



April, 2024

From Our:



April is our final billing for the 2023-2024 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 tuition 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

Friday, March 29: Good Friday — No School

Sunday, March 31: Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Worship Services, Potluck Breakfast, and Egg Hunt at St. Luke Lutheran Church (See pg. 2)

Monday, April 1 — Friday, April 5: Spring Break — No School

Thursday, April 18 & Friday, April 19: Parent / Teacher Conferences — No School (See pg. 2)

Wednesday, April 24 & Thursday, April 25: School Photos (See pg. 2)

Friday, April 26: Enrollment Packets for the 2024-2025 School Year are Due to the Preschool Office

Friday, May 10: KinderPrep Spring Program — 9:15 am

Monday, May 13 & Tuesday, May 14: Spring Programs — IMA and OMA at 9:15 am
Swallowtails and Monarchs at 11:15 am

Monday, May 13 — Thursday, May 16: Scholastic Book Fair (See pg. 5)

Thursday, May 16: Last Day of the 2023-2024 School Year

Friday, May 17: School Picnic at the Park from 10:00 am — noon at North Domingo Baca Park (See pg. 6)



Thank you to all who attended our recent Family Literacy Night.

We hope you had as much fun as we did!

It is truly a joy to bring the Preschool Community together for frivolity and fun. Not only was it a playful evening, but \$132280 was generated for the Staff Professional Development Fund. In addition to wristband sales, we are thankful for several generous monetary donations that were given and for the children's books that were donated. From all of us to all of you — THANK YOU!

Registration packets for the 2024-2025 school year will be sent out the week of April 8th and are due back to the preschool office no later than Friday, April 26th!

St. Luke Lutheran Church Easter Sunday Services,
Potluck Breakfast, and Egg Hunt!
March 31

You are warmly invited to attend the Easter Sunday Worship Services and Celebrations at the following times:

- **8:15 am:** Worship Service
- **9:15 am:** Easter Potluck Breakfast
- **9:45 am:** Children's Easter Egg Hunt
On the playground for preschoolers and kindergarteners
In the courtyard for 1st-5th graders
Children should bring their own baskets for egg hunting
- **10:30 am:** Worship Service



We would love to see you there!



It's Time For School Photos!

On Wednesday, April 24 and
Thursday, April 25
the children will be photographed by
Terry Behal Photography
during their class time.

KinderPrep students will be photographed on
Wednesday only.

Individual and class photos will be taken
and will be available for purchase.

As always, photo purchasing is optional, but all children will be photographed. Information about the ordering process will be sent home soon. Please let the preschool office know of any questions you may have.

Parent/ Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, April 18 and Friday, April 19

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 in the classrooms like they did in the fall.

A 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.



You are warmly invited to join us for our **Spring Programs**, to be held in the sanctuary of St. Luke Lutheran Church

KinderPrep on Friday, May 10 at 9:15 am

Intermediate Multi-Age & Older Multi-Age on Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14 at 9:15 am

Swallowtails and Monarchs on Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14 at 11:15 am

Receptions for children and their families will take place in Fellowship Hall following each program. Join us for this delightful spring time event!



Financial Assistance

Each year, tuition assistance is given to a few 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 6, 2024 for the 2024-2025 School Year. Financial assistance is not available for Summer Child Care.

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

Enrollment Packets

If your child is pre-registered for the 2024-2025 school year, you will receive the full enrollment packet the week of April 8th. Completed packets will be due back to the preschool office no later than Friday, April 26th. Please let us know of any questions you may have about the enrollment process.



Upcoming St. Luke Spirit Days!

- Friday, April 12
- Tuesday April 23

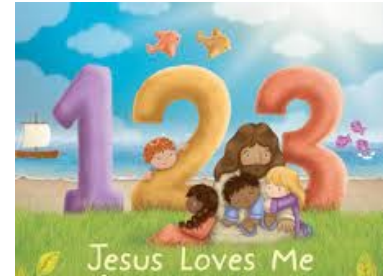
Your child can wear his/ her St. Luke t-shirt for Spirit Days or any day!



Children's Worship

- Friday, April 12 — Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- Thursday, April 25 — Mary and Martha
- Friday, May 3 — Jesus and the Children (Matthew 19:13–15)
- Thursday, May 9 — Jesus and the Children

During our worship time together, we will be singing a counting song about how much Jesus loves us. You and your child may wish to sing it together.



"1,2,3, Jesus loves me. 1,2, Jesus loves you.
3 and 4, He loves me more, more than I've ever been loved before.
5,6,7, we're going to heaven.
8,9, His mansion is mine.
Now we've sung right up to 10!
We don't have time to sing it again, but...
1,2,3, Jesus loves me. 1,2, Jesus loves you!"

Parents and Family Members Are
Welcome to Join Us!

KinderPrep (Kathy & Staci) - 9:30 Thursdays only
Older Multi-Age (Claudia & Candice) and
Intermediate Multi-Age (Kelly & Daisy) - 10:45
Younger Multi-Age Monarchs and
Swallowtails (Clarisa, Amanda, Laura, and
Victoria) - 11:15

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 — stlukepreshool1956@gmail.com Be sure to let us know your child's symptoms.
- 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.

More detailed information about illness, health, and safety can be found in the Family Handbook starting on page 20.

Ms. Courtney will soon be leaving us, as she and her Husband Ben prepare to welcome their new baby girl.

Courtney's last day will be Thursday, March 28.

Please join us in wishing them love and joy on their parenting adventure!



We Are Committed to Continuous Program Improvement

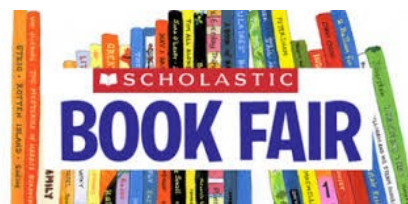
Please Take Our Survey!!

As a program that is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), it is our goal to provide a high quality early learning experience for your child. Your feedback provides us with opportunities to reflect and make program improvements. Please take a few minutes to complete our brief, anonymous, online survey. You can do this by visiting:

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/7curkowg>

Thank you! We very much value your feedback, insights, and suggestions.

This survey will be open until April 12.



Come and shop onsite at our Scholastic Book Fair the week of Monday, May 13 — Thursday, May 16!

You may wish to stop and shop at pick up or drop off times, or when you come for your child's Spring Program.

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.

Kindergarten, Here We Come!

Each spring, children who are moving on to kindergarten get excited about where they will be going to school next year. For more information about kindergarten readiness, you may wish to check out two short videos you and your child can watch together. You can find them by following these links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPAoELczyAI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-4esaedcTc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcO4KuriDU8>



End of Year Picnic in the Park!

On Friday, May 17th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, our whole school community will be meeting at North Domingo Baca Park for a morning of play and fun!

Here are some details:

*Parents or another adult guardian must accompany each child at all times. Teachers will be in attendance, but will not be responsible for supervising children at the park that day.

*Children are encouraged to wear their St. Luke t-shirts.

*Please bring sunscreen, hats, drinks, and any park toys that you would like to bring. You are welcome to bring snacks and/or lunch for your family, but we ask you not to bring food to share, since children with food allergies will be in attendance.

*Families can come and go as they would like.

Enjoying our park time together gives us the opportunity for conversation, well wishes, thank yous and some good-byes.

