

July 2020

Welcome to St. James Lutheran Preschool! Since 1969, we have been providing an exceptional learning experience for children in a warm and (very) loving environment. This September will be no different in how we’ll help your child achieve important milestones and celebrate new accomplishments – this is our motivation and our passion. But what will be a little different is that, unfortunately, with social distancing and current COVID-19 guidelines, we cannot be as hands-on as we have been in the past (i.e. hugs).

This summer, due to COVID-19, St. James Lutheran Church and Preschool will be undergoing many changes to provide your children and our teaching staff with a safe working, learning, and playing environment. Necessitated by NYS and CDC COVID-19 Compliance Best Practice Requirements for reopening, we are planning additional classroom spaces, additional teaching staff, and additional cleaning and sanitation measures. We take COVID-19 very seriously and want our families and our staff to be and feel “rest assured” that all safety details have been implemented and will be updated as needed on an on-going basis.

 **Additional** **Physical Space**

 Outside Tent with sides (for receiving/releasing children)

 Additional Classroom space located in Parish Hall

 Room dividers for classrooms

 Preschool height tables for new classrooms

 **Additional Teaching Staff**

 Due to class sizes reductions, extra staff has been added to accommodate healthy

 enrollment numbers

 **Additional Cleaning and Sanitation Practices**

Daily COVID Staff Cleaner for sanitizing classrooms and bathrooms between sessions

Personal Protective Equipment for Staff, including Clear Masks for optimal and crucial facial

 expression, emotion, and visual communication - **children are not required to wear masks.**

Non-Contact Infrared Thermometers for temperature checks for Staff and Children

Hands-free faucets

Hands-free soap dispensers

 Hands-free paper towel dispensers

Hands-free toilets

Toilet seat covers

UV Black Lights for sanitation between sessions

We have followed and will continue to follow Best Practices Guidance for dealing with on-going COVID-19 issues and an ever-evolving understanding of how COVID-19 behaves. We appreciate and thank you for supporting our efforts in providing the safest possible preschool environment during COVID-19.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Johansson

Director