



# Peace Lutheran Early Childhood Center

## Parent Handbook 2021-22

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# Welcome Letter

August 2021

WELCOME to Peace Lutheran Preschool for the 2020-21 school year! This handbook contains important information to help you and your child prepare for a successful experience in our preschool. If you have questions about any information in this handbook, please call the preschool office at 308-850-2146.

The staff at Peace Lutheran Preschool is so blessed and honored that you have chosen our preschool to serve your child and family this year. Children are gifts from God, and they are born with an innate desire to learn. Our preschool provides a wide variety of learning experiences for children which enrich their social, emotional, physical, cognitive and spiritual development in a warm Christian atmosphere. Our preschool focuses on developing the whole child. Each child is unique, and our preschool is designed to meet their varied interests and developmental needs.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14. We look forward to a great school year, as we share God's love with your children!

God's Blessings,

DeeAnn Dupler  
Director

Our objectives are to:

- Provide a rich Christian environment for your child.
- Sustain a comfortable learning environment to help children grow in all areas of learning including: socially, cognitively, physically, and spiritually.
- Help students have self-regulation and follow simple directions.
- Foster care that meets individual needs of all children.
- Develop a strong partnership with parents, for they are the child's primary teachers and caregivers.
- Build relationships with our students and families.
- Encourage children to take responsibility in action for life, family and in their community.

Peace Lutheran admits students of any race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admission policies, and other school-administered programs.

Children entering preschool in the 3/4 year old preschool class must be at least three by July 31. Children entering the 4/5 year old preschool class must be at least four by July 31.

**In accordance with the state of Nebraska legislation, immunizations records must be presented at the first registration. If a child is not immunized, Peace will need special paperwork filled out to abide by state regulations.**

The registration fee is required before a spot in a class can be guaranteed.

All students entering preschool must be fully potty trained. A child in preschool is not considered potty trained if they are still in a diaper or pull-up. Due to a time of transition, we will have a grace period if accidents occur. However, if we are past three weeks of school, and the child is having an accident every day, then we will be obligated to say they are not potty trained, and therefore do not qualify for preschool.

If a class becomes full, the child's name can be placed on a waiting list to fill vacancies as they occur. Home visits will be made in July and August before school begins by the child's Lead Teacher. There will also be an open house Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, allowing the students and parents to visit the classroom.

### Alcohol, Drug and Harmful Substances

It is prohibited for any alcohol, drug or harmful substances, such as cigarettes or vapes, to be used in or on the grounds of Peace Lutheran. We appreciate your help as we work to keep our students healthy and safe.

### Attendance

In order to be academically successful, it is pertinent to have regular attendance. If your child is unable to attend due to illness, family matters, doctor appointments, etc. it is important to notify the student's teacher or the preschool office directly. Once attendance is taken and there is not a notification for the absence, parents will be contacted.

Students should not arrive earlier than 7:55 am, unless they are enrolled in extended care. Children who arrive prior to that time will automatically be charged for extended care, and parents will be assessed a minimum charge of a half hour

for their care. The same applies if students are not picked up no later than 15 minutes after the dismissal time.

## Behavior and Discipline

As a Christian school, we firmly believe in the forgiveness of our sins and know how easy it is to fall into sin. However, it is also our job to teach and instruct the young on how to behave with love and respect as they grow.

Therefore, teachers have the authority to maintain discipline in their classrooms. Peace Lutheran Preschool works to use redirection and positive guidance to assist children in gaining self-control. This will also, hopefully, boost the child's self-esteem. Discipline will incur immediately following the behavior.

In various cases, a safe seat will be used until a child can regain self-control and calmly talk about their actions. The teachers talk to the students to help them understand why they were disciplined and help them to see what would be a better option if they are in the situation again. If the child exhibits poor and disruptive behavior consistently, you, the parents/guardians, will be asked to conference with the teacher. The director will be in the loop and consulted if need be as well.

Peace Preschool reserves the right to terminate care of any child or family if disruptive behavior continues. Suspension or termination of care for children will only be done after all possible avenues have been exhausted. These avenues include meetings between parents, teacher, support staff, director, and Preschool Team that explore many resources and plans for action. In cases where the child's behavior prevents other children from a safe and education

environment at Peace Lutheran Preschool, plans for suspension and termination will be activated.

Discipline of a child shall be administered by the teacher as follows:

- It shall not be humiliating, frightening, or physically harmful.
- Discipline shall be consistent, individualized, and age appropriate for the child.
- Correction should only be used to direct and teach the child acceptable behaviors.
- It shall never be associated with food, rest, toileting, or isolation.
- Time of the safe seat should only be for minutes to match a child's age or less.

### Cake Child Care – Check in/out and Payments

Cake Child Care is our program for clocking our staff and children in and out. If you are using extended care, your child's hours will be clocked into our Cake Child Care Program and billed accordingly.

Cake Child Care is also where we keep track of bills and payments. An online link should have been sent to you when your child was enrolled into Cake Child Care. Save that information to see the charges and hours, or to even pay online! If you deleted or need it resent to you, please let us know.

Your payment options are:

- Cash
- Check
- E-Check



- Credit/Debit Card (\*3.5% charge will be added to your bill if you use this method)

If you choose cash or check, you can drop them by the office, or place them in an envelope for the teacher. E-Check can be done on your own through Cake Child Care, or automatically withdrawn by the director. If you choose for it to be automatically withdrawn by the director, we will need you to fill out paperwork, and return it to the office. Finally, for credit and debit cards, the bank charges us a fee to run credit cards, and we incur this charge to you. Whether you complete the charge yourself on Cake Child Care, or have the director automatically charge your card, a 3.5% charge will be added to your next bill.

Payments for Preschool are due no later than the 15th of each month. Because extended care charges differently, the bill for extended care will be collected no later than the last day of the month. You are able to pay more than a month in advance.

Tuition bills will be posted on your child's account the first day of each month from August-April. If the payment is not made by the 15th of each month, a \$5.00 late fee will appear on your bill. Every day the payment is late, the charge will increase by \$5.00.

If we have to return a check, there will be a fee of \$25.00. If there is a second returned check, checks will no longer be accepted, and future payments will have to be cash only.

Cancellation of School

There may come a time when we need to cancel school due to weather or some other emergency. When this happens, cancellation information can be found in three ways:

- First, check the preschool Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/preschool.peacepreschoolgi.org](http://www.facebook.com/preschool.peacepreschoolgi.org)
- Next, listen to the radio, watch the TV, check the affiliated websites or the weather threat app, as they will be notified with the information as well.
- If GIPS and/or Northwest school districts are closed due to adverse weather, Peace Lutheran Preschool will also be closed.

More often than not, we will cancel if area public schools are cancelled. The cancellation of school would also mean that extended care would not be running.

### Change of Address or Phone

Please notify the school of any information that changes. This information could be an address, email, or telephone number. We need to stay up-to-date so that we can keep you best informed.

### Chapel

Our students will have chapel once a month. Chapel is when the students will hear God's word and grace through a shorter church-like service. During this service, we will collect an offering. Offerings are optional, but some of our offerings will go towards the Peace Box Ministry Program and Hope Harbor. Optional donations will be posted in the monthly newsletter emailed to families.

## Child Abuse and Neglect

Peace Lutheran Preschool's faculty and staff are required by law to report any suspected abuse/neglect. These reported observations will be given to the proper authorities. It is not the role of Peace to investigate the child's statements, or provide evidence. Our role is to provide a voice for a child. Please understand that if something is reported and later found inaccurate, we are doing our best to care for your child, not to get anyone in trouble.

## Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in October and February. During these meetings, we encourage both parents and teachers to discuss progress and talk about what to look forward to moving on. However, if anything ever arises that needs to be discussed, both parties should feel welcome to discuss it openly with each other. These meetings can be scheduled for a private time or at drop off/pick up. Do not feel the need to wait to ask to discuss something at conferences. We are a team and will support one another for the benefit of the children.

## Damage to School Property

Please help us take care of our church, school, playground, furniture, walls, windows, books, and toys. With your help, we can keep everything clean and looking good for many more years to come! If there is damage, the school may ask for reimbursement from the party that did the destruction.

## Dress Code

When it comes to dressing students for the day, please keep in mind that if the weather permits we will be going outside. Make sure the clothing is: comfortable, washable, marked

with the child's name, seasonally appropriate, and the students are able to self-dress (for bathroom needs). Sometimes the temperature of the day is higher than in the morning, but remember, we go outside in the morning. Please, always pack a jacket just in case it is chilly. We live in Nebraska, so plan for the unexpected when it comes to weather.

Some items to keep in mind:

Flip-flops are not allowed. Sandals with straps around the back are allowable. In winter, please bring snow items, but remember to bring an extra pair of shoes to wear inside so that we are not dripping everywhere. Finally, please make sure logos, designs, and printings on clothing are age and school appropriate. No guns, zombies, etc. should be displayed on the clothing. A change of clothing should be in the child's book bag at all times. The change of clothing should be seasonally appropriate, and each piece of clothing needs to be labeled with the child's name.

The director at Peace Lutheran Preschool reserves the right to determine if a student's clothing is unacceptable; however, the primary responsibility for enforcing the dress code belongs to the parents, enabling the staff to focus on its primary goal of education and care of the child.

## Emergencies

The school is required to be prepared for all situations that have the potential of occurring. We pray they never do, but in the event they do, please see the following preparedness items.

**Lock Down:** In case there is an outside threat, Peace will lock all doors, shut all windows, shut off all lights, stay away from doors/windows, and remain quiet until all is clear. Staff will be trained on further procedures.

**Fire:** Nebraska state law requires that we complete several fire drills annually. In these situations, faculty and staff will assist the children in exiting to their designated safe distance areas out of the school building quickly and efficiently. All classrooms are equipped with a map showing where the class should exit.

**Tornado:** Peace is also required to practice for tornados. These practices help us be prepared for any warning that may arise quickly. In the event that we do have one, students and teachers will go into interior classrooms and bathrooms, crouch on the floor, and cover their heads.

**Off Site Relocation:** In case of a natural disaster, our school has an offsite location we will travel to. In these situations, the staff will notify parents where and when students can be picked up.

In any and all situations, if they occur, parents will be notified. We ask that everyone remain calm, especially in tornado warnings. Natural instinct says to protect your child, but coming in to get them could become more harmful. Please know that Peace will do our best to keep your child safe and protected.

## Emergency Information

In the event of an emergency, it is vital that we have all the information needed to handle a situation quickly and efficiently. Thus, each child should have the following information on file in the office:

- Parent/Guardian's name and address; home, work, and cell phone numbers.
- Emergency phone numbers for at least three (recommended) close relatives and/or friends.
- Physician's name, phone number and medical alert information.

## Extended Care

Our extended care program is to provide care for the children before and after their regular class times. Children at extended care must be enrolled in our preschool program to receive care. The same policies and regulations applied to preschool apply to extended care.

We will be able to offer care for students that need to arrive prior to the start and again when the school day is over. The hours for extended care are 7:00 am – 8:00 am and 11:30 am – 5:30 pm, including 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm. It costs \$1.75 for every half hour the child is at extended care. You do not pay for the days that your child does not attend. We do have a policy for automatically enrolling a student if they are dropped off early and picked up late (see Attendance).

Peace does not have a max capacity limit. However, in order for us to plan and be able to provide the best care possible, we ask you to notify the school a week in advance of needing care. If you plan to use the provided care everyday your child is at school, you may also state this at home visits and not report every week. This information is needed to plan for staffing needs to meet state ratio guidelines and snack.

We understand that unplanned circumstances may arise. In those moments, we ask that you call the office so we can make a plan as soon as possible.

## Field Trips

Field trips are a great way to enhance what a class is studying. Sometimes a field trip could be allowing someone to visit the classroom, and other times it might be leaving school grounds. In the event that a field trip is off campus, the teacher will be required to give notification in advance to

the parents. The notification will describe the trip, the time, duration, cost, and include a permission slip. Children without a signed slip will not be able to participate.

In the event that a class has to drive for a field trip, parents will be asked to drive. All field trip drivers need to have a copy of their driver's license and insurance on file prior to driving students. These drivers will also need to submit to a background check. Please contact the office if you have any questions concerning this matter. Students are asked to wear their Peace Preschool shirts while out and about on field trips. This is for easy identification and to represent the school with pride.

## Holidays and Classroom Parties

Peace Lutheran loves being able to share church holy days with all of our families. We take the unique stance to celebrate holidays such as Christmas and Easter for their true meaning.

There are a couple of opportunities to enjoy the church's community outreach during the Trunk or Treat and Egg Hunt. In the classroom, parents are also welcome to help organize and supply items for a thank you God party (Thanksgiving), Christmas, Valentines, and Easter. Feel free to contact your child's teacher if you would like to help.

## Hours and Tuition

3-4 Year Olds: Child <u>must</u> be 3 years old by July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2020			
Mon/Wed.	8:15 AM - 11:15 AM	\$90.00 month \$810.00 year	\$810.00 year
Tues/Thur. year	8:15 AM - 11:15 AM	\$90.00 month \$810.00 year	\$810.00
Tues/ Thur. ALL DAY* year	8:15 AM - 3:00 PM	\$185.00 month \$1665.00 year	\$1,665.00
Mon-Fri. ALL DAY*	8:15 AM - 3:00 PM	\$425.00 month	\$3,825.00 year

4-5 Year Olds: Child must be 4 years old by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Mon/Wed/Fri.	8:15 AM - 11:15 AM	\$130.00 month	\$1,170.00 year
Mon/Wed/Fri. ALL DAY*	8:15 AM - 3:00 PM	\$275.00 month	\$2,475.00 year
Mon-Fri.	8:15 AM - 11:15 AM	\$200.00 month	\$1,800.00 year
Mon.-Fri. ALL DAY*	8:15 AM - 3:00 PM	\$425.00 month	\$3,825.00 year

Extended care is \$1.75 for half hour increments.

Morning 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Afternoon from after class (11:15 or 3:00) – 5:30 PM

## Illness and Injury

Please do not send your child to school if they present any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more (present within last 24 hours)
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the last 12 hours
- Sore throat with fever or visible pus
- Earache with discharge or fever
- Infectious disease such as head lice, influenza, measles, chicken pox, impetigo, pinkeye and COVID-19
- Illness that would cause school activity to suffer

Children will be dismissed from school if they:

- Are vomiting or are persistently nauseous (lasting more than an hour)
- Develop a fever of 100 degrees or more
- Feel too ill to function in a “normal” way
- Have an accident at school requiring immediate attention
- Have evidence of head lice or any other contagious disease

Library



Your child will have the opportunity to check out books at our school library.

We ask all families to help care for the books your child checks out. If books are lost or damaged, a fee will occur.

Replacement fees are:

- Paperback \$5
- Hardback \$10

## Lost and Found

Throughout the year it can be easy to misplace or lose track of items. This is why it is so important to label all of your child's items: coats, gloves, boots, etc. If an item is lost, it will go into the lost and found basket in the school office.

## Lunch Program

At the current time Peace is asking parents to pack and provide a lunch for their child. If there are other allergy needs or concerns the classroom teacher will express those to the classes individually. Please keep in mind Peace is unable to stop everyone from packing items that might have the allergens in them, but we will do our best to keep them away and free of allergens.

Peace will prepare and provide each child a snack in the morning and afternoon.

## Medication

No medications are to be administered by Peace Lutheran staff, except for Epi-Pens. This includes any over the counter medications as well as throat lozenges and cough drops. We ask that you do not send anything with your child to self-administer. If those items were to get into someone else's hands it could be life threatening.

In the event that your child needs to have a medication during the time they are at Peace, parents will need to make arrangements to take care of that themselves.

All Epi-Pens need to be up-to-date and in their original containers. It is the parent's responsibility to replace expired and used pens.

## Monthly Newsletter

We love sharing our news with you. Each month a calendar/newsletter will come out via e-mail about upcoming events and happenings within our church and school. These will also be placed on the website at [www.peacepreschoolgi.org](http://www.peacepreschoolgi.org) on the Parent Page.

## Nuisance and Harmful Items

Items such as guns, matches, electronic games/devices, trading cards, knives, play guns or knives, and anything else that a teacher finds to be a nuisance, will be confiscated.

These items will be kept by the teacher and/or director. We reserve the right to permanently retain such items. Any of the harmful objects, such as weapons (including pocket knives) will be confiscated, and appropriate action will be taken.

## Pets

Due to our allergens, fears, and our comfort dog, Eddie, we are no longer able to allow other animals in the building. We know that most of you have some wonderful pets, but we need to make sure our students and comfort dog stays healthy. Under no circumstance should those animals be brought to school.

## Pictures

Student's school pictures will be taken by Shirley McCallum Photography at the beginning of the year. They will also have a class photo taken.

Teachers may take pictures as well to use for class video of students to look at when they get older. Some pictures may be used for the website or promotional items, and in order for us to do this, we need a signed form from you, the parents. If you have not yet filled out a preference sheet for pictures, please check with the office to do so soon.

## Play

Play is a child's work. When children play, they work on their motor skills, cognitive development, social understandings, feelings, special awareness, and much more. Some may look in and see "just play," but to us and your child it is more. Help us to encourage your child's growth by encouraging them to get out and play at home, as well. Let them climb

and realize how high a tree is up. Find items on a walk to sort when you get back home, to see who has a better collection. Look for letters in the grocery store as a part of a game. And always, let your light shine for Jesus. Play house, sing songs, and take time to enjoy play with your child.

## Playground

During the school hours, students will use the playground under staff supervision. If a child is out on the playground after school hours, they are at the responsibility of their parents and guardians.

## Parent Teacher League

Peace wants to partner with parents, not only for the benefit of the students, but also for the school. As a parent of a Peace student(s) you are in the Peace Parent Teacher League. No, this does not mean you have to sign up for every event or bake something for a bake sale. This is a volunteer unit that works to support the school in fundraising events. It could be as simple as signing up to handle the Scrip box on Sunday or as extensive as helping to organize an event. Either way, we encourage all families to become involved. To learn more on when, where, and how to be involved, watch the website and newsletter/calendars throughout the year.

## Partnering with Parents

You are your child's first care giver and teacher. We are here to help and support you. Peace would like to work with you to best provide for what your child needs. Please reach out and communicate with us if you have any questions and concerns.

Here are also a few things to think about as you help your child prepare for a successful day at school:

- Set bedtime routines. Your child should receive about 8-10 hours of sleep.
- Eat a nutritious breakfast.
- Work on letting your child become independent with shoes, coats, toileting, etc.
- Supervise and set limits to screen time.
- Form a routine for drop-off. This is especially important if it is hard for your child to separate from you. Create a secret handshake or have family bracelets, but most importantly, do not linger. The longer you stay, the harder it is to separate.

### Prayer Requests

Our school family and church members want to pray for you. The power of prayer is wonderfully amazing! If you have a prayer request, please drop us a quick note and detail a preference of who we can share it with: pastor(s), families of the school in the newsletter, and at church. In addition, any of our three pastors on staff are available to talk to if you so desire.

### School Pride

Students and families, you are the face of Peace Lutheran Preschool. You are our first line to connecting to the community and welcoming other families into our school. We want you to be proud of Peace just as we are of you and our students, your children. Remember to represent our Lord and Savior and our school well.

### School Supplies

Each teacher will provide a supply list for the students in their classroom. Teachers will go over what your child will need to bring to and from school in their backpack at home visits.

## Scrip

Help support the school! Great Lake Scrip allows the school to receive a portion of gift card amounts. This is a great fundraising opportunity for the school. The percentage gained back goes towards scholarships and school needs. If you are need gift cards as gifts, or just for yourself to go shopping, stop by the office during office hours, or visit someone near the welcome desk on Sunday mornings between services.

## Security

Peace wants to keep our school safe! We are working to implement new ways of ensuring the safety of our students. Security doors and cameras are in use. In addition, we now ask that all visitors stop by the office to receive a visitor's badge and to sign in/out. The school asks that you refrain from letting in other visitors. Instead, allow these visitors to ring the buzzer so that the office knows who is coming in and out. It is our preference to keep the number of visitors during the school day to a minimum.

Parents of children in extended care either in the morning or afternoon will be given a key fob to enter the west and north entrances to preschool. We ask that you stay in the entryway, whether dropping off or picking up your child. If you do not have your key fob, we will be glad to buzz you in. If no one is in the office, whether it is for extended care or during the school day, please call the preschool phone number listed on the door.

## Supervision of the School

Peace Preschool is owned and operated by Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Grand Island, Nebraska, and as a part of the Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

## Volunteers

All visitors to the preschool must check in at the preschool office. Visitors, age 18 years and under, must be accompanied by the responsible adult at all times.

Volunteer helpers are very welcome and appreciated. There are many days, times and events that we would love to have volunteers. If you, or anyone you know, would like to volunteer, contact the preschool office.

If you are wanting to help within a classroom, the director must first approve you, and a background check will need to be done before assisting. All volunteers are asked to dress appropriately.

## Web Information

We have two excellent resources online for enrollment, staying up-to-date on calendars, newsletters, and upcoming events. On our website you can find a tab called "Parent Place." This is our tab for the schedules of the days and calendars. Please check this site throughout the year for information.

Our website is: [www.peacepreschoolgi.org](http://www.peacepreschoolgi.org)

We also have a Facebook page where we share up-to-date information such as: pictures, and happenings from events.

Our Facebook page is:

[www.facebook.com/preschool.peacepreschoolgi.org](http://www.facebook.com/preschool.peacepreschoolgi.org)

The church also has a Facebook page to follow for information on events, Bible studies, and our themes for sermon series, so be sure to check it out by searching Peace Lutheran Church Grand Island, NE.

## Philosophy of Christian Education

Christian Education is a lifelong journey in growing in our understanding and relationship with God, Father-Son-Holy Spirit, as we come to know our need for a Savior and the joy of sharing the message of hope we have in Jesus Christ with one another in love and service to God and our neighbor.

We believe the Christian home is the first teacher. You, the parents and family, provide the knowledge and teachings that you have learned in your life and through your walk of faith within the church, family devotions, and prayers. As a Christian school, we offer an extension to your child's learning. Our goal is to help equip and engage students for their life of service to God.

We hope to assist the church in fulfilling the five functions of a Christian congregation: education, worship, evangelism, fellowship, and service.

- *Education:* All of life is a learning opportunity, and it is our hope to instill a joy for learning, a quest for knowledge, and a desire to dig deeper into the big questions of life, especially in our relationship with God and our relationships with one another. Your child will experience and participate in developmentally appropriate learning activities and play that encourages them to seek answers and practice what they learn. We encourage you to ask your child questions instead of always giving them the answer, look for meaningful ways to learn together, and



consider participating in the many learning opportunities available at Peace Lutheran for you, your child, and your family.

- *Worship:* We live within the creation of our eternal and loving God. Everything around us is provided by Him and He alone deserves our praise and thanks as our Lord and Savior. As His people, we acknowledge His blessings in formal and daily worship, through “Jesus Time” in the classrooms every day, Bible stories, prayers and monthly Chapel. We want to encourage you to include worship in the rhythms of your home and invite you to join us for worship at Peace Lutheran throughout the year.
- *Evangelism:* We have been given the Good News, Jesus Christ is our Savior. We share it boldly and humbly. With the world, so that all might come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We encourage and equip one another to share our faith in our homes, community, and the world. We want to encourage you to ask your child to tell you about Jesus and share your faith story with them.
- *Fellowship:* We believe that faith is meant to be lived out together. In the classroom, we learn to play, forgive, and love one another. At Peace Lutheran, you and your family will find opportunities to connect with other followers of Jesus who are just like you! It is our desire to encourage relationships where the joys and challenges of life can be shared and lived out together.
- *Service:* Jesus lived, died, and rose from the dead in service to us, and we find great joy in serving one another and those in need. We practice acts of service in the classroom and with service projects throughout the year through chapel offerings and supporting a child overseas through Compassion International. Peace Lutheran also hosts numerous service opportunities in which your family is welcome to participate. We want to encourage

you to make service a meaningful part of your daily lives as we do life together.

Peace Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). For more information about our specific beliefs, based upon the Word of God revealed to us in the Holy Bible, please feel free to connect with the Director, one of our Pastoral staff, and/or visit the LCMS website at:

<https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs>

The basics of what we believe, teach, and confess are:

- We worship and believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three distinct persons in one divine being, coequal and coeternal.
  - The Father created all that is in existence. He cares, sustains, and provides for all of His creation.
  - The Son, Jesus Christ, became human by being born of a virgin. He suffered and died for the sins of all people. IN his death and resurrection, all people gained forgiveness of their sins. He won the ultimate victory over sin, death, and the devil.
  - The Holy Spirit was sent to us by the Father and the Son to create and sustain our faith.
- We see this in hearing and receiving God's grace through His Word and Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.
- In accord with the teachings of Martin Luther, we see God's blessings through the understating of Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone:
  - Grace Alone. God loves the people of the world, even though we are sinful, rebel against Him and do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable and save the ungodly. This love of God that

we do not deserve is called Grace. We are saved by Grace through Faith.

- Faith Alone. By His suffering and death as the substitute for all people of all time, Jesus purchased and won forgiveness and eternal life for all people. Those who hear this Good News and believe it have the eternal life that it offers. This belief is what we call Faith. God creates saving faith in Christ and gives people forgiveness through Him.
- Scripture Alone. The Bible (scripture) is God's inerrant (without error) and infallible (fully reliable) Word and it is our only source for God's message to us, His people. Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit and it is the means through which God has chosen to reveal His will and love for us in Jesus Christ. All our beliefs and practices are built and tested upon God's Holy Word.

## Parent Acknowledgement Form - To Be Returned

This is to acknowledge that I/we have read, understand, and will abide by the contents of the Peace Lutheran Preschool Parent Handbook.

This publication supersedes all previous Parent Handbooks and communications regarding the Policies and Procedures of Peace Lutheran Preschool. This book becomes affective August 1st of the current year, or the date at which the parent/guardians sign this acknowledgement receipt.

Upon completion of this form, please give the signed copy to your child's teacher. It will be placed in your child's folder for future referencing if needed.

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Child/Children's Name (Please Print)

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Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print)

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Father's Signature (Legal Guardian)

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Mother's Signature (Legal Guardian)

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Date Signed





# Peace Lutheran Preschool and Early Childhood Center



## Our Mission

Peace Lutheran Preschool is an outreach of Peace Lutheran Church to the children and their families of the Grand Island area and surrounding communities. The Preschool is to share the love of Jesus with each other and the world by providing a developmentally appropriate program of activities to children and their families enrolled in this program.