bus 9:45 am** Wee Little Arts**	2 Soccer Bugs**	3
4 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	5 LCPS Closed, NLC <b>Open</b> National Donut Day	6 LCPS Closed, NLC <b>Open</b> School Age Bowling Field Trip Chapel NLC Kids Vote Event	7 Music & Movement Family Night	8 AcroKidz Bus 9:45 am** Wee Little Arts**	9 Soccer Bugs**	10
11 Adult Sunday School 9 am Worship & Sunday School 10 am Veterans Day	12	13 Chapel World Kindness Day	14 Music & Movement Family Night	15 AcroKidz Bus 9:45 am** Wee Little Arts**	16 Picture Day Soccer Bugs** Have a Party with Your Bear Day	17 Parents Night Out 5:30 – 9:00
18 Adult Sunday School 9 am Worship & Sunday School 10 am	19 Music & Movement Visitors from Mac Brownell Adult Day Care Program to Owls	20 Chapel Thanksgiving <b>Family Feast</b> – 11:30 Chapel & Lunch – <b>Families invited!</b>	21 LCPS Closed, NLC Open	22 Thanksgiving <b>NLC CLOSED</b>	23 <b>NLC CLOSED</b>	24
25 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	26	27 Chapel	28 Music & Movement Advent Workshop 4:30-6 & 6:30-7:15; Chili Cookoff 6-6:30	29 Wee Little Arts** National Chocolate Day	30 Soccer Bugs**	

**OF NOTE...**      **\*\* Designates Registration Required Classes**

- **AcroKidz\*\*** – 2-year old classes and older
- **Soccer Bugs\*\*** – 3-year old classes and older
- **Wee Little Arts\*\*** – Birds & Owls 2:45 – 3:30 pm  
K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 3:45 – 4:30 pm
- **Family Night** – Dinner at 6 pm. Activities for children and adults 6:30 – 7:30 pm. **OPEN TO EVERYONE!**
- **Advent Workshop** – FREE and open to ALL AGES! Stop in anytime between 4:30 and 6, or 6:30 and 7:15 to make your family Advent Wreath to help anticipate Christ's birth. Other fun activities, too! And don't miss the Chili Cook-Off at 6-6:30!

