

Little Praisers News

September/October 2009

From the Director's Chair

We have had a fun start to the school year at Little Praisers! Classrooms have been rearranged, painted, and spruced-up, and teachers have been working on making positive changes to their curriculum to meet the needs of their new students.

While many positive changes have been made, we know there is always more to be done. If you have ideas for ways we can improve, please let me know!

I encourage you to communicate with your child's teachers often, as well. If you have concerns about your child, his or her behavior, or the curriculum, please ask. It is helpful for us to know about changes you have observed at home, or changes in the home environment, as well. The more insight we have, the better we can help your child.

I also encourage you to come to me with any concerns you have about your child, teachers, or the program. I am here to help! My regular office hours are 7:45-4:15 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and Tuesday from 9:30-6. Unfortunately, the nature of my job is such that I am not always available at my desk. You can always call and schedule an appointment, leave a message with a good time for me to call you, or send an email to me at littlepraisers@praiselc.org.

Finally, I want you to be involved in your child's care and education here. Soon I will be asking for volunteers for a few special projects. Please consider how you might help us to improve Little Praisers and make this the best place for your child!

In Him,
Alicia

Fall Festival

This year will mark our second annual Family Fall Festival at Little Praisers. Please plan to join us from 5-6:30PM on Friday, October 30 for a great evening of FREE fun!

There will be games, a craft, face painting, and prizes for the children. Weather permitting, we will have cars outside where the children can go "trunk-or-treat"-ing, and there will be hot dogs, snacks, and apple cider.

We encourage the children to wear an appropriate costume (nothing violent, scary, or bloody, of course!) for this event. There will be a costume parade of all the children starting at 6PM. You may send your child's costume to Little Praisers that day, and we can help your child get dressed, or you may dress your child when you arrive. Parents **MUST** accompany their child/ren to this event. Teachers will not be available to do so.

Welcome New Teachers!

Little Praisers has several new staff members who have joined us in the last month. We welcome Andy Lamkin, Becky Amen, Elizabeth Moline, Amanda Grabbe, Julia Myers, Lauren Drabecki, and Lori Gamble. We are thrilled to have them come to us with lots of education and experience in the field of early education.

Another change at Little Praisers has been that Mrs. Kristie Lehman is no longer with us. Kristie is staying home with her children, and we wish her the best! In the meantime, I appreciate your patience as I am now overseeing all accounts at Little Praisers. I certainly have my hands full, and look forward to having more help soon. The job description for this position has been changed somewhat, and hopefully the hiring process will begin soon. Ms. Cher has been working temporary full-time hours, and I really appreciate her help! She has learned a lot very quickly in her short time here.

When the details of the new job opening in our office are available, we will try to let you know so that you can help us find the candidate we already know God has in store of us. Who knows—maybe it is one of you!



Anniversary Cookbook

Little Praisers is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, and Praise Lutheran Church is celebrating 15 years. We thought a great way to celebrate would be to print a commemorative cookbook!

We will be asking all our Little Praisers families to contribute recipes, and also our church families. We will compile the recipes and have them professionally printed in a nice cookbook that will be available for purchase by Christmas.

All the proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will go toward building an outdoor pavilion at Praise, where our students and teachers can eat during the summer, do projects, and enjoy the outdoors.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need your recipes, but we also need a few volunteers to serve on the committee to get this project going! This is a great way to get involved at Little Praisers, and only involves a short-term commitment. The cookbook and your duties will be done before Christmas! Please consider giving your time. Contact Alicia or Cher in the office ASAP if you are interested. Thanks!

What does this mean for our annual cookie dough fundraiser? We will probably be moving it to February, with delivery in March before Easter. We don't want to overwhelm people with cookbooks for sale AND trying to sell cookie dough! We know you love the cookie dough, though, so we will keep that for later. If you have any comments about that, PLEASE let me know!

We want to be your friend! Little Praisers is on Facebook. We post pictures of the activities in our classrooms, of which we restrict viewing to "friends only". Join us as a friend soon!

**Coming November 20th:
Parenting classes offered weekly at Praise Lutheran Church. Watch
newsletters and notes for more information.**

Mark Your Calendars

Oct. 30 5-6:30PM Fall Festival

Nov. 5-6 School Pictures

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Feast (Green, Purple, and Red Rooms)

Nov. 26-27 Little Praisers Closed: Thanksgiving Break