

## Why Little Lambs?

- \* **Small class sizes (5:1 ratio)** allow for children's needs to be addressed, whether to move on to more advanced skills, or to spend extra time reinforcing areas of concern, allowing the child to grow and mature at their own rate as they prepare for kindergarten.
- \* **Balanced programming** allows staff to assist the child in his/her style of learning.
- \* **Use of themes and fun activities** help encourage a child's desire to learn about their world, with time for **discovery** through hands-on experiences, learning centers, group work, and motor activities.
- \* **Weekly Chapel talks with Biblical themes.**
- \* Bible themes are incorporated into daily class activities through **music, science, art and stories.**
- \* **Music**, led by a certified music teacher meets weekly in each classroom.
- \* **Math, science, and reading** are incorporated within table, circle, group, and discovery times.
- \* Using the guidelines of area school districts, four-year-old classes work on **kindergarten readiness skills.**
- \* Concepts of **numbers; numerical sequence and value.**
- \* **Writing upper and lower case letters, and learning sounds of vowels and consonants.**
- \* **Large outdoor fenced in playground** for large motor skill development.
- \* **Large indoor play area** with climbers, bikes and scooters are incorporated in the schedule on days with inclement weather.

*What affiliations and credentials does Little Lambs Preschool have?*

### Little Lambs Preschool:

- ⇒ Is licensed by **DCFS** of the **State of Illinois.**
- ⇒ Is a member of the **DeKalb Chamber of Commerce.**
- ⇒ Is a member of **Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C's).**
- ⇒ Has earned the **Bronze Circle of Quality** designation from **ExceleRate Illinois.**
- ⇒ Is a member of **DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership.**
- ⇒ Was selected as **"One of the Best"** in the **2019 DeKalb Chronicle Reader's Choice Awards**, representing DeKalb County in the **Preschool/Day Care** category.

### DATES FOR 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

**Registration is ongoing.**

**Registration will close when all classes reach capacity.**

**Late August: Family Orientation Meeting**

**Little Lambs Preschool begins classes the day after Labor Day and conclude the week before Memorial Day.**

**Little Lambs Preschool follows the calendar of the DeKalb District #428 for vacations, holidays, and emergency school closings.**

**LITTLE LAMBS WILL FOLLOW ALL CDC GUIDELINES TO HELP ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD.**

## A quick overview of what to expect

A typical day at Little Lambs Preschool will include:

### DISCOVERY TIME

### LARGE & SMALL MOTOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

CIRCLE TIME	READING	GROUP TIME
ART	MUSIC	SNACK TIME
BIBLE TIME	STORY TIME	TABLE TIME

## Anything Else?

### Special Programs

### and Enhanced Learning Opportunities

- Field Trips
- Special Guest Speakers
- Fall Open House
- Christmas Program
- Spring Sing
- "Graduation" Picnic
- Preschool vision and hearing screening available
- Spring & fall parent/teacher conferences

### All Little Lambs Preschool Staff Members:

## What about the staff?

- ⇒ consistently exceed yearly state required continuing education classes; attending classes at area colleges, conferences and workshops throughout the year;
- ⇒ are in full compliance of all state licensing regulations, including fingerprinting and background check;
- ⇒ are CPR and First Aid certified.
- \* The staff of **Little Lambs Preschool** is responsible to the **Administrative Pastor** and is under the direction of the **Board of Christian Education of Immanuel Lutheran Church.**
- \* **Little Lambs Preschool** has a **maximum classroom size of ten**, with a student/adult ratio is a maximum of 5:1. *(A teacher is assigned to each classroom; classrooms with over 5 children are assigned a teacher and an aide.)*
- \* **Little Lambs Preschool** has a maximum enrollment of forty-seven children.

## Enrollment Requirements

- \* Classes are open to children ages three to five years.
- \* A child must be potty-trained.
- \* A child should be a minimum of three years old to begin class.
- \* Children are divided into classes based on age, preschool and/or daycare experience, and *(for returning students)* teacher evaluation.
- \* **Little Lambs Preschool** is open to children of all religious backgrounds.

### Registration Fee, Tuition, Class Schedule Options:

All class times are 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Due upon registration to hold a child's spot in a class: \$45/family *(non-refundable)*

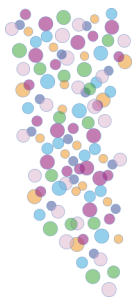
Supply & music instructor fee: \$50/yr.

*\*\$15/month tuition discount for those who sign up for automatic payment, or for those who pay by semester.*

- ◇ **Monday/Wednesday:** \$155/140\*/month
- ◇ **Tuesday/Thursday:** \$160/ 145\*/month
- ◇ **Monday/Wednesday/Friday:** \$200/ 185\*/month

*(Children must be 4 years old by September 1, 2020 to enroll in the a four or five-day per week program.)*

- ◇ **Monday—Thursday:** \$265/250\*/month
- ◇ **Monday—Friday:** \$290/275\*/month



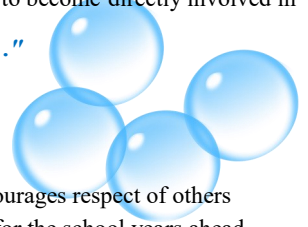
**W**elcome!!! We are excited to introduce ourselves to you! **Little Lambs Preschool**, a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, was established as a Christian Preschool in 1996 with a desire to serve the community through education, care and service. We do this in response to the Biblical teaching:

*"Bring up a child in the way he should go. . ." —Proverbs 22:6*

**Little Lambs Preschool's** primary purpose is to provide a quality, loving Christian atmosphere to encourage growth for children and their families by providing a loving and safe environment that fosters social, academic and spiritual health. We feel that a quality education in a Christian setting is important for all children. **Little Lambs Preschool** utilizes both **an academic & Christian-based** curriculum. The Christian curriculum is Christ-centered, giving students optimal opportunity to grow in their relationships and life with God.

A strong spiritual emphasis is maintained, while recognizing the importance of the child's physical, mental, emotional and social development. Our staff works in partnership with families in forming a foundation. In this setting, we strive to provide rich educational experiences. Our desire is to assist parents in nurturing their children by providing a healthy loving atmosphere for growth in knowledge, understanding, skills, and character. We believe that children are best served when there is a partnership between the school, the church and the family. We see parent participation in the life of a child as an important part of a child's sense of who they are, as all areas of a child's development begin with examples in the home. It is through partnership and positive example that children are most successful. We encourage parents to become directly involved in school activities.

*In response to our Lord's call: "Go and make disciples of all nations. . ."*  
*Matthew 28: 19-20*



We strive to provide opportunities for children to learn in many ways. We offer programming that encourages respect of others while fostering a sense of responsibility for oneself and individual actions that helps prepare each child for the school years ahead.

*Current (Spring 2020) staff:*

*Preschool Director/Teacher:* Carolyn Panozzo

*Teachers:* Theresa Kraiss & Kim Moncrief

*Co-Teacher:* Hannah Turk

*Aides:* Cara Leadingham & Jessica Molitor

*Pastor:* Rev. Marty Marks

*Office:* Darlene Hillman, Carla Siddall

*Maintenance:* Craig Dybas

For information, questions or to schedule a tour:

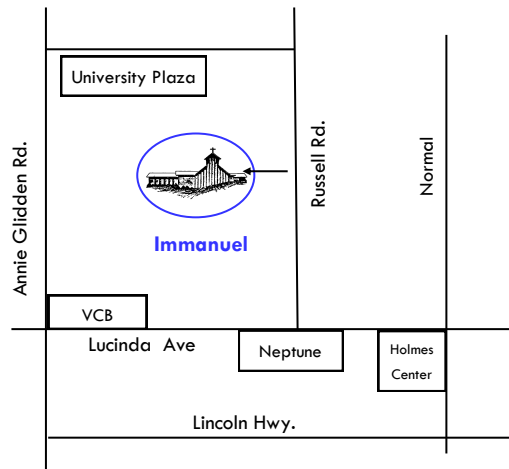
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of Immanuel Lutheran Church



**Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center**

**Little Lambs Preschool**

**511 Russell Road**

**DeKalb, IL 60115**

The members of Immanuel Lutheran Church (LC-MS) invite you and your family to visit and worship with us.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*(Mid-August – May)*

8:00 a.m. Traditional 10:30 a.m. Contemporary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

**SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP**

*(Memorial Day—Labor Day)*

9:00 a.m. Worship/10:15 a.m. Adult Bible School

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of Immanuel Lutheran Church



*An excellent  
play-based education  
in a loving environment  
for children and their families,  
that prepares your child  
for the school years ahead,  
academically, socially and  
spiritually.*

**Come,  
learn,  
play &  
grow with  
us!**

**2020-2021**  
*24 years in the community*

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