**What To Expect the First Day at St. James Lutheran Preschool…in a COVID World.**

1. Parking will be available only in the Large Parking Lot across from the Church/Preschool. The Parking lot behind the Church/Preschool will be closed off temporarily for the safety of our families awaiting the COVID Check-in.
2. Parking is never allowed on Second Avenue at any time during the preschool year.
3. Parents and children will line up along Second Avenue on the sidewalk.
4. Children who were provided red totebags last year may bring them to school beginning on the First Day.
5. All Three-Year old and new Four-Year olds to our preschool will be provided a totebag at the Parent Orientation Meeting. Please refrain from bringing backpacks as they do not fit in our cubbies.

**There will be 5 Stations at Check-in:**

**Station #1 (outside of tent)**

**Smile!** We are going to welcome you and your child at our oversized Preschool Pop-Up sign. Here we will take a photo of you and your child together and, hopefully, we will also get an individual photo of just your child. These pictures will be used in our classroom for our “Getting To Know You” bulletin board and also for a fun preschool project.

**Station #2 (inside tent)**

**Temperature Time!** We will use contactless thermometers to make sure you and your child are fever-free. CDC, NYS DOH, and OFCS guidelines state that a temperature of 100.0 and over is considered a fever and, unfortunately, Child and Parent must return home if either reads 100.0 or over. Upon request, we will retake the temperature after a 5-minute pause to ensure a correct reading. As per NYSDOH, your child’s temperature will not be recorded, but a Clear or Not Clear will be recorded on the Class Attendance Sheet.

**Station #3 (inside tent)**

**Parent Signature Time!** Parents will initial on the Attendance sheet the daily COVID Pledge which states:

1. Have you or a member of your household tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
2. Have you or a member of your household knowingly been in close contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or had symptoms of COVID-19?
3. Have you or a member of your household experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0 degrees F in the past 14 days?
4. Have you or a member of your household traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory (<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>) in the past 14 days?

Conversely, Parents will NOT sign the COVID Pledge if the answer is YES to any of the questions above, and, if YES, your child, unfortunately will not be able to enter into the classroom.

**Station #4 (inside tent)**

**Spraying Time!** We will spray belongings with a Lysol Spray Disinfectant.

**Station #5 (in the classroom**)

**Handwashing Time!** Once inside the building, we will direct you to your child’s classroom. In your child’s classroom, you may place your belongings in the children’s cubbies and then take your child over to the handwashing station and have fun singing “Happy Birthday To You (two times)” while you and your child both wash your hands.

Once the 5 Stations have been completed, please enjoy playing at “Preschool” with your child and meeting the teacher! She will have lots of fun things to tell you about the year ahead!