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Dear Preschool Family-

With Beaty and Barb, I'd like to welcome you to a new preschool year. I can hardly believe it's that time again already. I look forward to seeing some familiar faces (and remembering some names!) and meeting new ones. The first few weeks of school are an adjustment for everyone, whether it's your first year or your 24th.

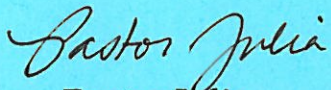
I'd like to let you know of a few things about the Lutheran Church of Hope (LCOH) and to convey our hopes and prayers for a joyful year for you and your family.

- ◆ **Heavenly Sunshine**- We have a church service specifically-oriented toward younger children on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. All ages are welcome at this energetic and interactive 30-minute service. This is a chance for your child to become used to being in church and to feel connected to worship and to God on his or her own level. We expect and welcome noise, wiggling and questions, (from your child, too).
- ◆ **Preschool Chapel**- We will try to have preschool chapel for the MWF and M-Th classes twice a month and for T-Th once a month. This is a time when the children go into the sanctuary, hear a Bible story with a theme aimed at them, sing a song or two and pray. This is another chance for children to interact with the worship space and a worship leader. When we do have Chapel, I will send home a note telling you what we discussed and sang and suggest some follow-up questions you might ask your child.
- ◆ **Pastoral Care**- Sometimes you may have questions or concerns about your child and faith, life- changes or "big" questions. Sometimes you may have some big questions of your own that you need the space to air and discuss. My door is open to you and to your family. My office hours are Tuesday- Friday and I'm usually here during pick-up and drop-offs. My own phone number is listed below. Please do knock on my door or give me a call. We know that many of you have your own congregational connections, which we have no desire to usurp. However, if you don't have that connection or for any reason you

need some support, again please consider me a pastoral presence for your child *and* for you.

I look forward to meeting you and to getting to know your preschooler. May God bless you with patience and grace during this chaotic time of year.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Julia".

Pastor Julia

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