



# **PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS**

## **ENROLLMENT INFORMATION PACKET**

PRESCHOOL 3's & PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AVAILABLE



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## **Welcome to our Lutheran Christian Preschool!**

We are excited to offer a caring and enriching environment where your child can thrive. Our academic program is designed to encourage curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning. Through engaging hands-on activities, social interactions, and developmentally appropriate lessons, children will build foundational skills in language, math, science, and more. Our experienced educators are committed to nurturing each child's individual growth while preparing them for future academic success.

## **Rooted in Christian Values**

At the heart of our preschool is the mission of connecting our community to Christ. We believe that each child is a precious gift from God, and we strive to reflect His love in all that we do. Through daily prayers, Bible stories, and Christ-centered teachings, we help children develop a strong spiritual foundation that will guide them throughout their lives. Our commitment to Christian values creates a caring, supportive environment where children learn not only to grow academically but also to love one another and live out their faith. We are honored to share in this journey with you and your family.

## **A Message from Pastor**

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Preschool! We are delighted to welcome you and your family as you consider joining our school community. At Zion, we believe early childhood is a special time to begin nurturing faith alongside a love of learning. Everything we do is centered on our mission to connect people to Christ through care and Christian teaching.

As your child grows here, we walk alongside them in faith, helping them experience God's love in meaningful ways. Our teachers and staff create a safe, loving environment where every child is known and valued as a child of God.

Thank you for considering Zion during this important season. We look forward to partnering with you to build a strong foundation of faith, love, and learning.

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Christian Preschool! We are excited that you are considering our program for your child and family. Early childhood is a time of growth, curiosity, and discovery, and we are honored to be part of these first learning experiences.

Our classrooms nurture children academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Through play, exploration, and faith-based learning, we help children feel confident, cared for, and surrounded by God's love. Our teachers are dedicated to helping each child thrive. Thank you for trusting us during these early years.

We look forward to partnering with your family to create a joyful beginning rooted in faith and learning.



**Jason Taylor**  
Senior Pastor



**Angie Singer**  
Preschool Director

## Pre-School 3's | Class Offerings (Times, Fees & Tuition)

For ages 3 and older (Must be 3 by August 1). Must be potty trained.

We will offer three types of Pre-schools 3 programs for the 2026-2027 school year. Please note that the core instruction for this schedule is Monday – Wednesday. Our Thursday and Friday is enrichment, social focused programming.

OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C	OPTION D	OPTION E
PRE-3s <b>Half-Day AM</b>	PRE-3s <b>Half-Day PM</b>	PRE-3s <b>All Day (3 Days)</b>	PRE-3s <b>All Day (4 Days)</b>	PRE-3s <b>All Day (5 Days)</b>
8:30am – 11:00am Mon – Wed	12:15am – 2:45am Mon – Wed	8:45am – 2:45pm Mon – Wed	8:45am – 2:45pm Mon – Thurs	8:45am – 2:45pm Mon – Fri
Registration Fee: \$150	Registration Fee: \$150	Registration Fee: \$225	Registration Fee: \$225	Registration Fee: \$225
Tuition \$185 Per Month \$1,850 Per Year	Tuition \$185 Per Month \$1,850 Per Year	Tuition \$385 Per Month \$3,850 Per Year	Tuition \$485 Per Month \$4,850 Per Year	Tuition \$560 Per Month \$5,600 Per Year
Max Enrollment is 12 per class. Times Subject to Change.				

We do offer a 3% discount for tuition that is paid in advance in full before August 3, 2026. If a family receives an SGO scholarship, the 3% prepay discount does not apply, as all tuition funds are not received prior to the start of the school year. Please ask our director about this discounted payment. At this time, full payments can be accepted by cash, check or credit card. (Credit card payments are subject to a processing fee.) \*\*Semi-Annual Payment Options Available.

## Daily Schedule

### ARRIVAL

Children hang their belongings on their hook and engage in table activities or explore books. Punctuality is important!

### GROUP TIME

Students gather on the rug for activities like days of the week, weather, songs, story of the day, and literacy/math review. Activities evolve throughout the year.

### CENTERS

**Reading Readiness:** Small group activities focusing on letter recognition, writing, rhyming, and concepts about print.

**Math Readiness:** Small group activities on number recognition, counting, patterns, shapes, and colors.

**Creative Art:** Small group art projects to develop fine motor skills, creativity, and listening.

**Free Choice Centers:** Self-directed play in centers like art, math games, puzzles, science, and blocks, fostering social skills and thematic learning.

### JESUS TIME

Each day, we study God's word using the One in Christ curriculum. A weekly Family letter will share what your child is learning, and we encourage practicing the life skill/message at home and school.

### RECESS

Preschoolers will have outdoor playtime on the playground and engage in music and movement activities. Weather permitting, we aim to provide ample gross motor activities to support overall development.

### FULL DAY PROGRAMS

Full Day Preschool enhances the curriculum with activities that support social, emotional, physical, creative, and spiritual growth.

Children will enjoy lunch at school, interest centers, hands-on science, library visits, project-based learning, pre-writing/reading, math, music, STEM, afternoon devotionals, and outdoor learning. Additional experiences include baking days and studies on authors, illustrators, and artists.



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## Pre-Kindergarten | Class Offerings (Times, Fees & Tuition)

For ages 4 and older (Must be 3 by August 1). Must be potty trained.

OPTION A (AM) OPTION B (PM)	OPTION C	OPTION D
PRE-K <b>Half-Day AM or PM</b>	PRE-K <b>ALL DAY (4 DAYS)</b>	PRE-K <b>ALL DAY (5 DAYS)</b>
Monday - Thursday 8:40am - 11:20am or 12:10pm - 2:50pm	Monday - Thursday 8:40am - 2:50pm	Monday - Friday 8:40am - 2:50pm
Registration Fee: \$150	Registration Fee: \$225	Registration Fee: \$225
Tuition: \$220 per month \$2,200 per year	Tuition: \$485 per month \$4,850 per year	Tuition: \$560 per month \$5,600 per year
Maximum enrollment is 16 children per class. Times Subject to Change.		

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### Additional Program Offerings by Zion:



We offer both JAM and our wiggle church programs outside of our preschool offerings. These are amazing programs to introduce your children to preschool activities and worship. Visit [zionnewpal.org](http://zionnewpal.org) for more info.

# ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL | 2026-2027 School Calendar

AUGUST 2026							<b>04</b>   All Staff K-8 <b>05</b>   All Staff PRE & K-8 <b>06</b>   Warrior Night <b>10</b>   Preschool Orientation <b>11</b>   Preschool Orientation <b>12</b>   First Day K-8 <b>17</b>   First Day Preschool	SEPTEMBER 2026							<b>07</b>   No School – Labor Day <b>11</b>   Q1 Midterm
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29		27	28	29	30				
30	31														

OCTOBER 2026							<b>09</b>   End of Q1 <b>12 - 16</b>   Fall Break <b>29</b>   Early Release Day <b>30</b>   E-Learning <b>29 &amp; 30</b>   Parent Teacher Conferences	NOVEMBER 2026							<b>13</b>   Midterm Q2 <b>20</b>   Grandparent's Day K-8 <b>23</b>   E-Learning Day <b>24</b>   E-Learning Day <b>25 - 27</b>   Thanksgiving Break
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31		29	30						

DECEMBER 2026							<b>18</b>   End of Q2 <b>18</b>   Christmas Parties <b>21-31</b>   Christmas Break	JANUARY 2027							<b>01</b>   Christmas Break <b>18</b>   No School - MLK
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FEBRUARY 2027							<b>05</b>   Midterm Q3 <b>15</b>   No School – Pres. Day	MARCH 2027							<b>12</b>   End of Q3 <b>15-19</b>   Spring Break <b>24</b>   PS Grandparent Day <b>29</b>   No School – Easter Monday
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28								28	29	30	31				

APRIL 2027							<b>16</b>   No School <b>23</b>   Midterm Q4	MAY 2027							<b>14</b>   Preschool Program <b>19</b>   Last Day of Pre-3 <b>20</b>   Last Day of Pre-K <b>24-25</b>   Preschool Meetings <b>27</b>   8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation <b>28</b>   Last Day of School <b>28</b>   End of Q4
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25	26	27	28	29	30			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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NO SCHOOL	E-LEARNING	SPECIAL DAYS	MIDTERM	END OF QUARTER	STAFF ONLY
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## Our Staff & Program

At Zion Lutheran School, we take pride in our dedicated team of certified teachers, each holding qualifications in early childhood education or their respective teaching fields. Our educators are committed to providing a high-quality Christian education that aligns with both state standards and the principles of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

As an accredited school, Zion Lutheran adheres to rigorous academic standards, ensuring that our students receive an education that is both spiritually enriching and academically strong. We strive to foster a learning environment where students can grow in faith, knowledge, and character under the guidance of our highly trained and compassionate staff.

## Health & Safety Initiatives

At Zion Lutheran School, the safety and well-being of our children is our top priority. We are committed to providing a secure, healthy, and nurturing environment where children can learn and grow. we recognize that a well-trained staff is essential to providing a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for children.

Our teachers and staff members undergo thorough training in key areas, including child development, safety protocols, first aid, and CPR. We provide regular professional development opportunities to ensure that staff remain informed about the latest best practices in early childhood education, health, and safety.

Additionally, staff receive ongoing training in emergency response procedures, conflict resolution, child abuse prevention, and infection control. We believe in fostering a culture of continuous learning, where staff are equipped with the knowledge and skills to handle a variety of situations and respond to the needs of each child. By prioritizing staff training, we ensure that every child in our care is supported, safe, and provided with the highest standard of care.

Our health & safety initiatives include but are not limited to:

Health & Hygiene	Safety Preparedness	Student Initiatives
Handwashing & Cleaning	Continued Staff Training	Supervised Play & Staff Ratios
Illness Management	Annual Policy Reviews	Fire & Safety Education
Sick Policy	Childproofing & Safe Play Areas	Parent Communication
Immunization Records	Emergency Plans & First Aid	Mental Health Resources

## Drop-off & Pick-up Procedures:

As mentioned, and stated above, the safety and security of your child are our top priorities. To ensure a smooth and secure arrival and departure process, we ask that all children be dropped off and picked up by an authorized adult.

During pickup we follow procedures to ensure that children are only released to authorized individuals. This system helps us create a secure environment while building trust and open communication with our families. If someone other than the usual pick-up person will be coming for your child, just let us know ahead of time, and we'll make the necessary arrangements. You will be able to provide us with your authorized persons during the registration process & update throughout the school year if necessary.

## Parent Communication

We value strong communication with parents to support student success. We use multiple channels to keep families informed and engaged in their child's development.

Our **Student Information System (SIS)** provides parents with access to updates, progress reports, student services, and financial accounts. For immediate needs, parents can contact us directly via email or phone.

We also use the **Remind app** for real-time notifications about school events, closures, and reminders, ensuring timely updates are easily accessible.

Effective communication is key to our program's success. By leveraging these tools, we strengthen our partnership with families and ensure they stay informed and involved in their child's learning.

## Registration Policy & Admission Priority

Zion Lutheran School is committed to providing a full-time Christian education in alignment with the teachings and practices of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). As a ministry of the LCMS, all candidates for admission must acknowledge our doctrine and values.

Zion Lutheran School is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that welcomes students from both within our congregation and from the broader community. We accept students of all races, colors, nationalities, disabilities, and ethnic origins, ensuring equal access to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities offered by the school. We do not discriminate in the administration of educational policies, athletics, or other school-administered programs.

Parents must apply for each student annually. Admission is contingent upon the availability of an appropriate educational program that meets the needs of the student. While Zion Lutheran School does not have specialized facilities for students with significant learning differences, we assess each student on a case-by-case basis to determine the best

educational environment for success. We reserve the right to deny admission if we cannot adequately meet a student's educational needs.

Zion Lutheran School also reserves the right to evaluate students to determine their readiness for placement in the appropriate grade level.

It is the objective of Zion Lutheran School to provide full-time Christian education to as many children as possible. However, limitations of facilities and student needs dictate that a system of priorities is necessary. Students will be generally accepted in the following order:

1. Children in membership of Zion Lutheran Church.
2. Children already enrolled from the previous year or years prior and their siblings.
3. Children of community congregations that do not have a school.
4. Children of the community.

## **Age Requirements for Enrollment**

- Preschoolers for the 3's class must be age 3 on or before August 1 and potty trained.
- Preschoolers for the 4's class must be age 4 on or before August 1 and potty trained.
- Zion will not offer a waiver concerning set state dates as provided by the State of Indiana Department of Education.

## **Required Documents for Enrollment**

- Completed Online Registration Form
- Copy of the Child's Birth Certificate, if not already on file.
- Current Immunization Records or Wavier, if not already on file.
- Payment Options Form & Voided Check
- Registration Fee Payment (Cash or Check), due at registration enrollment.



## Extended Care Options

We offer extended care before and after school to support your family's needs. Children enjoy a safe, nurturing environment with time to relax, socialize, complete homework, and participate in fun activities. Flexible scheduling is available to fit your family's routine.

Our program is a subscription-based extended care program. This flexible approach allows you to use the program as needed, without having to worry about the length of time your child stays during before or after school care.

**Please speak with our preschool director to sign up as these times and availability may be different depending on current enrollment.**

### SUBSCRIPTION OPTIONS

PRESCHOOL 3'S OPTIONS & QUARTERLY RATES		
UNLIMITED	BEFORE CARE (AM) ONLY	AFTER CARE (PM) ONLY
\$150 per Quarter	\$50 per Quarter	\$100 per Quarter

PRESCHOOL 3'S & PRE-K OPTIONS - 4 & 5 DAY PROGRAMS		
UNLIMITED	BEFORE CARE (AM) ONLY	AFTER CARE (PM) ONLY
\$300 per Quarter	\$100 per Quarter	\$200 per Quarter

### TIERED USAGE PLANS (PER CHILD, PER QUARTER)

TIER ONE - UP TO 10 USES	TIER TWO - UP TO 20 USES
Up to 10 uses AM- \$25 Up to 10 uses PM-\$50	Up to 20 uses AM-\$50 Up to 20 uses PM-\$100

- Students who are picked up past the times stated are subject to a late fee of \$1 per minute past the pickup time.
- Each student receives one (1) grace day per semester if they need to attend before or aftercare due to an exigent circumstance.
- We do offer a 3% discount for extended care that is paid in advance in full for the school year. Payment for the entire school year is due before August 15th. Please ask our director about this discounted payment.
- Contact [businessadmin@zionnewpal.org](mailto:businessadmin@zionnewpal.org) with any financial questions.

## Enrollment Process & Dates

**Registration forms will be made available at [zionnewpal.org/psadmissions](https://zionnewpal.org/psadmissions)**

### Enrollment Priorities | Dates & Times

The following will be the dates and priorities for preschool enrollment:

Members	Returning & Previously Enrollment	Community
January 30, 2026	February 6, 2026	February 20, 2026
9:00am	9:00am	9:00am

**Registration forms will be available prior to the enrollment date for you to complete ahead of time, but your registration is not considered “applied” until the following has been completed:**

1. **Online Registration Form** with all required documents attached.
2. Registration Payment and Payment Options Form/Voided Check is received in person at the enrollment times above
3. Once you complete the payment that is your timestamp for enrolling in a class spot.

## Contact Information

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**Office Hours:** M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm | We do close for holidays & school closings.  
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