



THE CHILDREN'S CENTER
OUR SAVIOUR'S CELEBRATION
COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER



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Why Friendship Matters

Friendships are not only a source of fun, they help children grow in meaningful ways. They create a sense of belonging through shared interests: 'my friends and I like this kind of music...' or 'we play soccer.' Friendships can provide acceptance and help children feel good about themselves: 'Michelle is my friend and she wants to play with me.' Having friends also makes it easier for kids to tolerate stress, rebuffs, or aggravation. And friendship encourages children to go beyond their own self-interest. Caring about a friend, or just wanting to play with that friend, can temper selfish urges and open the way for negotiation, compromise, and even generosity.

-Eileen Kennedy-Moore (Work & Family Life, October 2011)

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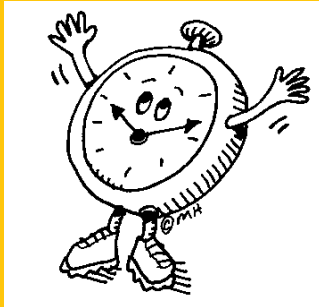
Manna Mondays in November

Monday, [November 7](#) and Monday, [November 21](#); orders are due by noon on those days.

Under "Quick Links" on the left, you can access the current order form for yourself or for friends.

Order forms are also available outside the classrooms, in the Children's Center office, or in the main office at Our Saviour's.

[Do your holiday shopping with Manna or give Manna for Christmas! It benefits The Children's Center!](#)



Children's Center Is Collecting Food For Loaves and Fishes This Month!



Did You Know?

Last month (September) Loaves & Fishes of Naperville provided food to over 3,800 children. It's astounding that so many children in our area are faced with food insecurity. Our halls will hold baskets/boxes for food collection.

If you're unsure about what to bring, click on the Loaves and fishes "Quick Link" above to find suggestions and learn about Naperville's Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.

Believe It Or Not! ...Registration Fall 2012

It's time to start thinking about registration for next September. Monday, December 5 at 12:00 noon, preferred registration begins in The Open Door Coffee Bar for current and past families (alumni:) of Celebration Children's Center, as well as families of the Our Saviour's congregation.

Saturday, January 14, at 10:00 am begins registration for the wider community at The Open Door.

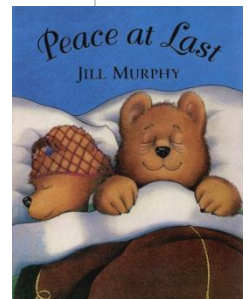
If you have questions concerning registration contact Ms. Kelly. KellyGilligan@oursaviours.com or phone [630-281-4300](tel:630-281-4300).

Learning Through Literature November Book Choices

November 4

Peace At Last by Jill Murphy

Inner peace....peace and quiet.....peace be with you! Mr. Bear is having trouble achieving a peaceful night's sleep. This classic was the recipient of the United Kingdom's Kate Greenaway Medal for distinguished illustrations.



November 11

A Chair For My Mother by Vera B. Williams

Vera B William's Caldecott Honor Book is a beautiful story of a jar of coins, saving, sharing, and the power of love in a community. The message connects to the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to be good neighbors!



November 18

A Turkey For Thanksgiving by Eve Bunting

Family and friends gather around the table to feast on the harvest and a turkey. But the turkey is missing. In this humorous misunderstanding, we look at what's really important at Thanksgiving. Thank you, God, for all that we have!



Coming

Thanksgiving, Nov.24
W/Th/F,
Nov.23,24,25 NO
SCHOOL

Th/F, Dec. 1 &
2 "Cup of Christmas
Juice" (last hour of the
preschool classes)

Monday, Dec.
5 Preferred Registration
for Fall 2012 ... present
families, past families, and
families of Our Saviour's; 12
noon in the coffee bar

Monday, Dec.
12 The "Children's
Center Shares The Christmas
Story" (5pm and 7 pm)

Dec. 23 thru Jan. 6
NO SCHOOL
Christmas Vacation

Sat., Jan. 14
Open Registration, Fall 2012,
10 AM in the coffee bar

The Fitz Family Returns To Our Saviour'sfor their 20th Anniversary Performance



Friday, November 18, 7:00 pm
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Celebration! Community Life Center

Remember the fun we had when they were here last year? This year... The Fitz Family has decided to celebrate their 20th anniversary with a few reunion shows! They'll be at Our Saviour's and perform familiar routines as well as throw in some fun added stories.... plus some new Fitz-Grand kids! (The same ages Sam and Gideon were when the Fitz Family originally started!) A free will offering will be taken at the beginning of the evening.

Cup of Christmas Juice

We're looking for "Angel Bakers" to bring 4 dozen of their very best Christmas cookie recipe to our Annual **Cup of Christmas Juice** in our preschool classes. Angel Baker forms are going out this week, and we invite holiday bakers to read the form carefully before returning it to the Children's Center office. Cookies need to be received by November 30.

Cup of Christmas Juice is December 1 and December 2. Child and parent(s) will make an Advent chain for their home while in the classroom; then go to the *Cookie Room* for Christmas Juice and an array of beautiful Christmas cookies. Mark it! and plan to join your child that day.

Are you planning to go to Florida over the winter holiday break!?

Please consider planning your trip through "Torie", our Disney Planner. Torie is a certified Disney Vacation Planner as well as a member of the Our Saviour's congregation. She's paid by Disney, and it costs you nothing. She knows all the seasonal specials and "must see" places to go. If you book through Torie, The Children's Center receives a \$25 donation per each family she serves. So think about contacting "*MOUSE MADE SIMPLE*", and tell her you're a Children's Center family.



To book or learn more, contact Torie today!

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The Children's Center Offers

- Parents' Day Out (for 2s and 3s) as well as
- Preschool Programs (for 3s, 4s and 5s) and
- Learning Through Literature (for the kindergartner or preschool child with a year of preschool experience).

In all our programs, early learning and faith development join hands, and young families are walked with on their parenting journeys. We're happy you're a part of our family.

The Children's Center admits children of any race, color creed, and national or ethnic origin. God's world is beautiful because of its many different colors, and we welcome the same diversity in our children and their families.