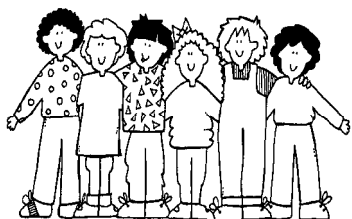


# St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool

## Mission Statement

St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool provides a quality early childhood education program guided by Christian philosophy and doctrine and is a mission outreach of this congregation to the community.



## Goals

The goals of the Preschool are to:

- Provide a nurturing Christian environment where children experience the love of God,
- Offer each child the opportunity to grow spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, intellectually and creatively through age-appropriate instruction,
- Prepare older children for kindergarten,
- Help parents and children deal with "breaking away" anxieties, and
- Support parents and families.

## Preschool Classes

Meet Monday - Thursday 8:45 am - 12:45 pm.

*Children are placed according to their age as of September 1.*

### Toddler Program (Ages 15—23 months)

Class size is limited to five children per adult. This may be the child's first experience away from home. Our teachers strive to make the transition a smooth one. Teachers offer many activities for the children in a loving Christian environment.

### Two-year-old Program

Class size is limited to 6 children per adult. Our teachers strive to make a smooth transition from home to school for their children. The children learn about God's world in a nurturing environment. They grow in their social skills as well as develop fine and gross motor skills through a variety of learning experiences.

### Three-year-old Program

Class size is limited to 8 children per adult. Our teachers create a loving Christian learning environment so children will feel secure away from home. The academic focus is on pre-readiness skills in preparation for the pre-k class.

### Four-year-old Program

Class size is limited to 12 children per adult. Our teachers prepare the children for kindergarten based on the suggested state requirements. It is our goal to provide a good foundation for learning while promoting Christian values.

## Tuition and Fees

### Preschool Core Hours Only 8:45a—12:45p

2 Day	3 Day	4 Day
Tuition \$120 per month	Tuition \$150 per month	Tuition \$185 per month
Fee \$85 (\$30 + \$55)	Fee \$100 (\$30 + \$70)	Fee \$115 (\$30 + \$85)

### Preschool with Before and/or After Care

5 Day 7:00a-1:00p	5 Day 8:45a-5:30p	5 Day 7:00a-5:30p
Tuition \$66 per week	Tuition \$90 per week	Tuition \$110 per week
Fee \$115 (\$30 + \$85)	Fee \$150 (30 + \$120)	Fee \$150 (\$30 + \$120)

### Preschool Summer Program June 1 - August 16

Tue & Thu 8:45a-1:00p	Mon-Fri 7:00a-1:00p	Mon-Fri 8:45a - 5:30p	Mon-Fri 7:00a - 5:30p
Tuition \$30 per week	Tuition \$66 per week	Tuition \$90 per week	Tuition \$110 per week
Fee \$20	Fee \$20	Fee \$20	Fee \$20

Tuition will be family-discounted by 10% for additional siblings.

The Registration & Supply Fee includes a \$30 non-refundable Registration Fee due at the time of enrollment that will be applied toward supplies for the year.

## Curriculum

St. Paul's curriculum is designed to promote social, emotional, spiritual, and academic growth. Our curriculum is based on the philosophy that young children learn through active exploration of their environment and guided learning. It offers exciting and stimulating activities that are developmentally appropriate for each child. Teachers provide daily opportunities to converse, socialize, work, play and get along with others as they teach the following skills:

- Spiritual/Social Living
- Language Development
- School readiness
- Fine/gross motor skill
- Discovery about the world
- Expressive Arts



- ◆ Planning for the year includes Bible themes, unit studies and concepts, interest centers, and computer centers.
- ◆ Our Director of Children's Ministry teaches weekly music classes. She also has a structured gym time for 3 and 4 year old classes.
- ◆ Weekly chapel is led by St. Paul's Senior Pastor.
- ◆ Field trips and servant events are scheduled regularly.
- ◆ Each child takes home a yearly scrapbook.

## History of Program

St. Paul's Lutheran Church initiated a Mother's-Morning-Out program in the Fall of 1991 and introduced the Preschool curriculum in the Fall of 1995. Classes were held in the east wing of the campus prior to the addition of the Christian Life Center; in the Fall of 2000, classes then moved to the educational wing of the new addition.

Seeking acknowledgement of the quality of our program as well as accountability to our community, participants and congregation, the Preschool began the rigorous national accrediting process by National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) in 2008. Accreditation is a means to evaluate and improve our unique ministry as a Lutheran school not only in the quality of our academics and programs, but also, most importantly, in the spiritual dimension of our school. The Preschool was awarded accreditation on July 31, 2009 by NLSA, the second largest accrediting entity supported by more than 2000 schools. NLSA assures parents that a quality Lutheran school exists wherever NLSA accreditation is found.

While St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool meets the needs of member families and families in the community by providing a half day Preschool, there is a barrier to enrollment for others due to the need for care before and/or after Preschool classes. With the educational emphasis of the Preschool's core hours of instruction remaining central to the ministry of the Preschool, full time preschool is now being offered. Quality education and Christian teaching of our Preschool will continue to be provided.

### Non-Discriminatory Policy Statement

St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool with Extended Care admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities accorded our students or our school.

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**Full- and Part-time Programs  
for Children  
15 months to Four years old**



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