

St John Child Development Center



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FAITH OF A CHILD AT EASTERTIME

The faith of a child is seen by our workers each day! It would be great if we could share all of those “faith moments” with you, the parents of the children of the ministry of the Child Development Center. At each staff meeting we share faith stories from our classrooms. This helps us to celebrate with each other and it also reminds us of our purpose. Each year, when I taught the Easter story and as I have taught it here at the Child Development Center, the children would look at the pictures of Jesus’ bloody hands and feel so sad for Jesus. Blood and pain are something they can understand, after having trips and falls on the concrete. They can’t imagine how someone could have done that to the Jesus they love. They also are full of joy when they celebrate the resurrection.

We have heard the story many times, but this year as we review it, may we feel the sadness of the preschoolers and the joy that they feel at Easter. “How could someone have done that to the Jesus we love? (Ugh—that was due to our sins!) How happy we are that HE IS ALIVE!” May our faith be “preschool-like!” “Truly I tell you,

anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” Luke 18:17

News from the Child Development Center:

We welcome CUNE graduate Emma Brand as our new School-age Coordinator. She replaces Kacee Moul, who left to train for and to be an EMT.

We have completed all of the visits for Nebraska Step Up to Quality. Teachers were observed 4 times for 2-3 hours. Every item in the classroom, every teaching moment, and everything they said was scrutinized. Records of all trainings, handbooks, and program documentation were all part of the visits. We are now a Step 4!

What is going on with the COVID restrictions?

It is very frustrating that we have to continue to keep the pathways separate for children and not let adults into the center! I totally agree! COVID is wearing on all of us! Your director and your teachers are also very tired of it! However, these are the facts:

The COVID cases in Seward are again increasing.

The risk dial is now closer to the orange.

Our students either can’t or don’t wear masks.



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The number of quarantining families of CDC students is increasing.

Our main concern is the safety of our students. We don't want to close down again. We don't want to quarantine rooms. We want to continue to provide care for children, so parents have childcare. Continue to pray that COVID goes away so we can ease up on our restrictions. Thank God for each day that we have been open since June 1 and ask Him to continue to protect us!

Blessings,
Lisa Aring
Director



APRIL

- 1 No School St. John
- 1 Chapel Pastor Rempfer
- 2 **CDC CLOSED**
- 5 **CDC CLOSED**
- 8 Chapel Amber Fiala
- 15 Chapel Paul Soulek
- 22 Chapel Lisa Aring
- 29 Chapel Pastor Bruick

CDC CLOSED APRIL 2-5

Reminder that that the CDC will be CLOSED on Friday, April 2nd and Monday, April 5th for Easter.

STEP UP TO QUALITY

St. John Child Development Center has been recognized by Nebraska Step Up to Quality for its commitment to quality child care and education. This means we are going above and beyond state licensing requirements to better serve the needs of your child and prepare them for success.

TAX STATEMENTS

The end of year tax statements were emailed out January 7, 2021. They were sent to the email address that your tuition statements go to. So please check with your spouse if you don't see it before letting Mrs. Huntington know.

BLOOMZ APP

Please continue to use the Bloomz app or whatever communication method your child's teacher prefers to keep the drop off and pick-up process running smoothly. If you are having trouble with the app, please let your teacher know.



BEFORE 7AM DROP OFF

Beginning Monday, Oct. 5th if your toddler or preschooler needs care before 7AM please let the office know, CDC@stjohnseward.org or 402-643-3122, no later than 9am the day before. This gives us enough time to make sure that only the classes that need care are staffed before 7AM. The school age room will always be staffed at 6:30AM. Thank you for helping us keep our staffing cost down!



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HOT LUNCH

To insure that your child gets a hot lunch ordered, please make sure you let us know **no later than 8:30am** if your child will be coming in late. Students arriving after 8:30am, who did not call or make arrangements with their teacher, will need to bring a cold lunch.

BREAKFAST

School Age breakfast is served from 7:05-7:20am. Preschool/Toddler breakfast is served starting at 7:30am and ends promptly at 7:50am. If you are running behind and won't make it to the classroom before 7:45, please consider bringing an alternative breakfast/snack for your child if they weren't able to eat at home.

ABSENT

If you know your child is going to be absent, please let us know in advance or give us a call by 8:30am, so we don't worry.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

If someone other than a parent will be doing drop off or pick up, please let your child's lead teacher know. This is the best way to get the information to our afternoon staff.

CUNE YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

Please see the attached flier for the CUNE Youth Soccer Camp. Online registration is available at <https://www.cune.edu/athletics/teams/womens-soccer/camps>.

PLUM CREEK LITERACY FESTIVAL

Please see the attached order form for CUNE's Spring 2021 Plum Creek Literacy Festival. All orders are due by April 6th.

COVID TESTING

Four Corners Health Department recommends if you or any member of your household is tested for Covid-19, your entire household should self-quarantine at home until results come back negative.

How do you know the difference between COVID and colds and the flu?

Here is a chart from WHO that might help:

Symptoms	Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>	Flu <small>Abrupt onset of symptoms</small>
 Fever	Common	Rare	Common
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Cough	Common* (usually dry)	Mild	Common* (usually dry)
 Sneezing	No	Common	No
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
 Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Sources: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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WORSHIP OPORTUNITIES

St John Lutheran Church
919 N Columbia Ave
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Sunday Livestream Worship	8:30AM
Sunday In Person Worship	8:30 & 11AM
Saturday In Person Worship	5:30PM
*Tuesdays Communion Only	11:00AM

To reach our YouTube channel, please visit stjohnseward.org and click on the link, or click here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/StJohn>

*For Communion Only Services please call the church office 402-643-2983 for reservations.

Holy Week & Easter Worship

Maundy Thursday: 10am & 6:30pm (6:30pm
livestreamed)

Good Friday: 10am & 6:30pm (6:30pm
livestreamed)

No Holy Saturday service

Easter Sunday Services: 6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am &
11:00am (8am & 9:30am livestreamed)

No reservations needed

Masks required

Open seating

