

**ST. PETER LUTHERAN
2021-2022 4/K PARENT HANDBOOK**

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Our preschool is part of the total educational program of our St. Peter Lutheran Church. Through our school we have an efficient agency by which our congregation seeks to meet its obligation to teach and train children in accordance with the Savior's command:

"Go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all things whatever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:19-20, and "Feed my lambs," John 21:15. Thus the goal of our early childhood program is to nurture and train God's lambs as followers of our Savior.

Home, church, and school are the chief agencies designed to educate our children according to His plans. Complete cooperation between these agencies is absolutely necessary for the welfare of your child.

It shall be the objective of this preschool program to:

- * Assist our parents in teaching their children the truths about God's wonderful plan of salvation for all people.
- * Help the child give expression of his/her faith as it pertains to his/her relationship with others, especially his/her peers.
- * Help the child develop his/her mental talents through new learning experiences.
- * Help the child develop emotionally.
- * Help the child to take care of and to develop his body which is the temple of God.
- * Help the child become acquainted with the school environment in preparation for kindergarten.

OUR PRESCHOOL

We wish to develop Christian social behaviors. We will share with the children Christ and His love for us. The way we behave will show our love for Him. Our normal day includes: Play time, Circle time, Bible lesson & singing, Exercise time, Alphabet time, Outdoor recess or Games in the gym, Snack & Story time, and Fun units such as shapes, colors, numbers, senses, animals, plants, etc. It is hoped to get the children used to associating with others in a fun environment in preparation for kindergarten.

Preschool is not a requirement for entry into kindergarten. St. Peter Preschool does not require you to send your child to St. Peter's after preschool, but you are welcome to continue your child's education in St. Peter's k-8 program as well. The 4year-old program is in place to serve

those who want a Christian preschool education for their child. With the Lord's help, we will serve you to the best of our abilities.

ADMISSION

Any child, who has reached the age of four by September 1, 2021 and any five-year-old who is not entering kindergarten, is eligible for enrollment. State law requires an immunization record that meets current immunization laws.

ENROLLMENT

St. Peter's 4 and 5 year old class is limited to 24 students per class. The class will run for seven hours per session. The classes will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:55 A.M. - 11:10A.M or from 8:00- 3:10 PM.

St. Peter's preschool is supported by the church and with the payment of tuition fees. The cost for our two-day program for the 2021/2022 school year (Tuesdays and Thursdays) will be \$597 for members and \$1003 for nonmembers. 10% of the cost needs to be paid when the child is registered. The remainder will be divided into monthly or quarterly payments. Your financial statement and record of payments will be kept at school. The school secretary will put notices in the memo reminding you when quarterly payments are due, and you can pay her in the school office. Please make all checks payable to *St. Peter Lutheran School*.

WITHDRAWALS

The school reserves the right to terminate the attendance of any child if it is determined that such attendance is not in the best interest of the child or has a disruptive effect on the other children.

The school also reserves the right to terminate the attendance for any other of the following reasons:

* Lack of cooperation by the parents * Delinquency in payment of fees *
Serious illness of the child

CANCELLATION

St. Peter's preschool will be cancelled whenever classes at St. Peter's School are cancelled. Should it become necessary to cancel classes due to bad weather or other circumstances, this announcement would be made over The Lakes (92.7 FM) and television channels 2 and 5. If it is announced that St. Peter's School does not have school, that would include the 4K class also. If you hear that the Weyauwega/Fremont Public School system will be closed for the day on account of the weather, St. Peter's will also be closed.

FIRST DAYS

Even though your child may be very excited to be attending preschool, it is a big step for every child. If your child finds it a bit difficult to be separated from you, be patient and understanding. Offer help if needed, but show your child that you are confident that he/she will soon stay in school by himself/herself.

If after the third session your child is still having difficulty and you wish to drop him from the program, you may do so and will be reimbursed the remainder of the tuition. All registration fees and tuition are applied to supplies, new equipment, staff salaries, and any other operating expenses and therefore, no refunds will be made after the first three sessions that your child attends.

DAILY ADMISSION AND DISMISSAL

Parents are responsible for transportation of their child to and from school; children may ride the Weyauwega /Fremont or Waupaca districts' school buses if they live on a scheduled bus route. The preschool sessions start at 7:55 A.M. Even though the teacher will be in school by 7:30A.M, if at all possible it is preferred that you do not bring your child more than 15 minutes before the session starts.

The preschool sessions end at 11:10 A.M. or 3:10 P.M. The teacher will walk the children out of the school through the main door on the west side of the school. The children will be allowed to go when you come up to the sidewalk and get your child by hand. If the child's ride is not there when the class comes out, the teacher will wait with the child until the parent arrives. If it is too cold, we will wait inside the school door. Try not to make your child wait too long, as he may become worried. If you are 10 minutes late, the teacher will call and will keep the child with her in the preschool room until picked up. If someone other than the parent is picking up a child please let the teacher know.

BUSSING

Any child attending St. Peters, who resides in the Weyauwega/Fremont School District or the Waupaca School District (within Waupaca County) and lives along the normal bus route, may make use of bussing transportation. Parents with children who meet these criteria, and have not previously made use of public school bussing must fill out a transportation request form. These forms are available at registration or at St. Peter's school office.

HEALTH

We wish to protect the health of the children. We rely on you not to send a sick child to school. If your child has a fever, they may return to school if they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of medicine. If your child will be absent, you may call and leave a message with the school secretary.

She will let the teacher know not to expect your child on that day. If your child becomes exposed to a contagious disease, please notify the school on the first day of his/her absence.

Parents will be notified immediately in the event of an illness or medical emergency at school.

No medication of any type will be given to a child without written consent of the parents. Please inform you child's teacher should your child be under medication, which might affect his/her behavior in class.

CHURCH SERVICES

You are encouraged to bring your preschool child to church, so he/she may continue to learn of God's love for him/her. The church service times at St. Peter Lutheran Church are as follows: 4:00 P.M. on Saturdays and 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. on Sundays. The church service times at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waupaca are Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30AM.

CLOTHING

Practical, durable, and very washable clothing is best suited for preschool. Make sure the clothes are simple enough for the child to take care of his own bathroom needs. We will spend time on the floor as well as at the tables. Shoes should be soft-soled and practical for play. Tennis shoes are the best.

Students may wear shorts during the warmer months of September and May. **Tank tops or tank style dresses** are not allowed unless the child wears a sweater over them.

Students must wear shoes that fully enclose their feet to be allowed outside for school activities.

We go outside for recess (except for rain), as the children need fresh air and room to run and play; so please send outdoor gear suitable for the weather. Once the snow arrives, please send boots, coat, snow pants, hat, and mittens. It is best advised to label the outdoor wear with the child's name. Also, dress your child for as much self-help as possible. The teacher will be available to help, but have your child practice zipping, etc. at home also.

SNACKS

Midway through the morning session there will be a snack break. A cup of milk or water will be provided each day. The children should bring their own snack each day. If your child would like to share a birthday treat please let the teacher know when they will be bringing in the treat. Preferably, the snack should be somewhat nutritious and not too messy. All birthday treats must be individually wrapped.

There will also be a snack break in the afternoon for children in the all-day session. Please send a second snack for them. I will have some extra snacks on hand if someone forgets a snack. Milk or water will be provided. Please send a water bottle to school with their name on it. We will be able to refill the water bottle at the faucet on the sink in the classroom.

HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch will be available for children enrolled in the all-day session. The cost for hot lunch has not been set for the upcoming school year. The prices for hot lunch will be available at registration. A lunch menu will be sent home at the beginning of each month. Your child may have white milk, either 2% or skim at lunch time.

SUPPLIES

- 3- pencil bags-1 crayons, 1 markers, 1 glue sticks (please make sure your child can open and close the bags and they will fit everything into them)
 - 1- box 24 count Crayola crayons
 - 1- Resting Mat
 - 2- beginner pencils
 - 5- large glue sticks or 10 small glue sticks (more may be needed-I will let you know)
 - 1- folder
 - 1- Elmer's white school glue bottle
 - 1- Crayola water color paint set
 - 1- schoolbag/backpack (make sure the folder fits in it)
 - 1- 1 inch three-ring binder-to keep at home to put Bible stories in
 - 1- pair of **VELCRO** gym shoes **to keep at school**
 - 2- large boxes of tissues to share
 - 2- containers Clorox Wipes to share
 - 1-pack of fragrance free/ sensitive skin baby wipes
 - 1-box 10 count Crayola broad line **classic** colors markers
 - 1-box 10 count Crayola fine line **classic** color markers
 - 1 box gallon bags for the classroom-**GIRLS**
 - 1 box snack bags for classrooms-**BOYS**
 - Water bottle-no spill
- Please write your child's name on **all** his/her supplies.

Please keep an extra change of clothing (shirt, pants or shorts, underwear, and socks) in a plastic bag in your child's backpack. Then, if there is an accident we'll be prepared.

MISCELLANEOUS

If you have any questions throughout the year or if you just need some information concerning the program, please use the following telephone numbers:

- St. Peter Lutheran School 920-867-2200
- Mrs. Rebekah Bazaire cell (715)412-4320 or home (715)256-4130
- Mr. Jeffrey Miller, Principal 920-867-4004

You can also reach me at my email address of rmbazaire@gmail.com or R.Bazaire@splwega.net

Home-school communication is very important, so let's work together at keeping one another informed.