

## **We Welcome Christine Nitz to a New Role as Office Aide**

It is with great joy that we report the continued success of Christ Lutheran PreSchool. The program has always been a strong ministry, and over the past several years the school has increased the spiritual component of the curriculum through not only in-class lessons but also through Godly Play session, Bible Time with Pastor, and monthly Chapel services for students and care givers.

The PreSchool board is also pleased to report the continued growth and strength of the school's afternoon programming – which has been extremely well received by the parents and children. Christ Lutheran offers a very unique and flexible set of afternoon programs – parents of existing students may choose to have their children “drop in” for Lunch Bunch, or attend for whatever afternoon programming works for them, without planning ahead for an entire trimester. This flexibility is unique to Christ Lutheran. While it has made our program even stronger, it does require that we stay up-to-date with payments and accounts for the good of the order.

To that end, this spring, classroom aide Christine Nitz stepped in to help with the bookwork surrounding PreSchool payment collections. Her ability to transition between the classroom and the office has proven to be extremely effective. For space reasons, Christine uses the desk in the church office to do her bookwork – thus also helping us cover any phone coverage or walk-in visitors to the church as well. Generally, Christine will be on hand around the office Monday through Thursday mornings, though she is also called away to support classrooms and teachers as needed – especially on Wednesday mornings, which are particularly busy around the PreSchool. Please stop in to greet Christine when you have the chance. Welcome, Christine!

### **ABOUT CHRISTINE:**

My name is Christine Nitz. I am a resident of Vernon Hills with my husband, Mike and two boys, Daniel (age 8 ½) and Zachary (turning 7 next month). The boys are both CLC Preschool alums. We are active members of St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church in Indian Creek. We're currently involved in youth ministry, religious education, furniture ministry and various committees. I've worked with the youth group since 2002. I've taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade religious education for two years now and my husband helps with their furniture ministry program. He's involved with Cub Scout Pack 273 and coaches various sports teams for the boys.

I am a Michigan transplant. This summer will mark 18 years living in Illinois. After graduating St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana, in 1998, I began working for Hewitt Associates (now Aon-Hewett). I worked there for 9 years until my first son was born in 2007.

I mean this sincerely that I am very *thankful and happy* for the opportunity to work in the preschool and now for your church. With both boys in school full-time now, the flexibility with this job has been wonderful! Sincerely, I am looking forward to starting this new journey with you as well as the preschool and church staffs.