



**“Let the children come to me, for such is the
Kingdom of God.” Luke 18:16**

**St. Paul Lutheran Preschool
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**2017-2018 School Year
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*We believe that learning and development should be
nurtured and not hurried.*

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is a ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church and has been serving young children and their families in the North Tonawanda area since 1973.

We recognize that each child has been made by God and that God has a special future for that child.

Because we are a Christian Preschool, Jesus Christ is the center of all we do. Along with basic Bible stories and prayers, we want children to realize that Jesus is their best friend and with them in every part of their life.

Preschool children learn through experiences and our program is designed so that each child is able to develop into the person that God intends them to be.

Our program offers opportunities to grow physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and academically. More information about the program may be found later in this booklet.

We invite you and your preschool age child to visit our classroom and meet the teacher and staff. *You may call the Church/Preschool office to find out when we are having an Open House or to schedule an individual visit.*

*The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Preschool:
God's love shining through us,
Opening Doors and Changing Lives!*

UNITS OF STUDY

During the year, we discuss a number of topics that are of interest and importance to preschoolers. Topics include seasons, holidays, safety, animals, health, dinosaurs, transportation, family, and nutrition.

Readiness skills such as cutting and pasting, as well as pre-reading, and math activities are included. Creative activities and music are also a part of the daily program.

The Four year old class takes part in a reading readiness program called Zoophonics (www.zoophonics.com). We have found that this program gives children a great foundation needed for reading.

There are opportunities for parents to help with field trips, woodworking, library, and class projects.

We also use a religion curriculum designed by the Lutheran Church, for early childhood education. This covers a number of Old and New Testament Bible stories, emphasizing God's love for each of us which he has shown by sending Jesus to be our Savior.

CLASSES

These classes are available for your Preschool child. Classes are held from September through early June.

3 year old class (Must be 3 by Dec. 1, 2017)

Tues. and Thurs. 9:00am-11:30am (2.5 hours)

4 year old class (Must be 4 by Dec. 1, 2017)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am-12:00pm (3 hours)

SHOW 'N' TELL

Each class has a show 'n' tell bag which is circulated through the class. When your child brings the bag home, they may bring it back on the next class day with whatever they want to show to the class.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

For the safety of all who are in our Preschool, we have a Security System, which is “ON” during school days. To obtain entry to the building, simply press the buzzer and the staff is then able to see and speak with whoever is at the back door of school.

The classroom door opens 10-15 minutes before the school day is scheduled to begin. Before this, the teacher is busy with daily preparations. Once the room is open, children may join their friends in quiet play.

Please be prompt at dismissal time. We ask that you notify the teacher or call the office if you will be late. We dismiss children individually when someone is there to pick them up.

Each parent will be asked to fill out a “Dismissal Permission” form, at the beginning of the year. On this they will list those who are authorized to pick up their child. Those who are on this list will need to present a photo ID, as they pick up the child.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Each day, children participate in a variety of activities. There is structured time, and free choice time, every day.

Daily schedule (times and schedule are flexible):

Arrival and quiet play 9:00am

Circle time (listening, taking turns, learning about the daily schedule, singing, movement, etc.)

Free Choice Time and Daily Projects

Clean up

Story time and/or Physical activity

Snack

Bible story time

Dismissal (11:30am PK3; 12:00pm PK4)

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Clothing should be comfortable for your child to play and work in. Play clothes and sneakers are just fine. We do have the opportunity to paint on a daily basis and while children do wear smocks, it would be wise to keep this in mind when you dress your child. It is suggested that children have a change of clothing at school or in their book bag in the event that they are needed.

Please be sure that your child's name appears in any clothing that you send and/or that may be removed (jackets, boots, etc.).

TOILET TRAINING - We hope that children are toilet trained as they begin school but realize that children reach this developmental goal at different times. We will help work toward this goal with the family.

ABSENCES

Please call the Church/Preschool office (692-3255) if your child is to be absent and send a note with him when he returns to school. If your child is diagnosed with a contagious disease, please notify the school immediately so that we can in turn notify parents of children with whom your child came in contact.

SNACK

Each parent is asked to supply snack and a prepared beverage (or we can serve water) a number of times during the year. Procedure for this will be explained at the pre-term visit. Snacks should be nutritious and healthy. We need to know of any food allergies that may affect your child so that they may be avoided.

POPS (Parents of Preschoolers at St. Paul)

Every parent is a member of the Parents of Preschoolers at St. Paul. The POPS conducts various fund raisers throughout the school year. With the money that is earned, the POPS pays for classroom materials, equipment, family events, and teacher workshops for the Preschool program. We ask parents to support these fund raisers, as they are able.

IMMUNIZATIONS

You will receive an immunization form when you request an application. Please return this form with the application. It should be signed by your child's doctor or you may give us a photocopy of your child's immunization record/booklet. We should have the immunization form when your child begins school, as this is required by New York State Law.

ACCEPTANCE

We will accept children into our program with priority given to members, students, and siblings of present and former students. *Our early enrollment deadline is Tuesday, February 28, 2017.*

After this date, we will fill available spaces with new applicants, in the order the applications were received. If you do **not** hear from us, your child has been placed in the class you requested. You may call 692-3255 to verify this.

PRE-TERM VISITS (AUGUST)

The teacher will telephone the families of all new students before school begins to arrange a get-acquainted home visit, either at your home or here at school. These visits are usually made in late August. This is a good opportunity for us to get to know one another. Forms and a calendar will be mailed to all families prior to this visit.

REPORTS

In February and June, you will receive a progress report about your child. Academic, social, physical, and spiritual growth are included in the report. Conferences are held in February on an "as desired" basis.

FINANCING OF PRESCHOOL

Tuition helps pay for salaries, supplies, utilities and other program expenses. The tuition for the 2017-2018 school year is as follows:

4 year old class (3 sessions per week, three hours per session)

Discount rate - \$1100.00 per year, if paid in full by Sept. 1, 2017

OR may be paid in 10 monthly payments (August-May), of \$120.00 each month (\$1200 total).

3 year old class (2 sessions per week, 2.5 hours per session)

Discount rate - \$750.00 per year, if paid in full by Sept. 1, 2017

OR may be paid in 10 monthly payments (August-May) of \$85.00 each month (\$850 total).

There is a **separate** registration fee of \$60.00 per child which is **nonrefundable** and **nontransferable**. This guarantees a place for your child.

All registration and tuition checks should be made payable to ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

As stated, monthly payments are due by the first of each month, August-May. Please notify us if you will be late with a payment. A 10% surcharge is added to payments made after the 10th of the month. Children shall be excluded from Preschool when tuition is 2 payments in arrears.

WE.....
accept children of all faiths and nationalities.

believe that parents are the primary educators and we are here to support and extend their role in the teaching of their children.

recognize that each child has been made by God and that God has a special future for that child.

believe that preschool children learn through a variety of experiences.

encourage independence and healthy self-esteem, so that the whole child grows spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially and intellectually.

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Be sure to check out the St. Paul website, stpaulnt.com, for more information.

You and your Preschool age child are encouraged to visit our classroom and meet the teacher and staff.

Please call the Church/Preschool office to find out when we are having an Open House. You may also call the office to schedule an individual visit.

God bless you and your family as you search for the best program for your child! We hope that it is St. Paul Lutheran Preschool!

+Rebecca Orłowski Director+