

st. john's christian **PRESCHOOL**

Newsletter

September 2025



Welcome

We are excited for a great start at preschool! Our days will be filled with play and learning as we adjust to new schedules and get to know new friends. Thanks for the support you have shown our staff and your children at this special time. We want each family's experience here to be positive. Please let us know if you have any input and/or concerns as the year begins.

Meet the Teachers!

Nancy Hanson-Director/Teacher

I grew up in White Bear Lake MN and am the fourth of five girls! I am very close to my family. My husband Dave and I will be celebrating 41 years of marriage in September. We have four adult children, a goldendoodle named Sal and a few grand dogs and a grand kitty. This is my 25th year working at Preschool, this school year I will be the full time Director/Teacher. I will be teaching 5 days a week and doing director duties in the afternoon. In my spare time I like to travel, read, do jigsaw puzzles, and spend time with my family. I'm very excited to be starting another year with the preschoolers and their families.

Amanda Downing-Teacher

Hi, this is my second year teaching at SJCP. Last year I was the Assistant Teacher in Mrs. Hanson's class. This year I will be teaching the TTh 3 year old class. I couldn't be more excited to be working with the preschoolers at St. John's this year. My husband and I moved to Eau Claire 11 years ago to help start a church and since have had two boys, 9 and 7, and started our own business. In my free time I love gardening, reading, cooking, and adventuring with my family. My boys attended St. John's as preschoolers and know this year will hold just as many special memories for our new preschoolers as it did for our family

Amanda Schroeder-Teacher

Hi, I am an outgoing mother of two girls Peyton age 15 and Riley age 7. I love to play, sing, and be silly. I really enjoy being around children. This is my second year teaching at SJCP. I love to draw and paint and just about anything art related. You can usually find me in my art room at home, classroom, or at the ice rink cheering on my girls with my Husband Jeremy. We also have a cat named Onyx and a betta fish named Bubbles. I really like colorful things, unicorns and butterflies. My goal is for everyone to feel safe

and welcome in my classroom, so that they can learn how to be great little students with a love for learning while having fun and being silly. I am so excited to be a part of St. John's Christian Preschool.

Bria Lindstrom-Assistant Teacher

Hello! Excited to start a second year teaching at SJCP. I have three daughters whom all attended St. John's. I love the warm culture and faith filled energy here. We live south of Eau Claire with our chickens, dogs and barn kitties! I enjoy spending time outdoors (especially in the Fall), cooking and being with my family near and far.

September Theme

We invite your family to join us as we explore the author Eric Carle as we begin the school year. Our classes will share songs, activities, stories and art as we read his books. Of course, we will be learning about ourselves too. As we settle in with new classmates, teachers, routines and experiences, we will work to develop those educational roots that help us grow!

A Note from Pastor Christine

One of my favorite things in the whole wide world is listening to the pitter pat of little feet as they come up the stairs for preschool at St. John's. As the pastor of this church, I love watching these children grow as they learn, have fun, and share God's love. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and watching your children thrive at preschool. Many blessings to you on this new school year. May God enrich your life and the lives of your beautiful children.

"Sharing Day" at SJCP (starts 9-25&26)

Our classes will start "sharing" activities on Thursday/Friday. They will receive their own "sharing bag" to use each week. Please help your child select an appropriate item(s) for each week's topic which is listed in the newsletter calendar. Place the item in the bag and bring it to class on the designated day. We will collect the sharing



items as the children arrive at preschool. Later in the day, we will take turns telling about their selections and showing the class. The items will be sent home each day. This is a favorite activity at preschool and may inspire some fun conversations at home too!

Please take a chance to visit our website. Preschool forms and resources are posted here monthly. The site is also a convenient way to share a little about our program with others.

stjohns-ec.org (Click the preschool logo) or stjohns-ec.org/preschool/com

Families and friends can also “like” us on Facebook to receive an occasional preschool update to help keep connected!

Brightwheel

We use the Brightwheel app for communications, billing, and check in/out throughout the school year. If you haven’t already, please take time to update your family’s information. Including a photo will help us learn names and faces as we start the school year.

What to Wear

We are active and sometimes messy here at preschool. Please send your child in comfortable clothes and shoes that can get dirty. When the weather permits, we spend time outdoors. Please send jackets suitable for the weather and an extra change of clothes for your child. Please label personal items. Thank you!

Apple Orchard Field Trip

TTh: Thursday, October 2nd
MWF: Friday, October 3rd
9:30-11:30AM

Please meet us at Bushel-and-a-Peck Apple Orchard at 9:30AM. We will explore nature, walk through and visit the animals and of course pick apples! We will dismiss from the orchard at 11:30AM. Children should dress for the weather, as we will spend an active morning outdoors. Please watch for the permission slip in your child’s cubby.

September Birthdays at SJCP!

Greta – September 2nd (MWF) Hanson
Harman– September 4th (MWF) Hanson
Byron- September 8th (TTH) Hanson
Brayden – September 10th (MWF) Schroeder

Happy Birthday and May God Bless You!



We love celebrating birthdays at preschool! We will honor children by listing them in this newsletter, singing songs, dancing, and making cards in the classroom. We even have special toys, bongo drums and a snack plate that we use on birthdays. We ask that families save food/treats for home and not to send them to preschool. Thank you!

Library Comes to SJCP!

LE Phillips Memorial Public Library will be visiting our preschool this school year. Each month our classes will have the chance to enjoy stories and activities with the library staff - right here at St John’s! We will include the dates in the newsletter calendar. This month’s library days are September 15th and 18th during our regular class time. Ask your child all about it!

What’s a Pop-up Perk?

We know that preschool is for kids, but we think grown-ups deserve to have some fun too! The SJCP board and directors have planned some “pop-up perks” just for you.....

You are invited to this year’s first perk!

Outdoor Coffee and Breakfast Snacks

Monday 9/22 or

Tuesday 9/23

9-10AM - after preschool drop off
at St. John’s – EC



Parents, grandparents, sitters, carpool drivers, or any other folks that help with drop off or pick up are welcome! Coffee and morning treats will be provided. Take yours to go or stay a while and relax outdoors. Watch for other “pop-up perks” through-out the year!



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	 Library Day @ SJCP	16	17	 Library Day @ SJCP	19	20
21	22	23	24	Sharing 25 Family Photo	Sharing 26 Family Photo	27
28	29	30				
			Next month	October 2 Apple Orchard Field Trip  9:30am	October 3 Apple Orchard Field Trip  9:30am	