

# PRESS RELEASE/PHOTO

## Little Lambs Celebrates of Lutheran School Week

(Pictures Attached)



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*Picture #1: (class in yellow shirts)* Students from Little Lambs Preschool prepare to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week January 22 – 28.

Picture #2 Staff from Little Lambs Preschool serve brunch to students and their special guests. (l – r Kate Decker, Connor Campbell, Sue Harms, Kaylin Briscoe and Allyson Campbell)

Pictures #3- #5 As part of the Lutheran Schools Week celebration, children were able to have a special guest join them at preschool. They had fun in the classroom and then spent time singing songs in chapel. They finished the day by enjoying a brunch that included creating cards to be shared with nursing home residents.

It was a great week!— It is great to be part of a Lutheran School!

### **National Lutheran Schools Week celebrated by Little Lambs Preschool**

#### **January 22-28, 2024**

**Little Lambs Preschool of Immanuel Lutheran Church** recently joined nationally with over 180,000 individuals in 1,854 schools and a staff of 21,312 teachers in 35 districts to celebrate **Lutheran Schools Week**.

Lutheran Schools Week was a weeklong celebration that focused on the importance of education in a loving Christian environment for children and their families.

The theme for the 2023–2024 school year celebration is “Connected,” inspired by John 15:5: “I am the vine; you are the branches.: The theme “Connected” emphasizes the importance of staying connected to God and to one another when we face challenges and difficulties and when we share in joys and triumphs! It encourages Lutheran schools to continue to cultivate an environment of faith, love and fellowship, where students can learn, grow and thrive.

As part of sharing with the children that we are all “connected” and instructed to care for each other classes **collected items for children who are currently in the foster care system. Donations will be given to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and DYSB (DeKalb Youth Services Bureau.)**

The week celebrated that we are all “connected” through Little Lambs Preschool and that “***We Are the Branches!***” **Each child completed a project at home showing many of the people that they are connected to. The posters were used to make a display** of all of individual posters in the church entry. Families were encouraged to talk about connections to others in their family and community. The wall of posters shows how they are all connected to Little Lambs, which is connected to the church.

Wednesday & Thursday utilized the theme “***Connected to the Spirit and His Fruitful Gifts***”—*Focus on Kindness* **Each child invited a special guest to attend the last portion of the class on that day.** Special guests spent time in the classroom where they made a photo frame as a keepsake of the day. From there they attended chapel and then proceeded to fellowship hall where they shared a snack and worked on some special “kindness” activities for others in the community.

The week concluded with the theme “***Connected to the Church***” The children created a video to be shown during worship on Sunday, January 28. The video shows the Little Lambs during the weekly chapel, singing some of their favorite songs.

Each day at **Little Lambs Preschool** is filled with fun, educational, spiritual activities. There is time for discovery, group work, worship, music, art, academics, motor activities, and snacks. Using the guidelines of the area school districts, classes work on their kindergarten readiness skills.

**Little Lambs Preschool** is open to all children and their families regardless of religious affiliation, and is licensed by the State of Illinois. Little Lambs was chosen the DeKalb County Finest for 2023 in the category of Preschool. They are affiliated with DeKalb County Coordinated Childcare, who offers tuition assistance for families who qualify.

Community registration for fall 2024 will begin March 4, 2024.. Families are invited to visit on line at [www.LittleLambsDeKalb.org](http://www.LittleLambsDeKalb.org) or call the office at 815-756-6669 for more information or to schedule a private tour. There are pictures of many of the preschool's fun and educational activities on the Little Lambs Preschool Facebook page.

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