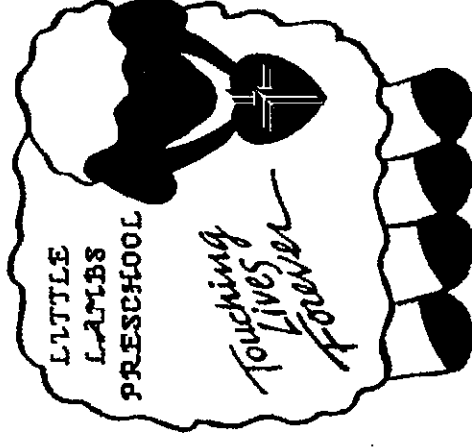


# Little Lambs Preschool

## 2017-2018 Parent Handbook

St. John Lutheran Church  
Luverne, Minnesota



## CURRICULUM

Our program is very flexible, with free and planned activities, special events, art, music, interest centers and an organized religion curriculum.

### Daily Schedule - Nursery Class

Free Play - Interest Centers, Art Activity

Group Time - Worship, Calendar, Weather, Helpers, Show & Tell

Bible Story

Restroom & Snack

Free Play

Story Time

Music/Movement Activity

Large muscle play - inside or outside

Dismiss

### Daily Schedule - Pre-Kindergarten Class

Free Play - Interest Centers, Art Activity

Group Time - Worship, Calendar, Weather, Helpers, Show & Tell

Bible Story

Unit Time - Language, Math, Science, Social Studies

Restroom & Snack

Free Play

Story Time

Music/Movement Activity

Large muscle play - inside or outside

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## PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION FOR LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

*Little Lambs Preschool exists to carry out the Great Commission by making disciples for Jesus Christ.*

1. **SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES** - To teach each child through the use of God's Word:

A. that God loves each child and wants to make each child His through faith in Jesus Christ;

B. that God wants each child to respond to His love by loving Him and all people,

1. by developing a regular prayer-life,

2. by developing a strong Christian personality,

3. and by developing their God-given gifts in serving God and others.

To achieve these objectives we will:

- Provide opportunities to hear God's Word with Bible stories at Worship Time,

- Provide opportunities for prayer throughout the day,

- Provide opportunities to witness our love for each other and for Jesus to family, friends and community in a variety of ways,

## COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

Parents will be notified of all activities through monthly newsletters and calendars. These written communications will be sent home with your child. Please post where they can be referred to throughout the month.

### CLOTHING

Parents are asked to observe the following:

1. Dress the children in simple, washable play clothes.
2. Please mark **all** outdoor clothing and boots to avoid mix-ups due to similarity.
3. A check of overshoes, rubbers or boots for correct size should be made to see if they can be put on with ease, as children will be encouraged to **DRESS THEMSELVES**.

### PARENT VISITATIONS

Parents are welcome to visit at anytime. Parents may quietly observe the preschool classroom when their child is in attendance.

### SNACK TIME

A snack will be provided each day. The staff will request donations of snacks at times during the school year. This will usually consist of a variety of crackers, cereals, juice and milk or special requests by the staff.

Children wishing to celebrate their birthday at school may bring a special treat. Please notify the teacher ahead of time.

Please **NO** cake, cupcakes, and candy. Snacks must consist of packaged or purchased foods (i.e. cookies from the bakery).

- Teach faith-based songs and action poems,
- Teach the use of God's Word as a means of encouragement, love, and forgiveness.

## **2. SOCIAL OBJECTIVES**

- A. to help the child feel comfortable and secure as a part of the Christian school family,
- B. to help the child reflect Christ's love through developing habits of self-control, fair-play, courtesy, and respect for others and property,
- C. and to help each child recognize that each person is a unique creation of God.

To achieve these social objectives we will:

- Play games to get to know each other,
- Meet the people who work at our church outside the classroom,
- Play and interact with friends at interest centers around the classroom,
- Visit with friends at snack time,
- And meet new friends, including speakers who come to our classroom and those we meet in the community when we go on field trips.

### FIELD TRIPS

Permission slips will be required for occasional field trips. Parents must sign the permission slip for each field trip and return it to the school. We cannot take your child on the field trip without it. Parents will be notified of upcoming events, and are encouraged to volunteer their time, work, equipment, talents and hobbies! The Heartland Bus will provide the transportation for the field trips at a yearly cost of \$30.00 (5 yr. olds) and \$20.00 (3 yr. olds).

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

A minimum of one parent-teacher conference will be held each year, as designated by the lead teacher.

### DISCIPLINE POLICY

If a child's behavior distracts from the group, or if the child refuses to follow instructions from the teachers, efforts will be made to redirect, distract, and guide the child to more appropriate and positive behavior. If all efforts at diversion fail, a "time out" (which means time away from the group with supervision) will be practiced. In all discipline actions, the love and forgiveness of Jesus is stressed.

### HEALTH REGULATIONS

All children will be required to turn in a health and immunization record before the first day of school. Parents are asked to protect their own children and the health of others by keeping a child home who is carrying an infectious illness. If a child becomes sick at school every effort will be made to contact the parents, followed by the alternative names given on the enrollment forms and emergency cards, to come and get the child. If needed, the family physician will be contacted. Parents must notify staff of any contagious illness (i.e. chicken pox) and the staff will notify the other families in the program.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events are held throughout the school year. A yearly donation of \$15.00 per child will be requested to help defray the expenses for the events.

### 3. INTELLECTUAL OBJECTIVES

- A. to strive to integrate Christian truths and principles in all areas of learning, including math, language, art, science, music, social studies, and physical education,
  - B. to help the child fully realize that the earthly life and spiritual life are one, and that faith must function in our everyday life.
- To achieve these intellectual objectives we will:
- Study the Alphabet with Alphabet Puppet friends
  - Learn to write the letters of the alphabet
  - Work with counting
  - Learn the values of the numbers 1-10
  - Have "Color Week" activities
  - Provide a Science Center in the classroom for children to explore the wonders of God's world,
  - Learn US Map skills
  - And learn to identify and make shapes.

### 4. PHYSICAL OBJECTIVES

- A. to develop each child's physical well-being,
- B. help the child recognize that his/her body is a temple of the Holy Spirit,

## CLASS SESSIONS AND HOURS

C. and provide adequate space, equipment, and opportunity for the development of large and small motor skills.

We will work to achieve these objectives by providing:

- Markers, crayons, pencils, paper, paint, paint brushes, scissors, play dough, and many manipulative toys and activities for the development of fine motor skills,
- Inside items such as hoops, bean bags, jumpers, rocking boat, balance beam, basketball, hockey net, plus activities and games for the purpose of developing large motor skills,
- An outdoor play ground, including pedaling toys to ride, and playground equipment for developing large motor skills,
- And teaching special songs, games, and activities to help the child know that his or her body is a special gift from God.

## **5. EMOTIONAL OBJECTIVES**

- A. to develop each child's emotional well being by strengthening his/her personal relationship with his/her Lord and Savior,
- B. by giving him/her experiences to build feelings of positive self worth and self esteem,

**3 & 4 Year Olds:** Children entering these classes must be three years old by September 1st of the school term they enter.

**The following 3 & 4 year old class session is available:**

Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 - 11:00 AM

**4 & 5 Year Olds:** Children entering these classes must be four years old by September 1st of the school term they enter.

**The following 4 & 5 year old class sessions are available to choose from:**

\*Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:30 to 11:00 AM  
\*Monday, Wednesday, Friday (Sept. through Dec.) & Monday through Friday (5 days) (Jan. through May) from 12:30 - 3:00 PM

*(Class sessions may be added, deleted or changed according to our actual enrollment)*

## SCHOOL CLOSINGS

If school has to be closed because of weather conditions, radio stations KQAD-KLQL will carry the announcement. The school will generally be closed on the days the public elementary school in Luverne is closed. In case of closing for other reasons, you will be notified. Any adjustments in tuition or class makeup sessions due to weather conditions will be made by the Little Lambs Preschool Board.

## **REGISTRATION AND TUITION**

A yearly, non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00 must be paid before a child is considered to be registered to attend Little Lambs. The monthly tuition fee for the two-day sessions is \$96.00 per student. The monthly tuition fee for the three day sessions is \$115.00 per student. The monthly tuition fee for the five-day session that runs January through May is \$200.00 per student. A 10% per month discount is given to students in the five day program if they are registered by June 1. A discount is allowed to families who have more than one child attending Little Lambs Preschool during a single year. All tuition fees are to be paid at the first class session of each month and are payable to Little Lambs Preschool.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Car pools are encouraged where possible, but each parent is responsible for the transporting of his/her child.

The Heartland Express Bus is also available to transport your child to and from school for a small fee. They provide excellent and safe service and we highly recommend them as a viable transportation alternative, if it is necessary. For more information, call 283-5058.

## **DISMISSAL AUTHORIZATION**

At the beginning of the school year, forms will be sent home with your child for you to indicate who is authorized to pick up your child after a Little Lambs Preschool session.

## **MINNESOTA LICENSING INFORMATION:**

Little Lambs Preschool is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. If there are any questions about our program, you may call 1 (651) 296-3971.

C. and to strengthen his/her feelings about being a strong part of his home, school, church and community.

We will work to achieve these goals by:

- Conducting a "Special Child" program semi-annually to help the child understand that he/she is a special child created by God,
- Helping strengthen each child's personal relationship with Christ through worship, praise, and prayer, et,
- Studying and discussing feelings through Bible stories, games and activities,
- Stressing the love and forgiveness of Jesus for each child when dealing with behavioral issues,
- Planning field trips and guest speakers to help the child develop confidence in the community,
- And celebrating the diversity of all of God's children by welcoming students of every ethnic background and inviting those students and their families to share their culture with us in the classroom.

## **PHILOSOPHY:**

Our philosophy of education makes Little Lambs Preschool unique. Our approach to education is Bible-based and Christ-centered, taught by Christian educators of the Lutheran Church - LCMS.

Therefore **WE BELIEVE:**

1. That Christian education is the heart of Christ's Great Commission. Matthew 28:19-20:

**"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, TEACHING them to obey everything I have commanded you."**

2. That Christian parents have the primary responsibility for the Christian education of their children, and that the Christian School is not a substitute for the home, but an agency of the Lord's church to assist parents.

**"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:7-7**

3. That Christian education alone addresses itself to the basic problem of mankind: sin and man's broken relationship with God and each other; and that God alone has resolved the problem by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, as our Redeemer.

**"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16**

4. That in order to truly educate for living in today's world, the total person must be guided by Christian principles to grow spiritually, socially, intellectually, and physically.

**"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6**

5. That our two-fold purpose in life is to prepare for eternity and to serve God through our fellow man. We believe we are to encourage children to be workers in God's kingdom in all that they do, and to equip them for a life of Christian witness.

## **ENROLLMENT**

Little Lambs Preschool is operated for the Christian education of children by St. John Lutheran Church regardless of race, religion or economic conditions.

The school reserves the right to drop a child after private consultation with parents, when the welfare of the child or group would make this advisable.

We expect that when you register your child it is for the **FULL** school year unless an unexpected emergency occurs, such as sickness or moving from the community.