



THE FAMILY TREE

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News from the Infant and Toddler Room

HAPPY WINTER!!! It snowed already this month, I am so very happy. Snow makes me happy. This month our time together will be short but fun. We will do crafts using our small motor skills to glue and color. We will use our large motor skills by running, jumping, balancing and twirling while we dance. We will have so much fun in these next two weeks. Please be sure to check the calendar for our open sessions this month. Have a GREAT and HAPPY Christmas and New Year. We will see you on January 4th, 2022.

-Angela Bunker, Infant Toddler Teacher

News from the Preschool Room

Happy December! This is a short yet fun month. We will be learning about the transition from Fall into Winter and observing the changes. We will, also, get lots of time to run, play and use our imaginations to create new games and characters. Reminder the church office has zoo passes to lend out, grab one and enjoy the holiday lights for FREE! Have a wonderful holiday season. I hope you are blessed with joy, good health and laughter.

See you in 2022!

Beth Corcoran, Preschool Teacher

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WMKW5S7> - Parents/caregivers – please complete this survey.

FINAL NEWS FROM THE BEST DIRECTOR EVER!!!!

December is always a time of year for many of life's greatest joys. At our home we prepare our favorite family recipes as a tradition. We build snowmen, drink hot cocoa, and take drives to look at the holiday lights. Please remember to dress warmly and enjoy the lovely weather here in Michigan!! Mostly, enjoy December's happy traditions! Remember too about **Impression 5 Science Center** right here in Lansing... <https://impression5.org>. Impression 5 Science Center is a dynamic, interactive space for families to play, create, and challenge their understanding of science. Our mission is to facilitate learners in scientific exploration through hands-on exhibits and participatory educational programming. They offer scholarships too-check it out: <https://impression5.org/scholarships>

News from the Family and Community Resource Coordinator

Hello families- I am so excited to be back at Family Growth Center, many of you probably remember seeing me come in and out of the office to say hello and play with the kids in my previous role! I am so happy to be here full time again in a different capacity working more closely with you and your children. December is a short month but starting in January we hope to continue to build and provide more services to families in need. Please let me know if your family is struggling in any way and we will do what we can to try to help.

You can email me at rachelprosen@childandfamily.org or call me at the center (517) 371-1347.

WHAT IS THE FAMILY GROWTH CENTER?

It is a place for children to enjoy FREE drop-in childcare for children 6 weeks through 5 years of age. A nominal fee is charged to higher income families. **Family Growth Center** is a program of **Child Abuse Prevention Services**, which is a division of **Child and Family Charities**.

For more information on childcare call (517) 371-1347.




DURING NON-FGC HOURS CALL (517) 371-1347 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE



**Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday
549 E Mt. Hope
Lansing, MI. 48910
(Bethlehem Lutheran Church)**

DECEMBER 2021 Family Growth Center Calendar

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	01 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS Drop In: 900am – 1130am Drop In: 130pm – 400pm	02 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS Drop In: 900am – 1130am Drop In: 130pm – 400pm
07 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS Drop In: 900am – 1130am Drop In: 130pm – 400pm	08 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS Drop In: 900am – 1130am Drop In: 130pm – 400pm	09 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS Drop In: CLOSED STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY Drop In: 130pm – 400pm
14 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS HOLIDAY TOY WORKSHOP (appointment only)	15 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS CLOSED for HOLIDAY	16 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS CLOSED for HOLIDAY
21 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS CLOSED	22 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS FOR	23 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS HOLIDAY
28 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS CLOSED	29 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS FOR	30 FAMILY GROWTH CENTER CLASSROOMS HOLIDAY

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Protein: Cheddar Cheese & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Pears & Peas Grain: Whole Wheat Noodles	Protein: String Cheese & Milk Fruit & Vegetable: Bananas & Zucchini Grain: Whole Wheat Crackers			

Prepared by Staff ☺

Menu is subject to change.
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