



April 2022

From Our:



Bookkeeper

April is our final billing for the 2021-2022 school year, with the exception of drop-ins, late fees and ACH fees that may be incurred during April and May. Please make sure your account is current prior to May 1st, so we can close the school year out in a timely manner. Be advised that the initial deposit that was made at the beginning of the school year will be applied to your May billing and will only be applied to tuition. If your child attends extended care, you will receive an invoice for this portion, which is due no later than May 5th.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
Thank you,

Michelle

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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

April 3: Cup of Blessing Family Workshop (See pg. 4)

Wednesday, April 6: School Photos for the Swallowtails class, Monarchs class, Intermediate Multi-Age class, and Older Multi-Age class (See pg. 5)

Thursday, April 7: School Photos for all classes, including KinderPrep (See pg. 5)

Monday, April 11-Thursday, April 14: Scholastic Book Fair (See pg. 2)

Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14: Parent/Teacher Conferences — No School (See pg. 2)

Friday, April 15: Good Friday — No School

Sunday, April 17: Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Worship Services, Egg Hunt, and Breakfast at St. Luke Lutheran Church (See pg. 2)

Friday, April 22: Registration Packets for Summer Camp and the 2022-2023 School Year are due to the Preschool Office

Thursday, May 19: Last day of the 2021-2022 School Year

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day — No School

Tuesday, May 31: First day of Summer Camp Session 1

Registration packets for the 2022-2023 school year and for Summer Camp are due back to the preschool office no later than Friday, April 22nd!

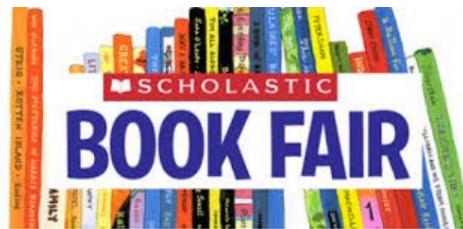


Parent/ Teacher Conferences are scheduled for
Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14

There will be no school either of these days so teachers can meet with parents one-on-one to discuss each child's development, progress and goals. Conferences will take place onsite, like they did in the fall.

The Sign Up Genius (so you can choose the day and time) will be sent by email soon!

Please note—since conferences are a time for adult conversation, we ask that children not attend.



Come and shop onsite at our Scholastic Book Fair the week of
Monday, April 11—Thursday, April 14!
You may wish to stop and shop at pick up or drop off times,
or when you come for Parent/ Teacher Conferences.

A wonderful array of preschool books will be available for you to choose from.
Enjoy some reading fun together and benefit the preschool at the same time!

Cash and credit or debit cards will be accepted. No checks, please.

St. Luke T-Shirt Spirit Days for April

Thursday, April 28th and
Friday, April 29th

Your child can wear his/ her
St. Luke t-shirt for Spirit Days
or any day!



**Easter Services, Egg Hunt
and Breakfast!**

You are warmly
invited to
Easter Sunday
Worship at
St. Luke Lutheran
Church.



Sunday, April 17th at 8:15 am or at
10:30 am. Easter Egg Hunt (on the
preschool playground) and potluck
breakfast will both take place
between the Worship Services.

We would love to see you there!

Financial Assistance

Each year, tuition assistance is given to several students at St. Luke based on financial need. To apply please see Lori for more information and an application. Along with the application, the following supporting documentation is required to be submitted.

- The previous year's tax return
- Monthly income and expense budget

Applications are due by Monday, May 2, for the 2022-2023 School Year. Financial assistance is not available for Summer Camp.

All requests, financial information, and determination are kept strictly confidential.

We are honored when you tell your friends, family, and coworkers about St. Luke Preschool. Word of mouth is the #1 way that families learn about us!



You can receive a \$100 tuition credit for a new student referral, and the benefit does not stop there – the family you refer will also receive a \$100 tuition credit off one month's tuition, beginning in September 2022!

Thank you for telling others about us!

Illness Policy Updates

Thank you for helping us adhere to the mandates set by the Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD). **Your willingness to partner with us truly makes all the difference.**

- Call the preschool office at 292-8812 or send an e-mail to both Lori and Jane (stlukeschool@thuntek.net **and** stlukepreschool1956@gmail.com) any time your child will be absent, even if he/ she is not sick.
- In the event your child is positive for COVID or has had a direct exposure, observe a 5 day quarantine, and provide us with test results, if you are able to obtain them. If your child tests positive with a home rapid test, it is not necessary to take an additional PCR test. Any positive test is considered positive. Children (and staff) can return to the preschool after a 5 day quarantine, provided they have been fever free, without medication, for 24 hours and symptoms are resolving (**two or less symptoms**). **Children and non-vaccinated staff are required to wear a mask at the preschool for 5 additional days after having tested positive.**
- 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.

Children's Worship

- Friday, April 8—Jesus the King
- Tuesday, April 12—Jesus the King
- Friday, April 22—Jesus is Risen
- Tuesday, April 26—Jesus is Risen

As you create Easter traditions for your family, consider making Resurrection Cookies or Resurrection Rolls to illustrate the joy of Easter and the gift of eternal life that God has given to us. Recipes and other "empty tomb" ideas can be found on Pinterest.



There are a number of children's books about the resurrection or other aspects of Easter. Here are some that you and your child may enjoy together:

When God Made You
The Parable of the Lily
The Easter Story

When God Made Light
The Tale of Three Trees
The Legend of the Easter Robin

The Easter Story
God Gave Us Easter
One Spring Lamb

Legend of the Easter Egg

Beginner's Bible: Come Celebrate Easter

The Berenstain Bears and the Easter Story or The Real Easter Eggs



St. Luke Faith Stepping Stones:
Holy Communion

Cup of Blessing Family Workshop

Sunday, April 3rd 2022 12-1:30

At St. Luke, in the Fellowship Hall
(light lunch will be served)

Come to the St. Luke Cup of Blessing Holy Communion Class, geared for 4 year olds through 8th grade *with their families*. We will explore the awesome secret of the *real presence* of Jesus and decorate our own wine glass for use on Maundy Thursday (April 14).

If you are intending to come, please send an email to the church office at stluke@thuntek.net, so we can plan to have enough materials for everyone!

Contact Holly Trujillo at CY&F@stlukeABQ.org or Pastor Christa at pastorchristaABQ@gmail.com, or call the church office at 505.299.2621 for more information.

Non-church members are warmly invited.

And, like God's grace – it's free!!!

St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Menaul Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112

Website: StLukeABQ.org



SCHOOL PORTRAITS

are coming !

April 6th and 7th
during school hours

HOW ?

Pick a package and payment via PayPal with child's name,
package of choice, and your personal email in notes
BEFORE April 4th.

Package A \$20 - 1 digital image of student
(headshot on traditional background)

Package B \$30 -1 digital image of student
(headshot on traditional background) plus 1
printed class photo

Package C \$10 - 1 printed class photo only
Add name and year for \$10 for any package
Add additional Class photo for \$10 to any package

CLASS PICTURES WILL BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS WILL BE EMAILED IN DIGITAL FORMAT.

PLEASE NOTE

All children will be photographed for the class photo. Only parents that have prepaid
will have their child photographed individually.

Artsy Eye Photography
facebook.com/artsyeyephography
For questions : artsy.eye@hotmail.com
For payment : paypal.me/sueszterling

FINE MOTOR SKILLS



Children who enjoy school the most are those who are ready to learn – both mentally and physically. During the preschool years, children’s minds and bodies develop at an astounding rate! As young children grow, whole body activities such as crawling, walking, climbing, and dancing lead to fine motor activities such as stringing beads, cutting with scissors, and playing with playdough. By exploring and working with their hands, children develop the strength, dexterity, and coordination necessary to write and draw – skills that will be needed for success in school. Preschool children benefit from many experiences with a variety of materials that promote the development of the fine motor skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

Fine Motor Play at Home

Exploring and playing with simple items found around the house can be the most fun and reap the most fine motor benefits! Here are some ideas:

- Spray Painting Fill a plastic spray bottle with water and let your child “paint” with it outside.
- Clothespin Clipping Give your child some clothespins to clip around the edges of an empty container. How many clothespins fit around a large container? A small one?
- Sponge Squeezing Fill a bowl with water and teach your child to suck up the water using a sponge. Move the sponge filled with water to an empty bowl and squeeze it empty. How many full sponges can be moved from one bowl to the other?
- Dropper Art Teach your child to suck up liquid using an eyedropper. Food coloring added to water can be used to “paint” with drops on a coffee filter or paper towel.
- Turkey Baster in the Tub Let your child suck up and squirt water using a turkey baster while taking a bath.
- Tweezers and Tongs Make games out of picking up and moving items with tongs or tweezers. For example, place cotton balls into cups of a muffin pan using tongs.
- Tearing Box Allow your child to tear strips of scrap paper (junk mail works well) into an empty box.
- Bird Feeders Let your child string o-shaped cereal onto yarn to hang on a branch as a bird feeder.
- Playdough Let your child practice using scissors to cut Playdough. Pounding, squeezing, and shaping dough builds strength in fingers, hands and wrists!

As a child’s abilities grow, so do feelings of delight in what their bodies can do.
Spend time together, playing and exploring,
and watch your child’s capabilities and confidence flourish!