


MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Child Center 

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**Quality preschool programs for children age
2 through Pre-K in a nondenominational
Christian environment.**

Classes

We offer classes for 3 age groups. All children must be two, three or four by October 1st of the school year for which they are registering. Our school year operates mid-September through the end of May with an optional 2 week mini-camp program offered the first 2 weeks of June. Classes are held from 9:00 a.m-11:30a.m.

Terrific Two's Class

- ~ 12 children enrolled per day
- ~ class is offered based upon the need of our Families - most years the class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays with the option for more class days becoming available
- ~ themed based classes
- ~ teachers work with families on potty training
- ~ snack provided daily
- ~ free play, art activities, story time, gym time daily

Thrilling Three's Class

- ~ 16 children enrolled per class
- ~ children may enroll for a M,T, W class or any two of those days
- ~ themed based classes
- ~ free play, art activities, story time, gym time daily
- ~ snack provided daily
- ~ special programs planned throughout the year

Fascinating Four's and Five's Class

- ~ 20 children enrolled
- ~ children attend 4 or 5 days with Wednesday being the optional day
- ~ prekindergarten class with activities based on the letter of the week for part of the year plus science and math concepts taught throughout
- ~ snack provided daily
- ~ free play, art activities, story time, gym time daily
- ~ special programs planned throughout the year





Extended Care

We offer care on either side of the school day. Early Bird Care begins at 7:30a.m. and ends when school begins at 9:00a.m. Extended Care begins at 11:30a.m. and ends at 3:00p.m. Care is billed monthly at \$6.50 an hour and \$3.25 for a half hour. Children bring their packed lunch, and lunch begins at 12:30p.m. Families sign up using the forms on the extended care bulletin board or by calling the director. Care is always available. Each month special food days are offered in our extended care. On food days families have the option to purchase a pizza lunch with pizza, fruit and apple juice included at an additional cost or a Subway Meal with a sandwich, juice, chips and apples. Other meals are offered as well. Each day we spend some time in the gym or outside in the play yards.

Chapel Program

Children's Chapel is led by the director twice a month in each classroom. Chapel consists of a Bible story, related songs, children's input and prayers. Special Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter Services are held in our sanctuary with families. Collections of food and other items are given to area food banks and social service agencies.

Special Programs

Throughout the year various guests are invited to our school to share their knowledge with our students. Some guest presenters include the “Keeping Healthy” program offered by the Northampton County Medical Society Alliance, various health and safety presenters; including doctors, dentists, crossing guards, firefighters and policemen; musicians, guest readers for “Read Across America Week,” and the PA One Book Program offered by the Bethlehem Area Public Library.

Field Trips

Various field trips are scheduled throughout the year by our 3 and 4/5 year old classroom teachers. These trips include visits to the pumpkin patch, Edgeboro Moravian Christmas Putz, Giant Grocery Store, and a local firehouse. Family members accompany the children on these trips.

Staff

The staff of Messiah Lutheran Church Child Center has many combined years of experience and training working with young children. Most have bachelor’s degrees plus master’s work in early childhood education. Continued staff education is a priority for MLCCC. Staff are certified in Heartsaver Child CPR and Pediatric First Aid.

History

Messiah Lutheran Church Child Center has been offering quality preschool programs and extended care to children and their families since 1983. In July of 2008 Messiah Lutheran Church was called to lead the preschool and added a nondenominational Christian outreach to the school's mission.

Our mission is to help children become aware of the world around them by learning through play and varied teacher planned activities. Our program is designed to be a place where children gain self-confidence, independence in thoughts and actions and self-discipline in an educationally stimulating, nurturing and safe environment. It is our plan to help children develop spiritually, socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically. Messiah Lutheran Church Child Center offers students the opportunity to learn of God's love for them.

Located in northeast Bethlehem, our school is easily accessed from all areas of the city, Bethlehem Township, Easton, Hanover Township, Nazareth, Palmer Township and Saucon Valley. Our families come from many different areas and many different faiths. We work together with families and various educational groups to nurture the growth of all children in our school.