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November 2026

This Month!

Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC) Thursday, November 12th and Friday, November 13th NO SCHOOL
*Since conferences are a time for adult conversations, we ask that children not attend. (Details for PTC on Page 4)

Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, November 25th, Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th – NO SCHOOL

Growing with God

Our hearts are filled with thanks for the children and families of St. Luke Preschool

Reminders for this month!

Inclement Weather Policy
As we move into the colder months, we want you to be aware of how closures and delays work. (See page 3 for details.)

November 1 – Tuition Due. A $15 fee will be assessed for payments received after November 5.
November 5 – St. Luke T-Shirt Day
November 10 – Fire Drill at 9:30 AM
November 11 – St. Luke T-Shirt Day (We are open for school on Veterans Day.)
November 12-13 – Parent-Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL
November 17 – Preschool Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM via Zoom
November 18-19 – Get Quiet Drills at 10:00 AM both days
November 19 – St. Luke T-Shirt Day
November 25-27 – Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

When families and schools work in partnership with one another, children thrive!

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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences are mandatory and will take place in person in your child's classroom. Please arrive on time.

A SignUpGenius link was sent this week. Please be sure to sign up for a time to meet.

(See page 4 for PTC details.)

ST. LUKE T-SHRIT DAYS!

- Thursday, Nov. 5th
- Wednesday, Nov. 11th
- Thursday, Nov. 19th

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

This month in Children's Worship, we will be learning about:

- The Ten Best Ways to Live (Exodus 19–20 and Deuteronomy 6:4–6)
- Jonah and the Big Fish (Jonah 1)



Children's Worship Dates

- November 5 – The Ten Best Ways to Live
- November 11* – Jonah and the Big Fish
- November 19 – Jonah and the Big Fish

This month, we will be singing "My God Is So Great!" Check it out [here] to sing along with your child!

*No KinderPrep Worship on November 11.

COAT DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who recently donated coats for children in need! Thanks to your generosity, children at Janet Kahn School of Integrated Arts can stay warm while playing outside.

Thank You



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IMMUNIZATIONS

As your child receives new immunizations, please provide us with an updated copy of their records.

Parents can access the New Mexico Public Portal to print their child's vaccination record. Visit vaxview.doh.nm.gov for more information.

If your child will soon be turning four, be sure to schedule an appointment for their "kindergarten shots."

ILLNESS/ ABSENCES POLICY

Please send a Brightwheel message whenever your child will be absent.

To return to school after an illness, your child must:

- Be fever-free (without medication), vomiting-free, and diarrhea-free for at least 24 hours.
- Have enough energy to participate in the school day.
- No longer have excessive mucus or coughing that could contribute to the spread of illness.

(See page 20 of the Family Handbook for more information.)

INCLEMENT WEATHER/ POLICY

As the weather gets cooler, we will continue to enjoy daily outdoor play as temperatures allow. We will use our best judgment to determine when it is safe for children to play outside, always keeping their health and safety in mind.

Here are a few ways you can help your child stay warm and comfortable:

- Dress in layers so your child can adjust to changing temperatures.
- Provide a warm jacket for outdoor play.
- Pack winter accessories such as a hat, scarf, and mittens.
- Choose weather-appropriate shoes to keep little feet warm and protected.
- Label all winter clothing with your child's name to help prevent items from getting lost or mixed up.

Thank you for helping us keep our little ones warm, comfortable, and ready for outdoor adventures!

Inclement Weather: Delays and Closures

Please review our procedures for weather-related delays and closures.
If Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) cancels or delays school, St. Luke Preschool will follow the same schedule.
Please note: This policy applies to APS city schools only. East Mountain schools may close while APS city schools remain open.

Schedule for Delays
Any delays or closures will be communicated by email and Brightwheel no later than 6:00 AM.

- 9–12, 9–12:45, and 9–3 **with** AM Extended Care: Classes begin at 9:00 AM.
- 9–12 and 9–12:45 programs: Classes are canceled.
- 9–3 program: Classes begin at 11:00 AM.
- 9–3 with PM Extended Care: Classes end at 4:30 PM.

Please continue to monitor Brightwheel and your email for updates regarding schedule changes or additional APS closure decisions.

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Our teachers prepare for conferences by observing and reflecting on each child's interests, progress, and areas for growth. We welcome parents as active participants in conterences, so here are some tips you may find helpful.

- Conferences will take place onsite in your child's classroom.
- Be willing and ready to share information about your child and family. You know your child better than anyone else, and we respect and value your insights and perspective. Please share any information that may be helpful.
- Stay focused on your child. We each have our own ideas about teachers and their role, shaped by our own school experiences. Reflecting on these and then putting aside past experiences as a student, opens up space for staying focused on your child's unique temperament, special interests, and individual needs.
- **Our Parent-Teacher Conferences are mandatory**. If your schedule does not work with the times that are available on the Sign-up Genius, please make other arrangements with your child's teacher.
- Arrive on time. The schedule can be tight for conferences. If you would like additional time, ask for it in advance so that you and the teachers will have plenty of time to discuss your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. We make every attempt to stay on time, and we appreciate your patience.
- Our Parent-Teacher Conferences are for adults only. Young children can get mixed messages when they hear others talking about them, even when the conversation is positive. Please make other child care arrangements for your child(ren).
- Listen with an open mind. Speak up when you have a concern about a strategy or don't understand how it will support your child's development. Be open to suggestions and be willing to provide possibilities of your own.
- Be prepared. You may wish to write down your questions prior to the conference, to ensure they don't get lost in the conversation.
- Understand that we must observe confidentialities. If there is a problem you would like to discuss, we ask that you keep it about your child. We are not able to share information with you about other children in the class.
- **We desire to work in partnership with you.** Parent-Teacher Conferences only take place twice a year, but positive relationship building is ongoing. Please let us know any time you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or information to share. Meetings with teachers can be scheduled as needed. As we hope you have experienced, teachers are available by e-mail, Brightwheel, and can return phone calls. Please let us know how we can best support you.

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MEET OUR TEACHERS!

"Our teachers are one of God's greatest gifts to our preschool. We thank Jesus for each of them and for the love, care, and dedication they pour into our children every day. We couldn't do this without them!"

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." — Colossians 3:23

LAURA - LEAD TEACHER

Born and raised in New Jersey, I have been enchanted by New Mexico for more than two decades. I enjoy hiking in the Sandias, studying foreign languages, doing yoga, creating art, and eating leisurely bagel breakfasts made by Peter, my sweetheart of 30 plus years. I have over 20 years in the field of early childhood education with a BA. in speech and hearing science and MA. in teaching English as a second language. It's a blessing and an honor to be teaching here at St. Luke Preschool for a fourth year. My goals for each child are to build a positive sense of self, to develop the social skills needed to feel at home in the classroom, and to inspire a love of learning. In partnership with your family, my aim is to create an exceptionally fun and soul flourishing school experience for your child.

ALLIYAH - EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT

I have 19 years of experience in childcare. I am a passionate educator committed to fostering inclusive and supportive learning environments. My extensive background includes serving as a Special Education Assistant, Toddler Teacher, and Classroom Floater. I hold an associate degree in Early Childhood Education, Liberal Arts, and Integrated Studies from Central New Mexico Community College, and I'm currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy traveling with my husband and catching the latest movies. I believe that a strong partnership between educators and families is the key to a child's success, and I am thrilled to bring my experience and heart for teaching to this community.

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MEET OUR CO-DIRECTOR!

"Our St. Luke Preschool family is such a gift from God. I thank Jesus for the opportunity to serve our children, support our teachers, and partner with families as we help little ones grow in faith, love, and learning. It is a blessing to be part of what God is doing here!"

"Let all that you do be done in love." — 1 Corinthians 16:14

CHASLYN WENZE - CO-DIRECTOR

I'm honored to serve alongside Lori as Co-Directors of St. Luke Preschool for the 2026–2027 school year. During this time, we will work together to ensure a smooth transition as Lori prepares for her retirement in May 2027. I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn from her and look forward to continuing to build on the wonderful foundation she has established at St. Luke.

My love for working with children began while serving in after-school programs. That experience inspired me to pursue a BA in Early Childhood Education, and I have spent most of my career working with young children. I also have experience working with youth from middle school through high school. In addition, I have a passion for serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and helping others understand the importance of creating a more inclusive world where everyone feels valued and included.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my husband and children, crafting, and camping whenever I get the chance. Above all, my relationship with the Lord is my highest priority. I believe the gifts and opportunities He has given me are meant to be stewarded well, and I strive to honor Him in the way I serve others. I'm excited to be part of the St. Luke Preschool community and look forward to getting to know your children and families!

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Bringing Our Community Together

DEC 4TH — FAMILY PIZZA AND PAJAMA PARTY

Featuring children's musician ANDY MASON!

Put on your pajamas and join us for a fun-filled evening of yummy pizza, children's activities, and singing and dancing to Andy Mason's whimsical music!

When: Friday, December 4, from 5:30–7:00 PM
Where: St. Luke Fellowship Hall

The PCC (Preschool and Church Cooperative) will provide dinner, and a free-will offering will be accepted to help cover the cost.

Questions? Contact Lori at stlukesc@thntek.net or Chaslyn at stlukepreschooladmin@gmail.com.

Want to hear more? You can find Andy Mason's music on Spotify and iTunes! His children's books, including *Everybody Likes Pizza, Smile, Monkey See, Monkey Do, and Where Is Your Nearest Bear?,* are also available on Amazon.



NOV 20TH - DEC 8TH — ST. LUKE GIVING TREE

St. Luke Preschool is partnering with St. Luke Lutheran Church for a Giving Tree project to support families in need through Saranam, a local organization that empowers families to overcome homelessness and poverty through housing, education, and supportive communities. Learn more at saranamabq.org.

How to participate:
From November 20th through December 8th, choose a gift tag from the Christmas tree located at the preschool's front entrance. Purchase the item listed on the tag and return it to the collection box at the preschool.

Thank you for helping us share the joy of the season and support families in our community!



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DEC 11TH - DEC 15TH

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with our preschool families! Please see the schedule below to find the date and time of your child's Christmas program.

Friday, December 11
9:15 AM — KinderPrep
Teachers: Kathy and Sydney

Monday, December 14
9:15 AM — Older Multi-Age and Intermediate Multi-Age
Teachers: JoJo/Morgan and Maria/Moriah

11:15 AM — Monarchs and Swallowtails
Teachers: Jessica/Selena and Laura/Alliyah

Tuesday, December 15
9:15 AM — Older Multi-Age and Intermediate Multi-Age
Teachers: JoJo/Morgan and Maria/Moriah

11:15 AM — Monarchs and Swallowtails
Teachers: Jessica/Selena and Laura/Alliyah

We look forward to sharing this special time with you and celebrating the season together!

