



# March 2019 News

## Learning and Loving Education Center

March is a month when we welcome back spring. This is a time of new growth and possibilities.

### A short true story illustrates this for us:

The train was speeding through a poverty-stricken dilapidated section of the city, with boarded-up stores, burnt-out buildings, and collapsing houses pockmarking the landscape, I felt the melancholy. I felt the weight of sadness. It was heavy, very heavy. I wasn't catching even a whiff of hope.

Then the train slowed and came to a stop, and I found myself looking at an empty parking lot surrounded by a leaning fence. The asphalt was cracked, and broken pieces of the asphalt were piled up like rubble after a bombing. Because the train had stopped I had a chance for more than a quick glance. As I continued to gaze at the empty lot, I saw more than just rubble and failure. In the cracks of the asphalt, lush green grass and brightly colored wildflowers were bursting up toward the sky. Ivy and flowers with many colors were climbing joyfully along the leaning fence. A flowering shrub rejoiced in the corner, blissfully unaware of its dire need for pruning.

Here was new life. Here were living creatures that hadn't been told that this neighborhood was dead and hopeless. Amidst the angry, broken blacktop and the rusty links of the fence a cheery grin winked out at me. Life wins. Hope fails not. Love is the deepest core of all things and will always find a way to sing out anew from the darkest, coldest winter, to grow and blossom in the cracks of the pavement.

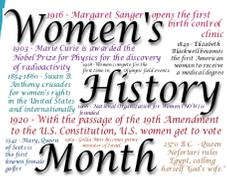
In Christian churches during this March the season of Lent is celebrated. After 40 days the great hope of resurrection is celebrated.

March is also National Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence." This year we honor women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society. They embraced the fact that the means determine the ends and so developed nonviolent methods to ensure just and peaceful results.

For generations, women have resolved conflicts in their homes, schools, and communities. They have rejected violence as counterproductive and stressed the need to restore respect, establish justice, and reduce the causes of conflict as the surest way to peace. From legal defense and public education to direct action and civil disobedience, women have expanded the American tradition of using inclusive, democratic and active means to reduce violence, achieve peace, and promote the common good.

These women have given voice to the unrepresented and hope to victims of violence and those who dream of a peaceful world.

Let us be hope-filled people during this month of March. Hope feeds on the past and nourishes the future. **Happy Spring!**



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**March 2:** 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Center; 11:30 AM Mass at St. Catherine Church, Reception following.

Our Parenting Class continues on Tuesdays.

There will be no health checks this month.

**March 7 & 14:** Exploitation in our Community & Domestic Violence Workshops, by Community Solutions 11 - 12pm

**March 8:** International Women's Day 2019

**March 10:** Daylight Savings Time Begins -Spring ahead one hour. Remember to change your clocks.

**March 17:** St. Patrick's Day

**March 27:** Food Giveaway

Thank you to all the students who helped keep clean and neat our Center on February.

**Congratulation students!** your teachers are very proud of your accomplishments. Keep up the good work.



## PRESCHOOL CORNER

Themes for the month of March:

⇒ **First Week**

Forest Animals

⇒ **Second Week**

St. Patrick's Day

⇒ **Third Week**

Our five Senses

⇒ **Fourth Week**

Pets and Zoo Animals