



Arcola Christian Preschool

"Let the little children come to Me . . . for of such is the kingdom of God."
(Luke 18:16 NKJV)

March 2025

Director's Note

What a winter we have had! It was so nice to enjoy some sunshine and warmer weather earlier this week. We are ready for March! It's always fun to explore the change of seasons with the children and it's especially fun to see the bulbs emerging from the soil, flowers begin to bloom, and the trees start to bud. We also love watching your children bloom!

We have our spring field trips scheduled for the 3-year-old classes (April 23 & 24) and 4/5-year-old classes (April 29 & 30) and will get the details to you soon. Meanwhile, we will get the kids outside as much as possible! I suggest you do the same.

[Kindergarten registration](#) is happening at all LCPS elementary schools. Click on the link to find the procedure and answers to your questions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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Enter in Good Health

As a reminder, when you enter the building or send your child into the building, you are confirming that you or your child do not have symptoms of a contagious illness. Children should be 24 hours symptom free without medication before returning to school. Please stay home if you are unwell!

Lenten Service Project

The church and preschool are collecting items for the Personal Hygiene Pantry at Shreveport Ridge Apartments and clothing for our community partner Dulles South Neighborhood Closet. Care for your neighbors by donating the items below! What a great example to set for your children; they have such big hearts. You may bring items each week or feel free to donate all at one time. Contact [Deborah Taylor](#) with questions.

- 3/9 Shampoo & Conditioner
- 3/16 Men's & Women's Deodorant
- 3/23 Shower Gel & bar soap
- 3/20 Body Lotion
- 4/6 Toothpaste

There will be a basket in the Narthex to collect donated items during office or church hours, as well as the one just outside the front doors, all day, every day, year-round.

ACP Calendar

The calendar for the school year is posted on our website for you to view at any time.

- March 31 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed
- April 4 & 7 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed
- April 14 – 18 - NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- April 23 – Temple Hall Farm Field trip (Frogs)
- April 24 – Temple Hall Farm Field trip (Chimps & Horses)
- April 29 – Claude Moore Park Field trips (Stars)
- April 30 – Claude Moore Park Field trip (Dolphins & Ladybugs)

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is an optional program that requires advance registration and payment. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8AE292-54906412-acplunch> The link will also be in our Friday email.

Tuition

Tuition payments are **due the first of each month**. We do not send a bill. The best way to pay is on the preschool tuition [payment page on our website](#). There is a \$25 late fee after the 5th of the month. We are a non-profit and rely on your timely payments to pay our staff and purchase supplies.

Snack

All snacks must be nut free – that includes peanuts and tree nuts. We cannot serve items that have been processed or packaged in a facility that also processes or packages peanut products. Snacks must be store bought with labels we can read and be unopened.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our students safe. We will send home any snack that doesn't meet our guidelines.

Scholastic Books

Does your child love books? Reading to your child is the most important thing you can do to help them succeed in school. Books make great gifts too! Your books will ship directly to our preschool, and we will send them home with your child. (If they are a surprise, just let me know and I'll notify you when they arrive.)



Family Order Due Date: 3/20/2025

Shop Our Class Page:

<https://orders.scholastic.com/GZVWY>

Shop Flyers: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/all-flyers>

Thanks so much for your support!

Absences

If your child is going to be out of school due to illness or travel, please email your child's teacher or the preschool office.

Clothing

Please be sure to label all clothes, jackets, and school bags with your child's name. Many children do not recognize their own belongings when there are several others that look similar.

Arcola Church Happenings

Arcola Church is an active church with opportunities for Worship, Sunday school for all ages, a variety of bible studies, music groups, support groups, and opportunities to donate to the Hygiene Pantry and the Dulles South Food Pantry. For more information, check out our website or ask me to point you in the right direction. You do not need to be a member of Arcola Church to participate in any of our programs.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, March 5

Worship with the Imposition of Ashes

@ 11:30am & 7pm

Pancake supper @ 6pm (youth fundraiser)

Holy Week/Easter Worship

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Worship @10am

Easter Egg Hunt @11am

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday Worship @7pm

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Worship

@ 7:30am, 9am, & 11am

Parenting Littles with Grace

Wednesday, March 26 @ 9:30am

Caring for littles is its own unique season, and we want to support you in your faith journey! Join us monthly for this low-key Bible study - we'll share a devotion, have childcare available (but please come even if your kids are in school!), and connect about caring for Jesus' littlest disciples. All caregivers welcome (parents, grandparents, and nannies, etc). If you would like to join this group, email parentinglittles@arcolachurch.org. Contact [Allison Bishara](#) with questions.

Dates With a Purpose

April 5, 4:45-8pm

Need a date night? DWAP provides an intentional way to do just that. You will meet for 20 minutes, get some discussion questions, then be on your way.

Contact [Molly Riedel](#) with questions. Register here:

<https://arcolachurch.org/event/23689367-2025-04-05-dates-with-a-purpose/>

Wednesday Prayer Service

Every Wednesday @11:30am in Pearson Chapel (finished before pick-up carline)

This service is 30 minutes in length and designed to strengthen us until Sunday comes. Prayer is a powerful tool that connects us to God and with each other. During this worship, in addition to a variety of prayer opportunities, we will sing some good hymns, listen to special music, hear a brief inspirational message, and share communion together. All who wish, may also experience anointing during communion time.

Arcola United Methodist Church

Pastor: Chris Riedel

Web site: www.arcolachurch.org

Worship @ 9am & 11am (Nursery available)

Sunday School for PK -5th grade @ 9am

Youth (grades 6-12) Sunday School @ 10am

If you are interested in learning more about what is happening in the life of Arcola Church, please send me an e-mail (BarbaraL@ArcolaChurch.org) and I will have you added to the church newsletter e-mail distribution list.