## Have Faith In Your Child's Education!

# Foith Lutheron Preschool





#### Our Purpose & Philosophy:

The purpose of the Early Childhood Education Program at Faith Lutheran Church is to provide a Christian Education for young children in a warm, caring environment. Our primary objective is to teach the children about the love of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our program will provide opportunities for the children to grow spiritually, socially, intellectually, emotionally, and physically, and to gain confidence in their God-given abilities. It is designed to help build a solid foundation for success in future schoolwork.

The early childhood years are an important time in the development of the child. Most of the potential for learning is established by age six. During this time, children need a stimulating environment in which they can build on their knowledge and experiences through educational play, social interaction, problem solving, exploration, and discovery. Many opportunities are provided for the children to explore and manipulate a variety of materials. "play" is a very important part of the preschool classroom and much of the learning takes place through teacher-directed and self-directed play activities. Through these activities, children develop social and language skills, learn to handle their emotions, and learn about God's wonderful world.

"Jesus Time" is an important part of the program each day, and the sharing of God's love permeates all that is done throughout the day. We believe that a Christian education in these early years lays an important foundation in the spiritual life and overall development of the child.

#### **Enrollment Policy:**

Faith Lutheran Preschool and Early Childhood Center admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students in the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies.

The following guidelines are recommended for enrollment in the proper class:

• Three Year Olds: Must be 3 by September | September |

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#### Faith Lutheran Preschool and Early Childhood Center Typical Day:

**Free Choice** – this time allows the child to choose from a variety of activity and centers, to explore what is new in the room until Circle time begins.

**Group Time** — involves the children in a planned lesson, which includes Jesus time and concept development centered on our theme for the day/week. Listening and speaking skills are enhanced during this time through songs, Bible stories, and books.

Center Time – gives the children the opportunity to choose which area of the room they want to "work" in. Children are expected to participate in learning experiences located at different centers in the room which are planned by the teacher and taken from all areas of the preschool curriculum: pre-reading & math activities, creative arts and drama, and science activities.

**Snack Time** – is an opportunity to eat and drink together and to converse or listen to a recording. This is only done daily during the 4 year old classes and special occasions for the 3 year old classes.

**Story Time** - helps the children develop language skills by listening to, and telling stories, singing, reciting poems, learning finger plays, and Show and Tell.

Large Motor Time – emphasizes activities which involve developing large muscle coordination. The gym will be used frequently for running, balancing, tumbling, and games using a variety of equipment.