

Trinity Lutheran Preschool Press

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“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

Welcome To Trinity Lutheran Preschool

2026-2027 Preschool Teachers are:

Bethany Grochmall – Two-Year-Old Class

Katie Kofman –Three-Year-Old Class

Toni Jurasek – Four-Year-Old Class

Tracy Semmler – Substitute, Curriculum Coordinator

Robin Jacobson – Asst. Director

Myself, Maggie Kent – Director

The two new teachers, Katie and Toni, have experience in working in childcare. They both know how important it is to maintain state licensing standards. They are a great fit here at Trinity.

The preschool doors open at 8:00 am and lock at 8:15 am. We ask the parents to please arrive by 8:00 am and no later than 8:15 am since the teachers begin their class as soon as your child walks through the door. We all know the importance of starting a day off right!

Preschoolers love to arrive on time to walk in with their friends, which allows your child time to adjust to the classroom, friends and teacher. The environment helps them feel included and it will have a positive feeling for the rest of the day. Teachers begin the morning with instructions as simple as placing their backpacks where they belong or name recognition that they will miss out on if they are late. There are many activities happening early when these children arrive. *Teaching Begins at 8:00 am!*

Creation/Self/Bible/Friendship/

**September
Themes**

**Manners/Nursery Rhymes
and Grandparents Day.**

The spiritual emphasis is to help children discover that the Bible tells us about God and His creation. The children will learn letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. Throughout the year we have a specific teaching calendar, and children learn matching, go-together, sequencing, lotto's, letter sound matches, categorizing, picture sound matches and much more. Ongoing skills are practiced every day, such as listening, following directions, and manners.

Learning centers allow the children to play cooperatively and investigate language, roles, materials, and relationships and encourage children to learn at their own pace with material that meets individual needs and level of development. While children learn through play, they can learn essential skills such as problem solving, working with others, sharing and much more. In turn, this helps them develop the ability to concentrate.

The children will start off with the Bible stories during Chapel on how God created the world. Children will learn songs; finger plays, pledges, and memorize Bible verses.



Red/White/Blue Day! The children may wear Red/White and Blue for Patriot Day on Friday, September 11th. The colors RED/WHITE and BLUE will represent the 911 tragedy. We are going to focus on the fact that so many heroes came out of 9/11 to step up to do the right thing. Even animals can be heroes.



Preschool Pancake Social!

Preschool starts off the year by having a Pancake Breakfast Social with a Free Will Offering to defray the cost for the pancakes and sausage. The rest of the proceeds help with the cost of FBI background checks or CPR and First Aid.

This will take place on **Monday September 14th 7:45 am - 8:30 am**. This is a special day to celebrate Grandparents Day. The preschoolers will enjoy their time eating with their grandparents. This is a great time for the parents to have that special time with their children while getting to know other parents, teachers, children, and church members.

Church members come and meet some of the parents and children. You may know a few of them. Come and enjoy pancakes and sausage with us.



911 Safety!

Retired State Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the center on Thursday, September 17th at 10:15 am to talk to the children about the importance of safety. He will also talk to the children about the importance of seat belt safety and why car seats are very important.

It is important that children know what to do during an emergency, especially if an adult is not present. Children need to know how to call 911, and on the other hand, they need to know that they should NOT call 911 unless there is an emergency.

Retired Trooper Gary will talk to the children about the person on the other line of 911 who is called a dispatcher and

emergency responder. Depending on the call center, emergency dispatchers must follow certain protocols. Sometimes those involve asking very specific questions and then giving commands.

He will tell the children that it's ok to give information to the dispatcher and then follow their directions. It could be lifesaving! It's always important that children don't answer the door for just anyone. First responders will always announce themselves and it's important that they know and understand it is okay to open the door for them so they can begin treating the injured person. These are all very important lessons for all children to learn.



WEARING RED Day!

Since the children are learning red for the month, we will have a special color day. On Friday, September 18th, the children can come to preschool dressed in something RED to reinforce the color of the month!



Individual and Class Pictures!

On Wednesday September 30th at 8:15 am a photographer from Lifetouch will begin taking photos. Have your child dressed nicely and bring a change of clothes if need be if you want them changed. A form will be sent home with you to be filled out and be returned to preschool. You will be able to choose pictures online and purchase your packet.



Back Yard Bash!

On Friday, September 25th, all the preschoolers will have a BACK YARD BASH Day! Each child needs to bring a sack lunch with a drink to school and enjoy the day outside playing! This is a great way for all the children to get to know one another, have fun and create memories. Let's pray that we will have nice weather to enjoy. If not, we will have Trinity's beautiful gym for the children to enjoy their lunch.



Special Book Week! Beginning Monday September 21st – 25th preschool will have Special Book Week! Another way we make reading fun is to have your child bring their favorite book from home (please label with name.) The teacher will read some of the books and let the children share their books with one another. Children can tell each other their story books and open a world of imagination.

Reading is very important in a young child's life. Encouraging reading is important and we try to make it fun! It gives them an opportunity to listen, explore, and imagine what triggers their brain to answer questions after a story is read. Let's get ready to read!



Bring Snacks for Your Child Each Day! DO NOT BRING A DRINK!!!! We Will Serve Water!

Please bring simple snacks in a plastic zipper snack bag each day for your child. Ideas are cheese nips, any kind of cereals. Sandwich crackers, pretzels, goldfish or whatever you think your child will eat. This is a snack and not a meal. The children have a ten-minute snack time. Please do not bring lunch boxes or cute cloth bags to put their snacks into. Just place the snack in a snack bag. The children will have their routine to try to open their own snacks, and yes, we are there to help. Trying to open is a skill that will help them when they attend big school.



Extra Clothing! Please send an extra set of clothes in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. Top, bottom, underwear, socks, and old shoes in case they pee on their socks and shoes. It is very important that we have an extra set of clothes in case of spills or accidents. If you are getting rid of little girl panties or boy underwear, we need these items.



Family of the Week! Family of the week is a program we have that helps children share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Each week a family will be chosen as Family of the Week.

What this entails is that your child brings about seven to ten pictures of their family to be placed on the preschool bulletin board in the hallway. Always check your calendar of events to see if it is your turn to be family of the week. We will wait until October to begin Families of the Week.



Reinforcement! Parents, please help the teachers with the rules of the preschool at home. If your child comes home with a behavior report or the teacher lets you know about your child's day and there was inappropriate behavior, please reinforce and talk to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.

The first two weeks of preschool are rules and manners. Ask your child what the rules are in the classroom, snack time, chapel, playground, and gym. When all of us are working together to reinforce the rules, this makes transition easier for your child and the teacher.



Drills! The preschool conducts monthly fire drills. This is not to frighten the children but to have them prepared in case of a fire. Other drills conducted every three months are severe weather, reverse evacuation, shelter in place and lock down drills. If your child comes home and says we had a fire or disaster today, you will know why.



Please feed your child breakfast at home before preschool begins. Bringing breakfast to school interrupts the rest of the children. If your

child does bring breakfast to school, please take him/her to the gym and sit down with your child and finish breakfast. You are responsible for your child to eat breakfast and bring them to the classroom. Your child must be brought to the classroom by you. Please do not let them come to the classroom by themselves.

**LATE FEE
NOTICE !**

Please be on time to pick up your child at NOON! A late fee of \$1.00 per minute will be added to your tuition. Please be on time!

**TUITION
IS DUE**

September tuition is due on the 1st of September. All tuition is due on the 5th of each month.

Tuition is due in advance with no deductions for any absences, holidays, illness, or closures due to inclement weather, power outages, or other situations beyond Trinity Lutheran Preschool's control. If tuition is not paid on the day that it is due, a late fee will be added to the tuition for each day that it is late until it is paid in full. When payment is delinquent for one week or more, care may be suspended until the balance is current and your child's space will not be reserved. Tuition is due regardless of a child's absence from the program for any reason and is required to hold a child's space. Our policy for tuition is as follows:

All accounts are due on the 1st of the month. After the 10th of the month, you will be notified by a board member to determine how you wish to pay the balance due or to choose dismissal of care.

Class Parties We have five special parties a year, Harvest, Christmas, Valentine, Easter and End of School party and we ask parents to help with refreshments and supervision of games.

A sign-up list will be posted for parents to help with the activity centers and food items.

This will be the first come first serve base. Parents that sign up for a particular party are the ones that can attend. We need parents help by setting up and supervising the activities centers. Supervised activity centers will be on 20-minute increments. Special food and game items will be on the list for parents to purchase and provide for parties.

A kitchen crew will be needed to prepare the food and drinks and set up the children's tables ready for them to eat and have the kitchen clean before leaving.

We ask all parents to help by setting up the party, tearing down the activity centers, cleaning kitchen, wiping tables, sweeping, and taking out the trash.

The purpose of volunteering is to make sure children are safe, lower stress on everyone, work as a team and have fun with the preschoolers. Since we are a non-profit organization, we appreciate your help in donating items for the parties.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie