



**Hours of Operation**  
5:30a.m.—6:00 p.m.

**Breakfast** 6:30am-7:15am  
**Morning Snack** 9:00am  
**Lunch** 11:00am  
**Afternoon Snack** 3:00pm

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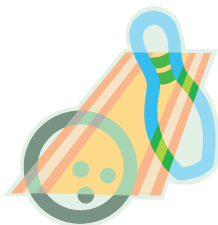
# Family *focus*

- ▶ Tax information will be in your boxes by January 5th. The tax ID number will be on the paperwork.
- ▶ The staff would like to thank everyone for their generosity during the holidays. We hope you had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- ▶ We had a tremendous turn out for the Christmas program. Thank you to everyone for making it such a special night.
- ▶ The cookie donation for the Christmas program outdid itself this year. Thank you to everyone who donated some yummys!



Employee of the Year for 2008 was Colleen Sperlich!! Way to go, Colleen! We appreciate all she does for us, as well as all of the hard work the staff puts in.

Employee of the Year is determined by who has received the most "Employee of the Moments" for the year. If you would like to give acknowledgement to a staff member, please fill out a moment and place it in the drop box or the payment box. (see backside)



4-year-olds and older will be going bowling Monday, January 19th. We will be leaving at 12:15pm to bowl one game. The cost is \$2.50 per child. No checks will be accepted. Cash only.

- ▶ If you know anyone looking for childcare, we do have a few openings in the center. There is one opening in the Young 1's; one opening in the older 1's; one opening in the 3's; and one opening in the 4's.



## **Happy Birthday!**



DRAKE 1/11

ADAM 1/16

DIANA 1/20

AIDAN 1/25

TALON 1/25

SUZIE 1/26

As a company, we celebrated the many successes that took place in 2008. We thanked employees for their hard work and dedication. If you would like to have a copy of the 2008 Year in Review for all of the companies, please feel free to ask. We are happy to share with you some of the results that pertain directly to the Children's Center:

- Remodel of kitchen complete
- Added a new fence around one of the play areas and new playground equipment.
- Sponsored another eventful Fall Festival at the nursing home.
- Made it through the first snow storm of the season without any injuries/mishaps.
- Kids benefited from weekly bible lessons by two outside teachers, Carol Simpson and Erin Hauser.
- All staff have gotten more than the required 20 hours of education for the year.
- Average number of children served: 68
- Employee of the Year: Colleen Sperlich



## ► 10 Things Children Should Know About PRAYER

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1. **Prayer is communication.**  
It can be spoken or silent. It can be a song or a story. It can be a picture or a dance.
2. **Prayer can be done as often as you like.**  
Every week. Every day. Every hour.
3. **Prayer can be done however you want.**  
There's no right or wrong way to pray.
4. **Prayer can be shared, but doesn't have to be.**  
It can be done alone or with a favorite toy. It can be done with friends, family or pets.
5. **Prayer can be done anywhere.**  
It can be done in your room or at the kitchen table. It can be done out in your yard, at the park or even at the zoo.
6. **Prayer can be done in any mood.**  
You can be happy, sad, angry, scared or confused when you pray.
7. **Prayer can be for yourself or someone else.**  
If you know someone who could use a little help -- add them to your prayers.
8. **Prayer doesn't need a certain structure, length or specific words.**  
Whatever words you use, long or short, however your prayer comes out is fine.
9. **Prayer doesn't need a special occasion.**  
There are certain prayers appropriate to special occasions but you don't need to wait for a special time to pray.
10. **Prayer doesn't have to be a request.**  
It can also be used to give thanks for what you have already received. "Thank you," is a perfect prayer.



**Happy New Year!**