



May 2026

This school year flew by!

We are honored and blessed that you have chosen to share your child with us at St. Luke Preschool.

Thank you for the numerous ways in which you have supported the preschool throughout this year — from your kind and supportive approach and words, volunteering in the classrooms, and adherence to our illness policy, to providing feedback through our survey, attending the Christmas and Spring Programs, and Literacy Night, giving us a review, telling your friends about us and everything in between!

We are blessed and grateful for you.



Thank you for the wonderful Teacher Appreciation Luncheons you gave us last week!

Not only were both meals so delicious, but our staff enjoyed eating and spending time together. Thank you to Mary, Holly, and Allie from the Preschool & Church Cooperative (PCC) for coordinating the luncheons.

It was wonderful to see you at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 27: Enrollment Packets for the 2026-2027 School Year Are Due to the Preschool Office

Wednesday, April 29: School Photo Retakes at 9:00 am

Friday, May 8: KinderPrep Spring Program — 9:15 am (See pg. 3)

Sunday, May 10: Happy Mother's Day!

**Monday, May 11 & Tuesday, May 12: Spring Programs — IMA and OMA at 9:15 am
Swallowtails and Monarchs at 11:15 am (See pg. 3)**

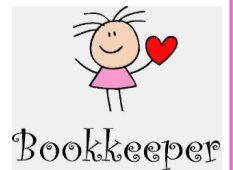
Thursday, May 14: Last Day of the 2025-2026 School Year

Friday, May 15: End of Year Picnic in the Park — 10:00 am — noon at North Domingo Baca Park (See pg. 2)

Monday, August 10: First Day of 2026-2027 School Year



From Our



Just a reminder — For the month of May, private pay families will receive a tuition invoice. The initial deposit that was already paid, will be applied to May's tuition. As such, a tuition payment is not due for May. The exception is Extended Care fees for May, and / or outstanding drop-ins and ACH fees. All final payments are due by May 5th.

We thank you for your prompt payment and please let me know if you have any questions!

End of Year Picnic in the Park!



On Friday, May 15th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, our whole school community will be meeting at **North Domingo Baca Park** for a morning of play and fun!

Here are some details:

*Parents or another adult guardian must accompany each child at all times. Teachers will be in attendance, but will not be responsible for supervising children at the park that day.

*Children are encouraged to wear their St. Luke t-shirts.

*Please bring sunscreen, hats, drinks, and any park toys you would like to bring. You are welcome to bring snacks and/or lunch for your family, but we ask you not to bring food to share, since children with food allergies will be in attendance.

*The splash pad may be open, so please come prepared if you'd like your child to play in the water. Clothes that can get wet, water shoes, and a towel will be important!

*Families can come and go as they would like.

*Pop Pops Italian Ice will be in attendance for those who wish to purchase a treat.

Enjoying our park time together gives us the opportunity for conversation, well wishes, thank yous and some good-byes.



Now! If not turned in yet, enrollment packets for the 2026-2027 school year are due to the preschool office by Monday, April 27th.

June 1: For private pay families, the first tuition payment for the school year is due. This tuition deposit is actually the May 2027 payment, and an invoice will be sent through Brightwheel prior to June 1st. The tuition deposit does not include Extended Care fees and is equivalent to one month's tuition. Please wait to make the payment through Brightwheel, once it is billed.

Late July: Be expecting an Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) and the class supply list to be e-mailed. Please follow the instructions for completing the ASQ and returning it to the preschool office. In addition, you will receive a Sign-Up Genius link for your child's Meet & Greet.

August 1: For private pay families, the August tuition payment is due. An invoice will be sent through Brightwheel prior to the due date. Extended Care fees will be billed at this time.

August 5 and 6: Family Meet and Greet with the teachers.

August 10: First Day of School — 7:00 am for extended care and 9:00 am for preschool.

Please be sure we have your current e-mail address.

Family Meet and Greet

On Wednesday, August 5, and Thursday, August 6, children and their families are invited to meet the teachers and spend about 25 minutes in the classrooms. Family Meet and Greet times are the perfect opportunity for parents, children, and teachers to begin their relationships with one another. They are also a great time for parents to share the goals they have for their child and for children to explore the classrooms. We welcome this opportunity to share our program with you, and answer questions you may have, as well as help your child with the transition into the new school year.

Sign-ups for Meet and Greet will take place through a Sign-Up Genius that will be sent by e-mail in late July. Just follow the instructions to select an appointment time.





You are warmly invited to join us for our **Spring Programs**, to be held in the sanctuary of St. Luke Lutheran Church

KinderPrep on Friday, May 8 at 9:15 am

Intermediate Multi-Age and Older Multi-Age Classes
on Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12 at 9:15 am

Swallowtails and Monarchs Classes
on Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12 at 11:15 am

Receptions for children and their families will take place in Fellowship Hall following each program. Join us for this delightful spring time event!

Treat Donations Are Needed For Our Program Receptions

A Sign-Up Genius link was sent out last week.
Thank you for helping provide snacks for the receptions!



Illness Policy

Thank you for your help with the health and wellness of the preschool community.
Together we make a difference!

- Send a Brightwheel message or an e-mail to **both** Lori and Jane **any** time your child will be absent, even if he/ she is not sick, as we are required to track absences.
Lori — stlukesc@thuntek.net Jane — stlukepreshool1956@gmail.com
- In order to return to the preschool following illness, children (and staff) must be:
fever free (without medication), diarrhea free, and vomiting free for 24 hours, and able to participate in the school day successfully with respect to energy level and engagement. Children with excessive amounts of mucus and coughing should remain at home to help minimize illness at the preschool.

If your child becomes ill while at school, you will be called to pick him/ her up within 30 minutes of receiving the call. Please be sure to keep your local contact information updated with us. If we are unable to get ahold of a parent, we will continue calling down the list of emergency contacts until we reach someone.

2026 Family Survey Results

As a NAEYC accredited preschool that is committed to continuous program improvement, your comments, suggestions, and input are valuable. We are grateful for all the constructive feedback provided to us through our anonymous online survey. We are also responsible for sharing survey results with you as a means of demonstrating transparency. We received a total of 45 responses to the survey with the following results:

Question 1: I have regular opportunities for two-way communication with my child's teachers.
42 agree, 3 somewhat agree, 0 somewhat disagree, 0 disagree

Question 2: I feel respected by the program staff and I feel that my input about the care and education of my child is valued.

44 agree, 1 somewhat agree, 0 somewhat disagree, 0 disagree

Question 3: My child's teacher tells me about classroom activities and events and offers me opportunities to participate, should I choose to do so.

41 agree, 2 somewhat agree, 2 somewhat disagree, 0 disagree

Question 4: St. Luke Preschool staff communicate with parents through e-mail, Brightwheel, phone calls, classroom and school wide newsletters, and individual conversations. Given this information, do you feel that you are communicated with in a thorough and timely manner?

44 agree, 1 somewhat agree, 0 somewhat disagree, 0 disagree

Question 5: The St. Luke Preschool staff create an environment that is welcoming, family friendly, safe, and conducive to my child's emotional and physical well being and development.

44 agree, 1 somewhat agree, 0 somewhat disagree, 0 disagree

Question 6: The grounds, facility, and classrooms are clean, well maintained, and are a safe place for my child to learn and grow.

45 agree, 0 somewhat agree, 0 somewhat disagree, 0 disagree

Question 7: Given that St. Luke Preschool is faith based, how important is the faith component to you and your family?
23 very important, 14 somewhat important, 8 not important

Question 8: How important is it to you that your child be enrolled in a NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited program?

23 very important, 19 somewhat important, 3 not important

Question 9: How likely are you to recommend St. Luke Preschool to other families?

43 very likely, 2 somewhat likely, 0 not at all likely

Question 10: Please assist us with our commitment to continuous program improvement by sharing any additional suggestions, comments, or ideas you may have.

A total of 14 written comments were provided, which we very much value. Appreciation for our dedication, support, and commitment to children and their families was expressed. In addition, thoughts and ideas for how we can improve were shared.

We are thankful for your time and willingness to share your perspective!

Preschool Summer Fun List

Read, read, read

Set up a tent in the backyard

Wash the car

Build a bird house

Make ice cream to share with a friend

Make your own playdough

Go on a bug scavenger hunt

Have fun with bubbles

Watch a movie outside

Go to a local farmer's market

Make s'mores

Bake a treat to share

Make a berry smoothie

Play hide and seek

Make popsicles

Toss water balloons

Plant some seeds

Go on a bike ride

Feed the ducks

Make mud pies

Make a rock collection

Play a board game in the backyard

Make an outdoor bubble bath for toys

Read in a fort made out of blankets

Share an act of kindness with someone

Fly a kite

Play with colored ice cubes in a tub

Make a habitat for plastic animals

Take a road trip

Act out a story from a children's Bible

Paint rocks to give away

Dig for worms

Make sun tea and share it with someone else

Take a bath with glow sticks

Get involved in a gardening project

Make a fruit salad

Tell God thank you for the beauty of nature

Make and supply a bird feeder

Paint with bubbles

Have a tea party and invite a friend

Turn on some fun music and move

Play with flashlights in the yard after dark

Play in the sprinkler

Paint with water on concrete

Splash in colored water in a wading pool

Be creative with sidewalk chalk

Have a family picnic

Decorate your bike

Have a family breakfast in the backyard

Watch the sunset with someone special

Act out the story from a children's book

Enjoy a family walk or hike

Paint outdoors

Walk barefoot in the grass

Make a seed collection

Read together by flashlight after dark

