



OUR WORLD
For Children

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REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

Paperwork will be sent home next week for our current OWC families to register for this coming school year! **The registration forms and fees must be turned in during the week of March 13-17 to guarantee a spot for the 2017-2018 school year.** The registration fee is \$100 for new children, \$65 for returning children, fees are waived for St. Mark Church members.

CHAPEL THIS WEEK: Elisha and Naaman; 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman was a very brave man who lived in Syria. He was in charge of the king's army of soldiers. He won a lot of battles and was famous. But Naaman was sick, he had leprosy and that worried him. One day, a little girl from Israel said, "Someone in Israel could heal you." Naaman thought that was a good idea and traveled to Israel. When Naaman got there, he wanted to talk to someone important who could help him so he went to see the king of Israel. But the king was not a doctor and he was not God, so he could not make Naaman better. So Naaman went to see a man named Elisha, Elisha talked to God. Elisha told Naaman, "Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times." So Naaman washed in the river seven times. The last time he came up out of the water, he saw he was healed. God cleansed Naaman from his disease by washing it away! God uses water to wash our sins away. God's Word is powerful enough to cure our sin-sickness.

God teaches us through simple things: bread (His word), wine (His blood), water (Baptism), and Word (forgiveness); a baby in a manger, a virgin, and a carpenter. It could come as no surprise that Naaman was cleansed in a plain, simple river, just as we are in Holy Baptism. There is no special hocus-pocus or show, just simple means of His grace. Because of Christ, God considers us great. Through Baptism, we are His children. He loves us enough to send His only Son to die on the cross for us to forgive us of our sins.

MARCH READING MONTH **ACTIVITIES**

- ◆ Bring in your class reading slips of books you're reading at home. Let's see how many we can read this month!
- ◆ Thursday, March 9, 9-11am we will have a sheep family visiting us. The children will learn all kinds of fun things about sheep this day. If your child doesn't attend during this time, feel free to bring them in to visit.

PRESCHOOL CONFERENCES

If you are the parent of a preschooler, conference time is here. These conferences are a chance for us to share social, developmental, and cognitive development of your child this year.

Please talk to Mary or Heather to schedule your conference during the following weeks. Conferences are scheduled between 8:00-3:30 daily and last about 30 minutes.

Lagoon: Feb 27-March 10

Rainforest: March 6-17

Jungle: March 13-24

SAVE YOUR FAMILY FARE & SPARTAN STORE RECEIPTS!

Direct Your Dollars is a receipt-based program, meaning that we can raise money simply by doing something we all do each week – going to the grocery store.

Every time you shop at your local Family Fare or Spartan store, save your receipts – and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Once we've collected \$150,000 in receipts from these stores, we can turn those slips of paper into a \$1,000 check for Our World for Children!

To reach our goal of \$150,000 in receipts, we'll be collecting eligible receipts in our Direct Your Dollars box. The box will have the DYD logo on it, and will be located in the lobby. Please make sure you drop off the original receipt – that's how we earn our \$1,000 check.

If you or your extended family aren't able to drop your receipts off in person, they can also mail them to: OWC, 114 E. Minges Rd. Battle Creek, MI 49015

ST. MARK CHURCH INFO

What is Lent? Lent is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is the forty days plus the six Sundays before Easter. For centuries, it has been observed as a special time of self examination and penitence.

We hope you will join us this Lenten season! Lenten midweek services will be Wednesdays through April 5 at 12:00 & 6:30 and we will have special services during Holy Week (April 13 & 14). We will be examining the choices Jesus made that prompted His passion and led Him to His crucifixion drawing upon the Gospel accounts and Max Lucado's "He Chose The Nails".

Of course we would love to have you join us on Sundays as well! 9:30 blended service with nursery and Sunday School available, or 11:00 contemporary service with nursery and Kid's Church available.

Our family-friendly Easter Egg Hunt will be April 15th at 10:00am. Come celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Bring your own baskets & get ready for some fun for the whole family. Everyone is welcome, tell your family & friends!

SICK POLICY REMINDER

Parents and staff of Our World for Children work together to reduce the spread of disease. We want to protect your child's health. Please be concerned not only for your child's health but also considerate of peers and staff. If your child has been exposed to a Communicable Illness, notes will be sent via Tadpoles app informing you of the illness.

Symptoms: please do not send your child to Our World if any of the following are present or have been present in the past 24 hours:

Fever (100° or above)

Continual thick, yellow-green nasal discharge

Sore throat

Pink eyes- matting and discharge

Earache and/or discharge

Chickenpox or Measles

Strep Throat

Unknown rash

Persistent cough

Diarrhea

Vomiting

Head lice

Impetigo (doctor's written permission for inclusion)

If any of the above listed symptoms occur during the school day, parents will be called immediately to pick up their child and an Incident Report will be sent via Tadpoles.

If a child is sent home with symptoms, they may not return for a MINIMUM OF 24 HOURS without a doctor's written permission for inclusion!