

PRESCHOOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Who is eligible to enroll in Precious Lambs Preschool?

Precious Lambs Preschool is a school-year preschool program for all children who are at least three years old, and who are fully toilet-trained and self-sufficient in the bathroom. *(This includes no pull-ups or diapers to be worn during the Preschool program.)*

Do you accept children using the VPK certificate?

Any child who is four years old before September first qualifies for Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program. Our preschool accepts the VPK vouchers as payment for pre-Kindergarten children to attend.

What are your class sizes and student/teacher ratio?

Class sizes may vary, but are limited to a maximum of 16 in the PreK-4 classroom, and 12 in the PreK-3 / 4 mixed classroom. Each classroom has a lead teacher as well as a teacher's assistant, so that two adults are with the children at all times.

What are the preschool hours?

Preschool doors open at 8:00 AM. Classes are held from 8:30 – 12:15, Monday through Friday. The preschool follows a school year calendar, August through May each year.

What preschool programs are available?

The preschool offers several choices for preschool families:

PreK-4	Monday-Friday	8:30 – 12:15
PreK-3	Tuesday/Thursday	8:30 – 12:15
	Monday/Wednesday/Friday	8:30 – 12:15

Tuition costs vary depending on the program.

The afternoon Extended Care program is available for a separate fee.

Contact our Director, Kay-Lynn Johnston, for more information: 352-489-3027.

What curriculum do you teach?

We have chosen to utilize research-based curricula that is flexible to meet the unique needs of the children in each classroom, and which use open-ended activities in which the children are active, participatory learners. Our curriculum is based on our Christian faith, our understanding of child development, current research in early childhood education, and our knowledge of each individual child, his interests, needs, abilities, and background. As such, we believe the curriculum of Precious Lambs Preschool is designed to meet the spiritual, physical, cognitive and social-emotional developmental needs of our children. We believe this curriculum will create capable learners who are able to think for themselves, solve problems, and live as children of God.

Several specific curriculum resources which we utilize, but are not limited to, are the High Scope curriculum, the Christ-Light curriculum, and the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum.

Where is the preschool located on your campus?

The preschool is an educational wing of the church building. It is located across the driveway from the fenced in playground. Look for the porch that has the double doors with the bulletin boards on them.

Do I have to be a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church to enroll my child in the preschool?

The preschool accepts all qualified applicants as space permits. Active members of the congregation and siblings of currently enrolled students have priority, and all others are accepted on a first-come basis. Families do not need to attend St. Paul's Lutheran Church to apply and be accepted.

How do I go about enrolling my child?

Call the Director, Sharon Welfel, at 352-489-3027 to arrange a time to visit the Preschool. After your visit you will receive information regarding online registration and enrollment in preschool.