



October 2022

You are invited to join us for

## FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 22  
10:00 am - Noon  
at St. Luke Preschool



Families with young children are invited to come and go anytime during those hours.

There will be games, activities, an inflatable obstacle course, prizes, and treats to eat.

Fall Festival is open to any family, however, it is geared toward children ages 2 – 5.

Wristbands for the children will be sold for **\$10.00** in the preschool office beginning on Monday, October 10th.

Cash and checks will be accepted for advanced sales.

Wristbands sold at the door on the day of the event will be **\$12.00**.

Only cash will be accepted at the event.

Wristbands allow children to visit the games and activities as many times as they would like to.

Treats and snacks will be available for additional purchase.

Children are invited to wear costumes to Fall Festival if desired. We request costumes not be scary, inappropriate, or violent in nature.

**Adults get in for free!**

Proceeds will benefit the Preschool's Professional Development Fund.

## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

October 1: Tuition due — A \$15 late fee will be assessed for payments received after October 5

Thursday, October 6 and Friday, October 7: Fall Break — No School

Thursday, October 13: Fire/ Property Evacuation Drill — 11:15 am

Monday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 18: Shelter-In-Place Drills — 11:15 am (see page 2)

Tuesday, October 18: Zoom Preschool Committee meeting at 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 22: Fall Festival: 10:00 am - noon

Monday, October 31 and Tuesday, November 1: Costume Parades and Pastries for Parents (see page 2)

Monday, October 31: Costume Parade and Pastries for Parents — KinderPrep (only Monday, not Tuesday)

Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22: Parent/ Teacher Conferences — No School (see page 2)

Wednesday, November 23 - Friday, November 25: Thanksgiving Break — No School



## Parent Resources

Be sure to stop by our Parent Resources Library just outside of the preschool offices. Articles and resources are available for you to take, and books are available for you to check out.

## Shelter In Place Drills

Now that children are feeling comfortable with Fire/ Property Evacuation Drills and Get Quiet (lock down) Drills, we are ready to introduce one last drill that will be practiced every other month, the first being on October 17 and 18. These will be Shelter-in-Place Drills where children and staff sit on the floor for a short period of time in the interior hallways or in the large gymnasium space, away from windows and doors. The purpose for Shelter-in-Place Drills is to make sure everyone knows what to do in the event of a severe weather related emergency. As always, we use the same calm demeanor and words whenever we are talking with children about drills and assisting them during drills. The words we use are: "We are practicing so we know what to do if there is an emergency."

Please let us know of any questions and/ or concerns you may have.



On Monday, November 21, and Tuesday, November 22, we will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences. There will be no school either of those days, so teachers can meet with parents one-on-one to discuss each child's progress and goals. A Sign Up Genius will be sent by email approximately 2 weeks prior to conferences, so you can choose the day and time that works best for you.

With different goals than our Meet and Greet times, conferences are a time for adult conversation. As such, we ask that children not attend. Be watching for more information about conferences in the November newsletter.

## Costume Parade

Children are invited to dress up in costumes on Monday, October 31st, and Tuesday, November 1st, to participate in our annual costume parade. Parades will take place outdoors at the preschool at 9:15 am. Parents are invited to stay and watch the fun and enjoy the Pastries for Parents that will be provided prior to the parades those mornings.

We ask that costumes **not** include weapons as accessories, or be violent, scary or inappropriate. Please have your child wear play clothes under his/ her costume.



See your child's class newsletter for additional information.

Please note: KinderPrep's parade will be on Monday only.

## PASTRIES FOR PARENTS

Please join us on the mornings of Monday, October 31st, and Tuesday, November 1st, at St. Luke for coffee and pastries as we anticipate a costume parade from the cutest children ever! Drop your costumed child off in his or her classroom, and join us out front. The costume parade will head your way at approximately 9:15 am and will last about 15 minutes or so. Younger siblings, grandparents, and family members are welcome to join us!

Please note: KinderPrep's Pastries for Parents will take place on Monday only.



## Children's Worship

- Monday, October 3rd: The Story of Noah (Genesis 6:9-9:29) - God cares for us and keeps His promises
- Tuesday, October 11th: The Story of Noah
- Friday, October 21st: Moses (Exodus 1:8-17, 7) - God takes care of us
- Tuesday, October 25th: Moses



You may wish to read these stories with your child from a children's bible. Perhaps you can remember God's promises by making rainbows together with sidewalk chalk, water color paints, or markers. Looking at baby photos can start a conversation about how God took care of Baby Moses.

Throughout October, we will be singing "My God Is So Great!"  
Ask your child to sing it for you!

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!  
There's nothing my God cannot do - for you!  
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!  
There's nothing my God cannot do - for you!  
The mountains are His, the rivers are His,  
the stars in the sky are His, too.  
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!  
There's nothing my God cannot do - for you!

Parents and Family Members Are  
Welcome to Join Us!

KinderPrep (Kathy & Staci) - 9:30  
Tuesdays only  
Older Multi-Age (Claudia & Cherish) - 10:30  
Intermediate Multi-Age (Kelly & Danita) - 11:00  
Younger Multi-Age Monarchs and Swallowtails  
(Kaylynn, Candice, Clarisa, Deborah & Tarin) -  
11:15

### From the desk of our



Please note that tuition is due by the 1st of each month and a late fee of \$15.00 will be assessed for payments received after the 5th. Tuition can be paid online through Brightwheel, or by cash or check given to Jane or Lori. Please be advised that should you choose to pay online through Brightwheel, there is a 2.9% convenience fee, based on the invoice total, for each credit card use. A less expensive option is to pay through your bank account with ACH. This fee is 90 cents per transaction.

If you should have any questions pertaining to your billing, please do not hesitate to email me at [stlukechurch.bkp@gmail.com](mailto:stlukechurch.bkp@gmail.com).

Thank you, Michelle

If you are able to participate in **United Way** through your employer, consider directing your United Way contributions to St. Luke Preschool. Contributions that we receive go directly to our scholarship fund, which creates the opportunity for children to attend preschool, who might not otherwise be able to.

Thank you to all families who have contributed to our scholarship program through United Way.  
This year to date,  
we have received \$259.20!

Together we make a difference!



## Illness Policy

Thank you for your help with the health and wellness of the preschool community.  
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- Call the preschool office at 292-8812 or send an e-mail to [both Lori and Jane](mailto:stlukeesc@thuntek.net) (stlukeesc@thuntek.net **and** stlukepreschool1956@gmail.com) **any** time your child will be absent, even if he/ she is not sick.
- In order to return to the preschool, following a non-COVID related illness, children (and staff) must be **fever free (without medication), diarrhea free, and vomiting free for 24 hours, and exhibit two or less symptoms. Children must also be able to participate in the school day successfully with respect to energy level and engagement.**

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 contact information updated with us and let us know of any questions you may have.

More detailed information about illness, health, and safety can be found in the Family Handbook starting on page 19.



## Building Social and Emotional Skills at Home

Preschool classrooms are busy places where young children learn all sorts of things, including social and emotional skills such as how to express feelings and how to work together with friends on a project. The following are some suggestions for helping your child develop social and emotional skills at home.

**Pretend Play** — Teachers sometimes talk with children about conflicts and help them think about solutions while using puppets, dolls, or stuffed animals, and families can try this technique at home. Puppets, dolls, and stuffies are a great way to introduce children to feeling words like *happy*, *sad*, *angry*, and children will sometimes talk to toys about their feelings. This can also be used in discussions about challenging topics, like getting to bed on time.

**Think Out Loud** — When your child hears your thinking process, it helps him/ her understand how to cope with frustration and solve problems. For example: "Whoops. My shopping bag has a hole in it. I'd better find another one to use."

**Read Bedtime Stories** — There is something magical about the end-of-the-day routine that makes it the ideal time for talking about feelings. Discuss the characters and events in the story. Invite your child to share her thoughts and feelings by asking questions such as: "How do you think she feels? What do you think he should do? What would you do if you were this character?"

**Play Games** — Board games and outdoor games such as tag or hop-scotch offer built in opportunities for helping children learn to take turns, cooperate, handle frustration, and more. While playing games together, focus on the fun instead of winning or losing.

**Prevent Potential Problems** — Before a friend comes over to play, help your child put away toys that he/she doesn't want to share. Before going shopping, tell your child what will happen step-by-step: "We are going to buy you some new shoes, and then we are going to the grocery store."

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You can sign up for the NAEYC Families newsletter  
by visiting [www.families.naeyc.org](http://www.families.naeyc.org).

