



May 2022



Even with all the pandemic challenges, this school year has simply flown by! We are honored and blessed that you have chosen to share your child with us at St. Luke.

Thank you for the numerous ways in which you have supported the preschool throughout this year — from your kind and supportive words, and adherence to all things COVID, to shopping at our book fair, providing feedback through our survey, giving us a review, telling your friends about us and everything in between! We are blessed and grateful for you.

From Our



Just a reminder — unless you have a previous outstanding balance, you will not receive a tuition invoice for May, since the initial deposit you already paid will be applied to May's tuition. You will however, receive an invoice if you have extended care fees, drop-ins and ACH fees from April. For your May payment, you will not be able to pay online, as we don't want you to incur a fee for paying online. Please bring your payment by the office or put it in the mail by May 5th.

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

Michelle

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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

Monday, May 23: Summer Camp Meet and Greet (See pg. 2)

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day — No School

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

Friday, June 17: Last Day of Going Buggy Camp — Noon Dismissal

Monday, June 20: First day of Summer Camp Session 2 — Science Adventures

Monday, July 4: Independence Day Observed — No School

Friday, July 8: Last Day of Science Adventures Camp — Noon Dismissal

Monday, August 15: First Day of 2022-2023 School Year

May 2 - 6 is National Teacher Appreciation Week

Your child can tell his or her teachers thank you for all they do by drawing them a picture or making them a card! Smiles and hugs are wonderful too!



Happy Mother's Day

Summer and Fall



Now! If not turned in yet, enrollment packets for Summer Camp and the 2022-2023 school year are due to our office.

May 23: Summer Camp Family Meet and Greet times with teachers. These are by appointment and only for children who are new to the preschool.

June 1: First tuition payment for the school year is due. This payment is actually the May 2023 payment, and you will receive an e-mail invoice for this the week prior to June 1st.

August 1: August tuition payment is due. You will receive an e-mail invoice for it the week prior.

August 10 and 11: School Year Family Meet and Greet times with teachers for all families.

August 11: Mandatory Parent Orientation for **NEW** parents only at either time, 10:00 am or 6:30 pm. No childcare will be available.

August 15: First Day of School — 7:00 am for extended care and 9:00 am for preschool.

The preschool will be closed May 24-30 and will reopen on Tuesday, May 31 for the first day of Summer Camp.

St. Luke T-Shirt Spirit Days for May

Wednesday, May 18th and
Thursday, May 19th

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



Family Meet and Greet Times

We will be hosting Family Meet and Greet times for Summer Camp and the School Year!

Summer Camp Meet and Greets For Those Children Who Are New to St. Luke Preschool:

On Monday, May 23, between 10:00—4:30 pm, children who are new to St. Luke and their families are invited to meet the Summer Camp teachers and spend about 20 minutes in the classrooms. A Sign Up Genius will be sent to those families that are eligible. Our Summer Camp Meet and Greets offer the opportunity for families and teachers to make connections and get to know one another, for children to acclimate to the classrooms, and serve to support children as they transition into the program.

School Year Meet and Greets:

On Wednesday, August 10, and Thursday, August 11, all children and their families are invited to meet the School Year teachers and spend about 20 minutes in the classrooms. Family Meet and Greet times are the perfect opportunity for parents, children, and teachers to begin forming relationships with one another. They are also a great time for parents to discuss goals they have for their child and for children to explore the classrooms. We welcome this opportunity to share our programs 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 Summer Camp Meet and Greets and School Year Meet and Greets will take place through Sign-Up Genius and will be sent to you by e-mail.

We are looking to hire one educational assistant for the PM Extended Care portion of the day (2:30 pm-5:30 pm) and one educational assistant to serve as a floater (8:45 am-2:15 pm). Both of these positions are for the 2022—2023 school year and will begin in August.

If you know someone who is passionate about working with young children and their families, please let them know about us!

Financial Assistance Important Reminder

Applications for tuition assistance (based on need) are due along with supporting documentation by Monday, May 2nd.

Thank you for your tremendous support of the Scholastic Book Fair!



A total of \$2,663.06 in purchases generated \$1,065.22 in Scholastic Dollars for the classrooms! Thank you as well for all the books that were purchased and donated to the classrooms. :)

Illness Policy (Still the Same—No 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 (stlucesc@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.

Thank you to Preschool Parent, Mary Fidler, and the Goatcher Family of Samon's Electric and Plumbing Supply for their wonderful donation of confetti eggs! The children had a marvelous time smashing confetti eggs out on the playground!



2022 Parent 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 of 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. A total of 62 people responded to the survey with the following results:

Question 1: Keeping in mind the pandemic restrictions, I feel I have had opportunities for two-way communication with my child's teachers.
45 strongly agree, 16 agree, 1 disagree, 0 strongly disagree
8 comments were given

Question 2: I feel respected and welcomed by the program staff. My input about the care and education of my child is valued.
51 strongly agree, 10 agree, 1 disagree, 0 strongly disagree
2 comments were given

Question 3: Information about COVID safe practices the school is required to adhere to has been clear, understandable, and provided in a timely manner.
53 strongly agree, 9 agree, 0 disagree, 0 strongly disagree
4 comments were given

Question 4: Closures due to positive cases of COVID have been conducted in a manner that is ethical and prioritizes the safety and health of the preschool community.
51 strongly agree, 6 agree, 4 disagree, 1 strongly disagree
5 comments were given

Question 5: The staff creates an environment that is inclusive, family friendly, safe, and conducive to my child's emotional and physical well being and development.
54 strongly agree, 7 agree, 1 disagree, 0 strongly disagree
3 comments were given

Question 6: Staff communicate with parents through e-mail, phone calls, classroom and school wide newsletters, individual conversations, and conferences, as needed. Given this information, do you feel that you are communicated with in a thorough and timely manner?
47 strongly agree, 13 agree, 2 disagree, 0 strongly disagree
0 comments were given

Question 7: The faith component of the program is important to me and my family.
32 strongly agree, 23 agree, 2 disagree, 1 strongly disagree, 4 did not respond
4 comments were given

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?
26 very important, 25 somewhat important, 8 not so important, 3 not important at all
2 comments were given

Question 9: How likely are you to recommend St. Luke Preschool to other families?
57 very likely, 5 likely, 0 unlikely, 0 very unlikely
3 comments were given

Question 10: Please help us with our commitment to continuous program improvement by sharing your suggestions, comments, or ideas. What are our strengths? Where could we improve?
A total of 30 written responses were provided.

Altogether, a total of 61 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, the desire for improved communication between teachers and families as well as a desire for community events to be offered were expressed.

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
Pick berries and make a 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

