ILDS MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER:

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine! We love this song and we love the little lights that we get to teach and love on a daily basis. Your little lights. To see the light of a child, even in the midst of uncertainty, sadness or disarray, is SO AMAZING to us at ILDS. They are so bright, so welcoming, so forgiving and so loving. We can learn a lot from our little ones—and we should all take time to do this on a daily basis. In a recent newsletter, I read this excerpt:

“I made a great mistake in my youth” wrote one man in his diary. I supposed that what was important to me then would remain important for a lifetime, like winning at football, buying my first automobile, dating the most attractive girl in my class and being invited to join a fraternity in college, were all matters which might have an eternal value. But, age has brought me home to the great lesson we must all learn. As memory takes me back to my childhood—the sports, the cars, the puppy loves, are all gone. And, in their place are the sacred hours spent with my father and mother—hours of work, play, and loving discipline; irreplaceable hours with parents who are no more.

The truth is that those words provide us all with insight. For those of us who are parents, we learn that we do not always have to be understood by our children to be loved by them. And, the love we give them, even if it includes a portion of discipline, will be more valued in time. We come to understand that there is no more important time than that which we spend with our children. To provide children with happy, meaningful memories is a primary responsibility of parenthood.

Childhood is a short season, so enjoy them while they’re little. To be in your children’s memories tomorrow, you have to be present today. Enjoy your little lights.

Anchored in Christ,
Claudia

Christopher J. (Sharks)
Kendall K. (Pandas)
Rece L. (Geckos)
Callen M. (Sharks)
Preston N. (Rockhoppers)
Olivia S. (Tree Frogs)
Adam S. (Tree Frogs)
Rylan S. (Chinstraps)
Ryleigh S. (Rockhoppers)
Ms. Taylor (Tree Frogs)

Carley A. (Tree Frogs)
Quinn C. (Sharks)
Eleanor C. (Sea Turtles)
Hazel F. (Starfish)
Kalla F. (Rockhoppers)

You will never have this day with your children again. Tomorrow, they’ll be a little older than they were today. This day is a GIFT. Breathe & Notice their faces & little feet as you Pay Attention to their charm. Enjoy today, Mama. It will be OVER before you know it.
— Jon Hatmaker
We LOVE adding new students to our ILDS family. And, we love helping you with your tuition payment. For the first quarter of 2017 (until March 31st), if you refer a student and they enroll, once they start, you’ll immediately receive **$200 OFF** of your tuition! So, spread the word that **ILDS IS ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS!**

Like & share us on facebook, tell your neighbors, families and friends, etc. Help us share the good news!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**—If you have someone who needs to be covered in prayer, let us know and we’ll get them on our ILDS prayer list.

| Ms. Cleo | Cynthia Bradley | Jack Womack & Family (Ms. Gwen’s brother-in-law) |
| Ms. Amber & Baby Elena | Betty Blaha (Ms. Claudia’s Aunt) | Andrew Carlisle (Ms. Tiffany’s brother) |
| Ms. Renee | Randall Foley (Ms. Melinda’s Grandfather) | Leyton Ann Harrison’s family |
| Camryn Adkison | Taylor Nicole (Emma R’s aunt) | Ashley Grant |
| Diane Miller (Ms. Melinda’s Grandmother) | Rachel Patterson (Ms. Gwen’s aunt) | Kelly Morel |
| Dorothy Arnhamn (Ms. Diane’s aunt) | Leland Fougeron (Ms. Ashley F’s grandfather) | Wyatt McCormick |

Immanuel Lutheran Church welcomes YOU! Please come join us on Sunday! Service times are 7:45am, 8:30am and 11:00am with Sunday School (adult and kid classes) taking place at 9:45am. We’d love to see you!! Together we Gather, Grow & Serve.

Are you reading this newsletter? If so, clip this section, fill it out and drop it by Ms. Claudia’s office for a chance to win a STARBUCKS Gift Card!

**Student’s Name:**

**Student’s Class:**

**Your Name:**

**Phone number:**

JOIN our Facebook GROUP and LIKE our Business Page.
We’re so excited about our SOCCER SHOTS enrichment program! It’s not too late to sign up! Classes are held at ILDS and are scheduled as follows:

- Fridays at 10:00am—MINI’s (2—younger 3’s)
- Fridays at 10:45am—CLASSIC’s (older 3’s—5)
- Tuesdays at 3:45pm—PREMIER (K-3rd Grade)

Here is the direct link to register: https://austin.ssreg.org/add.html?classID=168085

Let us know if you have any questions!

ILDS KIDS SAY THE DARNEDEST THINGS:

- At Ash Wednesday Chapel service, when Logan went up to get ashes on his forehead, he asked Pastor Tom if he could have a mustache instead. (Koalas)
- The Rockhopper Penguins were working on their daily Handwriting Without Tears curriculum. After making a couple of U’s, Elijah looked at Ms. Jan and said, “I need a break. My poor hand. It’s so tired.”
- Mathieu seemed like something was bothering him so Ms. Jan asked him what was wrong. He said, “Oh, nothing. I just got a hick in my neck.” (Penguins)
- As the Penguins were walking outside to participate in their SOCCER SHOTS Kick & Tell, Colin said, “Wow! This is so exciting but I sure hope it’s free.” (Rockhoppers)
- After Ash Wednesday service, Cara told Ms. Tiffany, “This is just the BEST DAY EVER!!!” Ms. Tiffany asked her why. Cara replied, “Because I get to have a cross on my forehead. And, that’s SO COOL!” (Penguins)

SLEEP BASKET FUNDRAISER:

- On picture day, Ms. Mariah saw Elijah and said, “Wow–don’t you look handsome!” to which he replied, “I know, right!” (Penguins)
- On Ash Wednesday, Trace told his mom, “Hey Mom, did you know that today is Ashley Day!” Ms. Ashley felt honored :) (Penguins)
- Emily Shafer went around the table telling all of her friends and teachers, “Good job!” for eating all of their food. (Starfish)
- Colin told Ms. Jan that his dad took pictures of REAL light sabers. Ms. Jan said, “SO COOL!” Colin said, “Yeah, it was before I was made.” (Penguins)
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Monday, March 13—Friday, March 17—PflISD SPRING BREAK
- Monday, March 20—begin collecting items for the Spring Basket Fundraiser (see your class for their basket theme)
- Friday, March 24—WESTERN DAY
- Sunday, April 2—ILDS SUNDAY at Immanuel Lutheran Church Services 8:30am & 11:00am—PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US! There will be a Children’s Sermon, we’ll need greeters, readers, etc. The kids will sing a song for the congregation. We want as many ILDS kids as possible to be there!
- Are you reading this? If so, don’t forget to fill out the section on Page 2.
- Friday, April 14—Good Friday, ILDS closed
- Sunday, April 16—EASTER
- Saturday, April 29—CARS FOR KIDS CAR SHOW

This Spring Break, the SHARKS (ILDS after-school group) will CELEBRATE DIVERSITY! All week, they’ll discuss what make us different and how we can celebrate the gifts that God gives to each of us. They will discuss diversity as it relates to skin tone, culture, age, disabilities, etc.