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Much Anticipated Grand Opening Now Scheduled for Divine Redeemer's NEW Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)

On September 10, **2023**, Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church & School (31385 W. Hill Road, Hartland) broke ground for expansion of its campus, building a brand NEW state-of-the-art Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC). It is with much joy and excitement that just 387 days after the groundbreaking, Divine Redeemer can announce the Grand Opening of the NEW facility and several Open House opportunities. The ECDC (offering programs for infants through four-year-old kindergarten) will roll out the red carpet, open its doors, and celebrate **the first day of school in the new building on Monday, September 30th, 2024**.

The vision for the building campaign known as "Forward in Our Story, all for His Glory" successfully ignited members of the school, church, local community, and generous corporate donors to contribute more than 90% financial funding of the 6.5-million-dollar project. The project is in response to the continual strong school enrollment, long preschool waitlists, and the strong need for high-quality, affordable, Christian early childhood programs in the Lake Country area. The NEW center (with its 23,000 square foot facility) has allowed Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church and School to increase its early childhood enrollment by more than 28% over last year!

Divine Redeemer Lutheran School was started in the Fall of 1980 and offered preschool through five-year-old kindergarten its first year. Each year following, the school added an additional grade level until it reached eighth grade. During the years following, it added a daycare center, started an educational program for 2-year-olds, and later developed the daycare center into the educational, play-based school programs for little learners that exist today. Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church, School & ECDC continue to grow, and the school has reached its highest enrollment to-date. The NEW Early Childhood Development Center will open its doors to its current church members on Sunday, October 6th from 9 a.m. – noon, and for the Lake Country Community Open House on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, from 5 – 7 p.m. During the October 23rd Open House event, visitors will receive a comprehensive tour of the facility and learn more about the exciting programs and future plans.

Images for media can be found in the attached zip file and more information is available on the church and school website at www.drlc.org. Media must reach out to the school prior to attending the First Day of School on 9/30/24 at 8 a.m. for media coverage. All media are welcome to attend the Community Open House on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, from 5 – 7 p.m., no rsvp required.