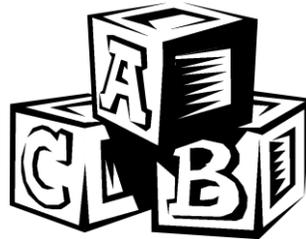


*Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Preschool
Parent Handbook*

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Dear Parents:

This handbook has been prepared to guide you and your child in matters pertaining to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool. We urge you to read this handbook carefully and keep it as a handy reference guide to your preschool.

FORWARD TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

When you enroll your child in Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool, you indicate a willingness to follow the policies set forth in this handbook. If you have any questions regarding any of these policies, please contact the Pastor, Director or Preschool Committee Chairman. It is our hope that this handbook will clearly state our preschool's policies and foster a better understanding between parents and faculty as we work together to give your child a sound Christian education. Each time a reference to a parent is made, it also applies to a guardian.

WHY DOES SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL EXIST?

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool exists to assist parents in the spiritual training and education of their children, to make life long disciples for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and as an outreach tool of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. God specifically gives parents the primary responsibility for nurturing their children. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool provides for the Christian nurturing of young children, which is a necessary aspect of the mission of the church. This unique ministry strives to meet the spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual, and physical needs of young children in a developmentally appropriate manner.

MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool's philosophy is based on the eternal truths of God's Word. These truths include the sure knowledge that:

1. All Scripture is God-breathed, useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)
2. There is one true, triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16-17)
3. God the Father is the Maker and Preserver of heaven and earth and all that is in them. (Exodus 20:11)
4. Man by nature is sinful, fully deserving God's wrath. (Psalm 51:5)
5. The same holy and just 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)
6. All who through the work of the Holy Spirit believe that Jesus is their Savior receive the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation - "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)
7. God in His grace has given us different talents and gifts. (Romans 12:6-8)
8. Believers will strive to use those gifts in ways that will give God the glory and show love for Him and all people. (Psalm 96:3)
9. Believers will desire to gain a greater knowledge of the Holy Scriptures that they might be able to tell those who ask the reason for their hope of eternal life. (1 Peter 3:15)
10. Believers will look for opportunities to proclaim the good news of salvation to all people. (Mark 16:15)

Christian preschool education nurtures and strengthens the faith of each child and supports Christian parenthood and home life. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool provides kindergarten readiness through experiences in language, math, science, music, art and free play. Children learn at different rates, depending on their own God-given capabilities and desires. We are here to serve those seeking a Christian education for their child. With the Lord's help, we will serve you to the best of our abilities.

OUR OBJECTIVES

The goals of our preschool are to:

- ◆ To teach children about the salvation won for them by Jesus.
- ◆ To develop a positive self-image.
- ◆ To create a thirst for knowledge.
- ◆ To encourage development through "hands on" experiences.
- ◆ To encourage problem solving.
- ◆ To encourage language development.
- ◆ To facilitate gross and fine motor skills.
- ◆ To develop creative expression.
- ◆ To encourage independence.
- ◆ To build social skills.
- ◆ To provide basic experiences on which to build future learning.
- ◆ To meet needs as individuals and as a group.

ORGANIZATION

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool is established by resolution of Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church. As such, the responsibility for programming and maintenance belongs to the church. In order that these responsibilities may be properly attended to, several different governing bodies oversee the operation of the preschool.

Church Council, elected by the congregation

1. Oversees and adopts all policies governing the preschool.
2. Carries out the desires of the congregation, seeking improvements and opportunities for growth.
3. Ensures that the instruction of the children is being carried out in an effective manner in accordance with the principles of a Christ-centered education.

The Director, called by the congregation

1. Responsible for administering the center in accordance with licensing rules.
2. Form the leadership of the preschool.
3. Carry out policy set by the Preschool Committee and the Church Council.
4. Serve as the parents' representatives during the preschool day by professionally and diligently carrying out their calling to instruct the pupils under their care.
5. Serve as Christian role models in all aspects of their professional and personal lives.

The Teachers, called by the congregation

1. Form the leadership of the preschool.
2. Carry out policy set by the Preschool Committee and the Church Council.
3. Serve as the parents' representatives during the preschool day by professionally and diligently carrying out their calling to instruct the pupils under their care.
4. Serve as Christian role models in all aspects of their professional and personal lives.

The Pastor, called by the congregation

1. Serves as "shepherd" of the church seeing to it that congregational programs and undertakings are carried out in a decent and orderly way according to God's Word.
2. Assists with the spiritual training in the preschool, instructing and encouraging and counseling to help meet the spiritual needs of students, parents and teachers.

The Preschool Committee, chairman elected by the congregation

1. Formulates policies and guidelines that will help the preschool to run smoothly for the glory of God and the good of the children and parents.
2. Responsible for coming up with an annual budget as well as setting salary figures and tuition rates to be adopted by council.
3. Serves as the “Admissions and Appeals Committee” recommending enrollments, suspensions and expulsions as needed.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Our preschool provides an atmosphere of unconditional love, and a spirit of forgiveness that allows each child to grow as unique, awesome and wonderful creations of God! Our Christ-centered curriculum builds upon each individual’s own skills and experiences. We utilize interactive and engaging teaching methods in the areas of language arts, math, science, social studies, music, physical education, art and best of all, we love to play! Our content will be guided by the Christ-Light curriculum published by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We will also use the Zoo-Phonics curriculum for literacy.

Christ-Light

Every day we will spend a few minutes at our Savior’s knee with a Bible lesson and devotion. We will share with the children Christ and His love for us. We will sing Christian songs and poems. We wish to make the children aware that our words and actions are a means of showing our love for Christ and each other.

Language Arts

Language Arts in the preschool classroom is inclusive and expansive, involving developing pre-reading and pre-writing skills. It overlaps into all subject areas and happens every moment that the child is in the classroom. Children will participate in a variety of engaging activities that will help build on their knowledge of letters and sounds. They will be introduced to many songs, stories, poems and finger plays that will help foster their growth.

Math

In teaching math to the preschool child, “hands-on” activities are very important! Counting, classifying, sorting, size relationships, measurement, one-to-one correspondence, numbers and shapes will be introduced.

Science

The preschool science curriculum consists of many planned and spontaneous experiences. Science for young children is child-centered and activity –centered. The teachers provide opportunities for the children in the classroom to observe, predict, classify and communicate.

Music

Music with preschool children opens the doors to creativity, motor development and the total learning process. Music will be used for praising God, getting acquainted, transitions, giving directions, quieting groups and for developing cognitive and listening skills.

Art

The art curriculum provides the children with many opportunities to use their imagination, express their individuality and be creative! The children will have many opportunities to experiment with a wide variety of media such as: paint, crayon, pencils, markers, clay, paper, cloth, glue, yarn, play dough and much more!

Physical Education

Physical Education at the preschool age might be defined as gross motor development. Much of the physical development at this age occurs through non-directed free play in a well-planned environment. Besides the swings and climbing equipment, our activities will use materials such as hula-hoops, bean bags, balls, jump ropes and a parachute to encourage a wide range of creative play.

Social Development

Your child will learn about himself and his feelings, how to care for personal needs and how to get along with adults and peers. Your child will also work on listening skills in large group and small group settings.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool offers three half-day programs for children ages 3-5. The 3-4 year-old **Preschool** program is an introduction to preschool which focuses on your child's social skills and development. Our 4-5 year-old **Pre-Kindergarten** program is designed to teach skills, through structured learning activities and experiences, which are necessary for kindergarten. Our **Pre-Kindergarten Plus** program is designed for advanced 4-year-olds or 5-year-olds that need an extra year before kindergarten or that miss the cutoff date for kindergarten. This program is designed to build on your child's knowledge of preschool and kindergarten skills.

<i>Preschool Days and Times</i>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Preschool 3-4 year-olds		8:30—11:00 or 12:30—3:00		8:30—11:00 or 12:30—3:00	
Pre-Kindergarten 4-5 year-olds	8:30—11:30		8:30—11:30		8:30—11:30
Pre-Kindergarten Plus 4-5 year-olds	12:30—3:30		12:30—3:30		12:30—3:30

ENROLLMENT POLICY

All who enroll must agree to the purposes for which the preschool was established, as set forth in the MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY, and to all conditions set forth in this PARENT HANDBOOK. Members of Shepherd of the Hills are encouraged to enroll their children in their preschool and will be given first consideration. Children of non-members will be accepted under the following conditions--that the parent(s) or guardian(s):

1. Have a sincere interest in Christian education;
2. Are encouraged to take a course of instruction in the teachings of the Bible;
3. Be willing to participate in the activities of the preschool;
4. Be willing to support the religious and secular instruction of their children.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Prechool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the preschool. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITES

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. We will do our best to accommodate those with special needs. The final decision of services offered will be made by the director, preschool board of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool and by the parents of the child. Decisions will be made with the best interest of the child in mind.

ADMISSION

Children three to five years of age will be admitted upon meeting the following requirements:

1. A birth certificate must be provided to show the child is the appropriate age on or by August 15th of the preschool year, prior to being admitted.
2. A child is fully potty trained—no longer in diapers or pull-ups—in order to register.
3. Enrollment paperwork must be completed prior to the child's first day of attendance. This includes: a copy of their birth certificate, an approved CDPHE record of current immunizations, emergency information and a general health form.
4. A non-refundable fee of \$125.00 is due at the time of registration. (If a waiting list forms, your registration money is due upon acceptance.)
5. Our PM Preschool and 5+ Pre-K class must have at least 4 students before the class will open. If the class is unable to open, your registration fee will be refunded.
6. Classes are filled according to enrollment policies.

REGISTRATION & TUITION

Registration: In order to reserve a spot for your child in our preschool, we will need to have a completed application, copy of your child's birth certificate and a non-refundable \$125.00 registration fee. Included in the fee is a materials cost, a preschool t-shirt, and a security code for entrance. Please designate a preference for AM or PM in our Preschool.

3-4 Year-Old Preschool AM or PM: \$120.00 per month for 9 months; \$1080 per year.

4-5 Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten (AM): \$150.00 per month for 9 months; \$1350 per year.

4-5 Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten Plus (PM): \$150.00 per month for 9 months; \$1350 per year.

Tuition may be paid in full at the start of the year, or monthly, with payments beginning on our August Orientation Night.

All payments are due on the 1st of the month. **If a tuition payment is late a flat fee of \$20 will be added to your child's tuition bill each month a payment is past due.**

If your child's tuition is one month past due, you will receive a five day notice to pay completely or your child will be un-enrolled.

There is a \$25.00 return check fee.

Registration cannot be accepted for any student who has not paid for the last preschool year. In the case of a hardship, notify the director or the Preschool Committee financial chairperson. If a payment will be late or an alternate plan to the one described above needs to be considered, please contact the secretary, director or the Preschool Committee Chairperson at 353-6582.

ABSENCES

For your own child's comfort and protection, plus consideration for the other children, please keep your child home when he/she is not feeling well. Please call preschool at 353-6582 by 8:30 am, when your child will not be in attendance. If your child will be attending late or leaving early for a necessary appointment, please let the staff know in advance. There will be no refund or reduction in tuition for absences.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES

There is no transportation provided by Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool. Each parent is responsible for transporting his or her child to and from preschool. An adult must accompany each child into the classroom and sign their child in and out each day in attendance. Pick-up authorization is preferred to be in writing on your child's emergency card. Please be sure the preschool is always provided with an up-to-date list of persons permitted to pick up your child. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool is required to ask for a photo ID before the child is released to them.

There will be a fifteen minute window to accommodate for dropping off and picking up your child. Please be on time. A late fee will be charged if a child is not picked up 20 minutes after his/her class ends payable to the teacher in attendance. Late fees are as follows: \$5.00 up to 20 minutes past and \$1.00 for each additional minute thereafter. If the child is not picked up after 45 minutes, and the parent or guardian cannot be reached, the Weld County Police Department will be contacted. A staff member will remain with the child until the parent, a designated adult, or a police officer picks up the child.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF CHILDREN

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool staff will use the daily sign-in book to account for each student at any time during the preschool day. At the end of the day, each teacher will check the sign-in book and the building to make sure all students have been picked up.

DAILY ROUTINES

A schedule with the planned daily activities will be posted outside each classroom.

DISCIPLINE/GUIDANCE

We believe each child is a unique and special gift of God and will have different abilities. Our goal is to guide the children in practicing problem solving, learning appropriate social skills, and offering God's love and forgiveness to each other. If a problem arises, the teacher will talk privately to the child. If the behavior continues, the child will be redirected to another area. The children will be encouraged to resolve differences with adult guidance.

Our staff is well trained and works hard to identifying the social, emotional and developmental needs to each child. However, there are times when children may need additional care that our staff is not able to provide. If we feel that your child's behavior endangers the safety of the other children, we will notify the parent and begin with a parent teacher conference. To better accommodate your child, we would like to work with the family to develop a plan of action. During that time, if the child is a danger to themselves or other children, we may choose to suspend your child for a discussed upon period of time. Once the child returns to our program, if the child is still a danger then we will discuss if we are the best persons to be caring for your child. It is a last resort that we would ask you to remove your child from our care.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool does not practice corporal punishment. We comply with the specific discipline policies outlined in the child-care regulations of the Colorado Department of Human Services.

LICENSING COMPLAINT

We are presently licensed by the state of Colorado as a part-time preschool that provides care for 5-15 children. If you are unsatisfied for any reason or have a complaint please talk with your child's teacher. If the issue is not resolved to your satisfaction, it should be brought before the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool Committee. If you are still unsatisfied, you may write to or call the Colorado Department of Human Services at:

Colorado Department of Human Services
Division of Child Care
1575 Sherman Street, 1st Floor
Denver, CO 80203-1714
1-800-799-5876

WITHDRAWAL

When withdrawing a child from our preschool program, written notice to the director is required two weeks in advance. We maintain the right to discontinue preschool services at any time.

PRESCHOOL CALENDAR & CLOSINGS

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool will follow the calendar provided in the enrollment packet. If Greeley District 6 is closed because of weather, we will also be closed.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Please keep us informed of any changes that are needed on your child's Emergency Card. Please keep your contact numbers up to date. Every attempt will be made to contact the parent in case of emergency.

If child becomes lost, a complete sweep of the building and grounds area will take place. If the child is not found, 911 will be called and parents will be notified.

In the event of an emergency situation, 911 will be called and parents will be contacted. If a minor accident occurs, first aid will be applied and parents will be notified at pick-up. If an injury is questionable in its severity, parents will be notified as soon as possible.

Fire drills will be conducted monthly. These may be announced or unannounced and will be performed in a calm and quiet manner. Each staff member will walk the children to the designated area and wait instruction from the director or fire department when it is safe to return to the classroom. Staff will use the sign-in/out sheet to account for all children. In case of an actual emergency, parents will be notified as soon as possible.

In case a natural disaster occurs, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Teachers will listen to the radio for information and instruction.
2. Teachers will keep children calm and comforted while parents are being contacted.
3. In the event of a tornado, the designated area is the basement. Tornado drills will be practiced at least twice a year.

If we feel any child is at risk of potential harm, whether by natural disaster or any other perceived threat to human safety, we may "lock down" the building, that is, lock all exits accessing the preschool. If a decision is made to implement a "lock down", staff will then do a head count, retrieve the emergency phone numbers, and take the children to a designated area in an orderly fashion. Lock down drills will take place at least twice a year. If a perceived threat occurs while outside, a reverse evacuation will take place. Reverse evacuation drills will be practiced twice a year. If an emergency evacuation from the preschool is required, we will relocate to Shawsheen Elementary at 420 W. 7th Street, #970-348-2300.

In all situations, parents will be contacted as soon as safely possible. These are just precautions for very rare and isolated cases; we would not allow your child to attend if we felt they were endangered in any way.

If your child has special needs, we will work with the family to create an emergency plan specific to your child.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The physical care and health of each child is as important to the staff as it is to you. Therefore, it is imperative that you make teachers aware of any allergies or special medical needs your child has, both verbally and in writing on their Emergency Card. Children with food allergies will be expected to fill out a "Food Allergies Action Plan". If your child has severe allergies requiring an Epi-pen for emergencies, you are required to provide one for your child.

To ensure all students stay healthy, please be aware of signs of inflammation, diarrhea, vomiting, sore throat, cough, earache, discharge from ear or nose, skin rash, eye infection and/or temperature over 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. If any of these symptoms are present, do not send your child to preschool. If your child comes to preschool with any of these symptoms, he/she will be sent home. If your child becomes ill at preschool, the child will be separated from the group and asked to rest. Parents will be notified and required to pick their child up immediately. If your child has had a fever, diarrhea or vomiting, please allow at least 24 hours after symptoms abate before you return to preschool.

If your child has been exposed to a communicable illness outside of the preschool, please notify Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool teachers immediately. Please keep your child home for the period of time prescribed by the child's physician or local health department.

If your child has been diagnosed with a communicable illness such as hepatitis, measles, mumps, meningitis, diphtheria, rubella, salmonella, tuberculosis, giardia or shigella, please notify Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool teachers immediately. We will report the illness to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, all staff members, all parents and all guardians of children in care. The child's confidentiality will be maintained. We will post a note in order to notify parents of any contagious diseases that may have been present within this facility.

Parents are urged to have regular physical and dental examinations for their children.

A first aid kit and emergency handbook is kept in each preschool room and the work room. Standard first aid practices will be followed. Superficial wounds will be cleaned with soap and water and protected. A log will be kept for all accidents, injuries, or incidents involving children, staff and visitors.

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

Students that require prescription medication to be administered during the preschool day will need to a written order of a person with prescriptive authority and with written parental consent. Over-the-counter medications will not be administered. Children are not allowed to bring medications to the preschool unless accompanied by a responsible adult. If medication is left over or out-of-date, parents are responsible for picking up the medication. One that is delegated by the preschool's licensed health consultant will administer medication. A written medication log will be kept on record for each child.

Medications will be kept in a clean area, locked and inaccessible to children. If refrigerated, the medication will be kept in a leak-proof container separated from food and inaccessible to children. Controlled medication will be counted and safely secured by the delegate of the licensed health consultant.

CHILD ABUSE

Any caregiver or staff member in the preschool who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect will immediately report or cause a report to be made of such fact to the county department of social services or local law enforcement.

DRESS CODE

Your child will play and work hard in preschool. With this in mind, please send your child to preschool in comfortable clothing. For safety reasons, please make sure that they have closed toe shoes. Make sure your child is equipped to play outdoors in any weather. Label all items that belong to your child.

WEATHER

We go outside daily. Please send your child with appropriate outerwear, including protective shoes and boots. In the event of inclement or excessively hot or cold weather, the teachers will use their discretion and may choose to keep the children inside. It is helpful to send your child to preschool with sunscreen already applied. Staff may apply sunscreen with written authorization on file. A sunscreen permission form is included in the Enrollment Packet.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Your child may have a show-and-tell day. Please feel free to send in an item for your child to share. If the item is large, please speak to the teachers ahead of time. Pets are not allowed. Other than show-and-tell we would encourage you to keep toys at home. Please do not allow your child to bring money to school. We will not be held responsible for any lost money.

SNACK TIME

Snack time will be given each class time. Parents are required to bring a predetermined nutritious snack for the entire class about once a month. Parents will sign-up for a day on the snack calendar one month in advance. Please bring in the snack one preschool day ahead of your assigned day. Colorado regulations require that snacks be pre-packaged and store prepared. This also applies to desserts for special occasions, such as birthdays, holidays, etc.

Birthdays are celebrated during snack period. Parents may bring a special snack for their child's birthday.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR PRESCHOOL

The first days of preschool can be very happy or uneasy experience for your child. By your words and actions on the first day, you can help. We suggest that you place your child in the hands of a teacher, assure him that you will return to get him and then leave promptly. When your child realizes that you are not available, he will accept the teacher's guidance more readily.

You may also help to prepare him by:

- Always speaking of going to preschool as a joyous, pleasant event.
- Taking the time to talk over with him the new experiences he will encounter so that he will look forward, with pleasure, to the first years of preschool.
- Informing him that you will leave him alone in preschool to the company of other children.
- Getting to know the teacher. Your children will be happy and secure if he knows that his teacher and parents are friends.

PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

It is hoped that a close relationship will exist at all times between parent, teacher and pastor, so they may mutually assist each other in understanding and helping children meet their spiritual, educational and social needs.

Teachers will have progress reports and/or Parent/Teacher Conferences to give parents detailed observations on your child's spiritual, social, academic and physical development. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you ever have a question or concern. We will contact you at our earliest opportunity.

Classroom newsletters will be sent home to keep you informed. A journal may also be exchanged between home and preschool to share additional information.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT & VISITORS

There will be many opportunities for parents to participate in preschool and extra-curricular activities. Children love to see their parents visiting and helping at preschool and we welcome parents to visit and volunteer. Let us know how often you would like to participate and what you would be interested in doing. A list of volunteer activities will go home the first week of preschool. Please let staff know ahead of time when visiting and please sign in and out on the visitor's sheet.

FIELD TRIPS

Field Trips provide a valuable opportunity for children to experience a wide range of activities. A permission slip will be given to each child's parents for each trip, describing the mode of transportation, seating and supervision requirements. Emergency cards, the first aid kit and sign-in/out sheets will be taken with staff during these field trips. All safety precautions will be taken to help make it a great experience for everyone involved.

When riding in a vehicle, we require that there must be a seat belt for each child transported on a field trip. Colorado law states that 3-7 year-old children must ride in a car seat or booster seat until they are 57 inches tall. Each vehicle will be required to have a cell phone in case of emergencies. Each vehicle will have a staff member for supervision purposes. If there are not enough staff members, then the children will be under the direct supervision of the parent-driver.

If you are able to chaperone/drive for one of our field trips, we will need to have on file a copy of your valid driver's license and proof of insurance liability. Cell phone use is not permitted while driving students. A staff member's cell phone number and our preschool's number will be given to you to use if you become separated or lost from the group. In an emergency, please contact the teacher, preschool and/or 911. Staff will account for all children before they leave on a field trip. To ensure our students safety, our staff will take attendance upon arrival of their destination, every hour on the trip and when departing. Attendance will be taken one more time upon arrival at the preschool.

TELEVISION/VIDEO VIEWING

All videos used at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool will be made available. If you would like to view a video beforehand, please notify the director and check out the video. No television or videos other than a "G" rating will be watched. All television and videos that are shown in the preschool will be age appropriate and will be used in a purposeful manner. The staff is aware and in control of all television and video viewing.

SCRIP

All parents, family and friends are encouraged to make use of this fantastic program.

What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase scrip, you’re purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our preschool.

How scrip generates revenue for you

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our preschool buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more – is our preschool’s revenue.

Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don’t have to sell anything. Organization members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

Find Out More

Ask your teacher or secretary for the latest participating retailer list or go online to www.glscrip.com. Then put your shopping dollars to work for our preschool!

CHAPEL TIME

Twice a month (usually the first and third Thursday/Friday) each class will have “Chapel Time” with Pastor Holtz in our church’s Worship Area. Chapel Time offers interesting and interactive lessons from the Bible in an age appropriate way.

SINGING

Surely it is a privilege to sing praises to our Lord! The purpose of our preschool choir is to praise Him in song. We will be singing for various regular Sunday morning church services and on special occasions, such as our Children’s Christmas Service. We will notify you in your child’s classroom newsletter when we will be singing.

IN CLOSING

Our Lord expects of His children that out of love for Him we walk in His commandments and live pleasing lives. It is our intent to help you instill in your children the desire to want to serve their Lord. The amount of time your child is at our preschool is only a small portion of his total life, yet those hours are very important. We will do our utmost to see that the authority and responsibility, which you have delegated to us, is used to the best of our ability. By making God's Word our daily guide, we as parents and teachers, together with our children, praise and glorify our God now and in eternity.

*Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Invites You!*

Every Sunday!

Worship at 9:00 A.M

Sunday Preschool (Ages 3-11) and
Teen & Adult Bible Classes
at 10:15 A.M.