



OPEN HOUSE

*You and your child are invited to join us
for our Open House on
Sunday, February 2nd
from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm*

Open House is the perfect time to visit classrooms and talk with the teachers of the next class up from the class your child attends now. Enrollment for current families will begin on Monday, February 3rd, which offers a two week priority before open enrollment begins on Tuesday, February 18th. *Please note that children who are enrolled this year are not automatically re-enrolled for next year.* Enrollment must take place each year to secure your child's spot.

Enrollment takes place on a first come, first served basis and classes can fill up quickly. If you need a specific schedule, please plan to register early! The \$150 non-refundable registration fee is due at the time the enrollment form is submitted.

The enrollment form can be downloaded from our website or picked up from the preschool office. Forms and fees will be accepted starting on Monday, February 3rd.

*Please invite your family and friends who
have young children to our
Open House!*

February 2025

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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

Sunday, February 2: Open House from 3:00 pm — 5:00 pm (See pg. 7)

Monday, February 3: Registration begins for currently enrolled families

Friday, February 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

Monday, February 17: Presidents Day — NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 18: Open Enrollment Begins

Tuesday, February 18: Preschool Committee Meeting

March 3 — 7: Lutheran Schools Week

Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday

Friday, March 7: Literacy Night — 5:00-6:30 pm (See pg. 2)

Wednesday, March 12 & Thursday, March 13: Preschool Village — 11:45-12:30 (See pg. 4)

Monday, March 17 — Friday, March 21: Spring Break — No School

Wednesday, April 23 & Thursday, April 24: School Photos





Join us at the Preschool on
Friday, March 7th
from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
for an evening of
literacy themed fun!
Be watching for more
details soon.

In preparation for this event,
we are accepting donations
of gently used children's books.

Upcoming St. Luke Spirit Days!

- Friday, February 7th
- Thursday, February 13th
- Friday, February 21st
- Thursday, February 27th



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



As we move toward enrollment for the 2025—2026 school year, we are grateful that you share with your family, friends, 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 referring a new family, 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 2025!

Thank you for telling others about us!



Word of mouth has served us well throughout the years and we are honored that you tell others about us!

Please help us spread the word further by placing a review on **greatschools.org**, **Google**, or on our **Facebook page**.

Thank you for allowing your child to learn and grow with us and thank you for your support!

If APS cancels or delays school, we will too. This is for APS CITY SCHOOLS ONLY. East Mountain Schools could be cancelled while APS in the city still remains open.

If **APS in the city** announces a 2 hour delay:

- ✦ Students enrolled in the 9:00 —12:00 or 9:00 —12:45 programs, classes will be cancelled.
- ✦ AM Extended Care begins at 9:00 am for students who are enrolled in AM Extended Care and 9:00 am — 3:00 pm.
- ✦ Students enrolled in the 9:00 — 3:00 programs - class begins at 11:00 am.
- ✦ PM Extended Care ends at 4:30 pm for students who are enrolled in PM Extended Care.



The safety of families and staff is our priority. In the event of a delay or a closure, e-mail and Brightwheel notifications will be sent no later than 6:00 am on the day of the closure.

Children's Worship

- Friday, February 7 — Zacchaeus (Luke 10: 25—37)
- Thursday, February 13 — Zacchaeus
- Friday, February 21 — The Good Shepherd
- Thursday, February 27 — The Good Shepherd

In February, we will be singing "I Just Wanna Be a Sheep" by Brian Howard. If you'd like to listen to it or sing it with your child, you can find it on Spotify.

Parents and Family Members Are
Always Welcome to Join Us!

KinderPrep (Kathy & Aaliyah) - 9:30 am
Thursdays only

Older Multi-Age (Claudia & Candice) and
Intermediate Multi-Age (Kelly & Daisy)
10:45 am

Monarchs (JoEllen & Sharon) and
Swallowtails (Laura & Brenna) 11:15 am



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 — stlukepreschool1956@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.



School photos will take place on
Wednesday, April 23
 and
Thursday, April 24.
 More details to come!

St. Luke Preschool Village

The Preschool Village Meet-Ups provide an opportunity for parents and guardians to enjoy each other's company and allow for young children to play together.

We will be meeting on

**Wednesday, March 12 and
 Thursday, March 13, 11:45 am – 12:30 pm**

To learn more, please feel free to reach out to

Mary Fidler, mefidler@gmail.com, or Allie Brandt, stluke.abrandt@gmail.com.

We would love for you to join us!



Preschool & Church Cooperative (PCC)

A small group of us are meeting one evening a month, over Zoom.

Goals for the **PCC** include building and supporting the preschool community, partnering with the church community, and supporting the preschool with community events.

We would **LOVE** to grow this parent group!

Please let us know if you're interested in participating!

Mary Fidler: mefidler@gmail.com
 Holly Trujillo: htrujillo1624@gmail.com
 Allie Brandt: stluke.abrandt@gmail.com

NAEYC Standard 7: Families

"The program establishes and maintains collaborative relationships with each child's family to foster children's development in all settings. These relationships are sensitive to family composition, language, and culture."



The learning and development of young children are integrally connected to their families. At St. Luke Preschool, we seek to work in partnership with families, nurture relationships based on mutual trust and respect, support and involve families in their child(ren)'s educational growth, and invite families to participate in the life of the classrooms and the program.

The Preschool & Church Cooperative (PCC) and the Preschool Village provide Such opportunities for family participation and engagement.

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.

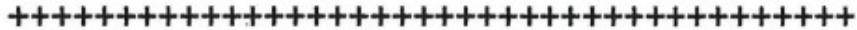
**Spend time together, playing and exploring,
and watch your child's abilities and confidence flourish!**



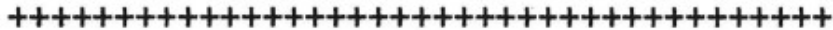
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Child Youth & Family Programs

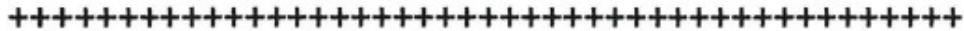
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



GODLY PLAY for 2 ½ - 5 year olds *plus one* (sign up with a parent, grandparent or caregiver) Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Bible Story-telling. We recognize that children have an innate sense of the presence of God and have been gifted to help rekindle that sense of wonder in others. Based on Montessori methods, Godly Play enables faith exploration in children through story, the use of manipulatives, and encouragement of a sense of imaginative curiosity. Parents, godparents and grandparents find OUR faith rekindled, too.



KIDS SPARK for 5 to 12 year olds With games, crafts, and conversation, we gather “family style” helping each other to pray, read the Bible, and explore ways to activate our faith in everyday life throughout the week. We discover and re-discover God speaking to us afresh!



CONFIRMATION Bible Basics & Small Catechism

Adventures for grades 6-9 (Older Youth and Adult Confirmation classes available by request) Confirmation students assist at least monthly in worship services and will be placed as Jr. Counselors with younger children Sunday School programs. Plans are forming for monthly service, worship, recreation and education activities with other

Albuquerque area Lutheran Churches. Confirmation Youth at St. Luke are invited to an annual camping week at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp.



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP!



Sunday, February 2, 2025 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Join us to explore our classrooms and meet our teachers!

- 2025-2026 School Year
- Ages 2 – 5
- Faith-based
- 5 Star NAEYC Accredited
- Registration forms and tuition rates available
- Full and Part-time Programs
- Inclusive
- Low Ratios
- Monday, Feb. 3: Registration for currently enrolled students
- Tuesday, Feb. 18: Public open enrollment



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Growing with God Since 1956



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