



Saint Luke's Children's Center News Fall 2008

Welcome from Ms. Michelle

Another school year has begun and we will have so much fun! We want to remind you of a few policies that need to be followed in order to keep everyone safe and happy.

- *Sign your child in and out each day.
- *Clean out your child's cubbies daily.
- *Watch the front door for notices of upcoming events.
- *All foods brought into the center need to be **peanut free**.
- *Drive slowly in the parking lot, **and driveway**, and always watch for children.
- *NO toys are to be brought to school except on Friday, which is Show and Tell day.
- *If your child is sick, please keep him/her home until he/she is symptom free for 24 hours.
- *Please drop off your child's belongings in his/her classroom before taking him/her to another classroom.
- *Label all extra clothing items that will remain at Saint Luke's.

Thank you for your help in following these policies which will make for a happy and safe school year.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Children's Center families;

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Our Children's Center was opened in 1995 to welcome the little children in Jesus' name. With the opening of our new classrooms and the expansion of our program to include infants and part-time preschoolers, we are again welcoming lots of new children and families to our Center.

Our recent Family Fun Fest was one way to welcome families, give all the households we serve the chance to come have fun in our new facility, and we hoped, to have some new folks come check out our Center and enroll!

It was a great evening, and we are pleased to report we had 18 new children enroll at the Family Fun Fest! I hope you were able to come participate in this year's "Fest". We will definitely continue the practice and have a similar event next year. Thanks to all our church members and Children's Center staff who planned, organized and worked hard to make it such a success. And thanks to all of you who came!

In the meantime, I thought I would bring you up to date on our enrollment. In our newly expanded facility, we are now licensed for 94 children in childcare. We also have space for 20 part-time preschoolers. We are working hard to "grow into" these new spaces, and are hoping to be at 70-80% this Fall. We are currently 60% full, which means we have about 67 children enrolled as full-

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time equivalents (that means full-time children, and part-time kids who combine to make a full-time enrollment). We are pleased to be at 60% enrollment, but we could sure use your help to fill the Center! **Studies show in spite of all the best efforts, most new enrollments in childcare come from parents telling other parents about their center.**

In fact, we offer incentives for those who refer new families to our center. Any family with children enrolled at Saint Luke's who refer another new family to us--receive a free week of tuition! After the new child has been here two weeks, both families receive their third week of tuition free! Please keep this in mind, and if

you know anyone--extended family, friends, neighbors, who might be in need of childcare or preschool, please tell them about Saint Luke's--and that both of you can receive a free week of tuition! Give them Ms. Michelle's phone number at the center (598-7821), or give Michelle their name and number and she will follow up. Thanks for being a part of our Children's Center--and for helping us get the word out about our newly expanded ministry to children and their families!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Dave

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Volunteers

Parents, if you are ever interested in helping out in your child's classroom, please feel free to let your child's teacher know. Also with all the events we do throughout the school year, we always welcome people who want to help out!

Box Tops, Campbell Soup Labels, & Scholastic Book Orders

All of these programs help us earn free items and money for our school. We hope that all of our families will take part in these programs helping to support the center. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Michelle.

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Back to School Night

Take this opportunity on September 4th, 4:30—6:00 p.m. to visit with your child's teacher and see the classroom.

Chapel

Chapel, led by Pastor Dave, is every Wednesday morning at 9:30—9:45 a.m. Please feel free to join your child in Chapel.

We are now a peanut sensitive and low sugar environment!

We use A Beka Book Curriculum

This renowned curriculum provides excellence in education from a Christian perspective. A Beka Book provides pre-reading, pre-math, computer time, language arts, science, music, and chapel time, ensuring children are prepared to thrive in kindergarten.

Open Door Policy for Parents

Please know that you can stop by anytime and join your child for lunch or just to say, "Hi." You also may call and check on them at anytime throughout the day. We want you to feel you are part of your child's first school years here at Saint Luke's.

KBIQ Live Radio Remote

On Wednesday, August 27th, 9:30—11:30 a.m., KBIQ radio will broadcast live from our Children's Center. You are welcome to join your child in their classroom during this event. If you are unable to be here, be sure to listen to 102.7 at that time. We will be offering free registration to new families if they mention the radio ad as well as \$100 off tuition after being enrolled for a month! Spread the word to all your friends and co-workers about this fantastic offer@

Calendar Change

Please note that this year we will only be closed for Christmas Eve and Day, as well as New Year's Eve and Day. With this change, there will NOT be a half-tuition rate for these two weeks.

Saint Luke's Fall Sunday School Program begins Sunday, Sept. 7th, 9:30 a.m.

For all who have a church home, Saint Luke's wants to encourage and support you in your church involvement. For those who may not have a church home, you are welcome to participate in any and all Saint Luke's church activities.

Families may be especially interested in Sunday School, which begins on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 7th, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School begins in Luther Hall with 15 minutes of fun songs and opening devotions. Children then go to their classrooms at 9:30 a.m. for 45 minutes of learning about Jesus and His love for all His children, as we read and study God's Word--the Bible. There is no cost for Sunday School, and new children can enroll that morning! If you have questions, please call Terri, in the church office, 598-4397. As always, families are welcome in any of Saint Luke's three worship services, Saturday, 5 p.m., and Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

While we have lots of kids at Saint Luke's and we welcome children in worship, nursery (for all kids 5 years old and younger) is available during all three services, and Sunday services feature "Children's Church" for children 2nd grade and younger who would like to attend. Children leave the sanctuary after the reading of the Scripture lessons, have an object lesson or activity related to the theme of the day, and return to the sanctuary after the sermon. This gives parents the chance to actually hear the sermon, and younger kids enjoy an age-appropriate Bible lesson!

Remember--kids need Sunday School--to learn about God in Jesus Christ, and His will for us and our lives!

Meet Our Staff

Ms. Michelle—Center Director
Ms. Diane—Asst. Director/4's
Ms. June—Infant
Ms. Linda—Infant Room
Ms. Karen—Toddler
Ms. Rebekah—Toddler
Ms. Angela—Young 2's
Ms. Dez—Older 2's
Ms. Shannon—3's
Ms. Amy—Advanced Pre-K
Ms. Sarah—Advance Pre-K
Ms. Judy—Afternoon 4's
Ms. Cana—Afternoon 3's
Ms. Tina—Afternoon Toddler
Ms. Jodi—Afternoon 2's
Ms. Melissa—Floater
Ms. Nicki—Substitute
Ms. Andrea—Substitute

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Saint Luke's Children Center is now able to accept this valuable financial assistance program to all military families! If you are a military family, see Ms. Michelle immediately for details. Additionally, tell all your military friends and neighbors about Saint Luke's accepting this program!