



April, 2025

From Our:



April is our final billing for the 2024-2025 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



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 \$1,549.30 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!

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, March 26 & Thursday, March 27: Lion's Club Operation KidSight Eye Screenings

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

April 1: Financial Assistance Applications Due to the Preschool Office (See pg. 5)

Wednesdays, 4/2, and 4/9: Lenten Soup Suppers at 5:00 pm and Services at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 9 & Thursday, April 10: School Photos (See pg. 2)

Wednesday, April 16 & Thursday, April 17: Parent / Teacher Conferences — No School (See pg. 2)

Friday, April 18: Good Friday — No School

Sunday, April 20: Happy Easter, Christ is Risen!

Monday, April 28: Enrollment Packets Due (See pg. 5)

Friday, May 9: KinderPrep Spring Program — 9:15 am (See pg. 4)

Monday, May 12 & Tuesday, May 13: Spring Programs — IMA and OMA at 9:15 am
Swallowtails and Monarchs at 11:15 am (See pg. 4)

Monday, May 12 — Thursday, May 15: Scholastic Book Fair (See pg. 4)

Thursday, May 15: Last Day of the 2025-2026 School Year

Friday, May 16: End of Year Picnic in the Park — 10:00 am — noon at North Domingo Baca Park (See pg. 6)

Registration packets for the 2025-2026 school year will be sent out the week of April 7th and are due back to the preschool office no later than Monday, April 28th!

St. Luke Lutheran Church Easter Sunday Services,
Potluck Breakfast, and Egg Hunt!
Sunday, April 20

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 9 and Thursday, April 10 the children will be photographed by Terry Behal Photography during their class time.

KinderPrep students will be photographed on Thursday 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 Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17

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.



Children's Worship

- Thursday, April 3 — Jesus the King (Matthew 21:1—11 and Mark 11:1—11)
- Friday, April 11 — Jesus is Risen (Matthew 27:57—28:10, John 20:1—18, and Luke 24:1—12)
- Thursday, April 24 — Jesus is Risen

As you create Easter traditions for your family, consider making Resurrection Cookies or Resurrection Rolls to illustrate the joy of Easter and the gift of eternal life that God has given to us. Recipes and other "empty tomb", Easter, and Palm Sunday ideas can be found on Pinterest.

During the month of April, we will be singing "Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord". If you and your child would like to sing it together, it can be found 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



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 some short videos you and your child can watch together. You can find them by using these links on YouTube.

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

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

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



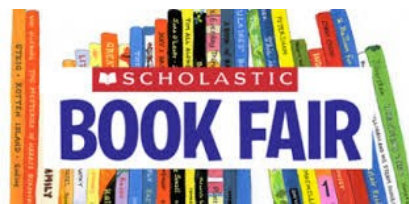
You are warmly invited to join us for our *Spring Programs*,
to be held in the sanctuary of St. Luke Lutheran Church

KinderPrep on Friday, May 9 at 9:15 am

Intermediate Multi-Age & Older Multi-Age on Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13 at 9:15 am

Swallowtails and Monarchs on Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13 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!



Come and shop onsite at our Scholastic Book Fair the week of
Monday, May 12 — Thursday, May 15!

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.

Enrollment Packets

If your child is pre-registered for the 2025 -2026 school year, you will receive the full enrollment packet the week of April 7th. Completed packets will be due back to the preschool office no later than Monday, April 28th. Please let us know of any questions you may have about our enrollment process.



Upcoming St. Luke Spirit Days!

- Thursday, April 3rd
- Friday, April 11th
- Thursday, April 24
- Friday, May 2nd



Your child can wear his/ her St. Luke

Did you know...

The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) offers **child care subsidies** for families that qualify. St. Luke Preschool is pleased to be able to accept this state provided financial assistance.

Visit: www.nmeccd.org/child-care-assistance/ for eligibility information and details.

Financial Assistance

Each year, tuition assistance is given to a few students at St. Luke Preschool, 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 **Tuesday, April 1, 2025** for the 2025-2026 School Year. Tuition assistance is not available for Summer Preschool.

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



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!



End of Year Picnic in the Park!

On **Friday, May 16th** 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.

*The splash pad may be open, so please come prepared if you'd like your child to play in the water. Clothes that can get wet, water shoes, and a towel will be important!

*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. We hope you will join us!

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 — stlukes@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.



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.surveymonkey.com/801mk37t>

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

Our highly anticipated NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) reaccreditation site visit took place on Wednesday, March 5th. The assessor was complimentary about the program, facility, classrooms and teachers. And while she could not communicate any results, she did share these thoughts:

- "The facility and classrooms are lovely and well maintained."
- She stated that she sees early learning centers in a variety of states and "this program is beautiful".
- She said that we should, "continue doing what you're doing."

It will be approximately 8-12 weeks before we know our final results. Meanwhile, we are grateful for the tremendous support of the Preschool Committee (our governing board), Pastor Brad, the church office staff, the Church Council, and numerous volunteers.

All glory and honor be to God, now and forever.

NAEYC Standard 9: Physical Environment

"The program has a safe and healthful environment that provides appropriate and well maintained indoor and outdoor physical environments. The environment includes facilities, equipment, and materials to facilitate child and staff learning and development ."

The design and maintenance of the school's physical environment supports high quality learning opportunities. Well organized, equipped, and maintained environments support program quality by fostering the learning, comfort, health, and safety of those who participate in the program. The program quality is also enhanced by the creation of a welcoming and accessible setting for children, their families, and staff.

