

Messiah Child Care will be CLOSED on Monday, July 4th



Welcome To Summer

Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center

Welcome to our summer staff-

Thank you for choosing Messiah CCC for your child's summer camp. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to another fabulous summer. We are so happy to have had these past 2 covid summers behind us and look forward to another fun-filled 2022 summer program. Our Messiah staff continues to be dedicated to providing a safe, varied and fun program for your children, year round. Messiah's summer staff:

-In our first floor classrooms, our lead teachers are **Miss Jen** and **Miss Kirstin**. Assisting teachers in these classrooms are **Miss Bette** and **Miss Diane**.

-In the second floor classrooms, our lead teachers are **Miss Terri**, **Miss Emily**, **Miss Sue**, **Miss Liz** and **Miss Dorai**. Assisting in these classrooms are **Miss Amanda**, **Miss Jackie**, **Miss Diana**, **Miss Grace**, **Miss Laura** and **Miss Miranda**. **Miss Andrea** will be the lead teacher substitute during the summer months. Assisting teachers interact with the children and help the lead

teachers with all classroom activities, including: snacks, bathrooms, projects, sanitizing, and playing outdoors.

In the afternoons, **Miss Jackie**, with **Miss Karen**, **Miss Alison**, **Miss Grace**, **Miss Andrea** and **Miss Laurie**, are doing arts and crafts and yoga with the full day Day Camp children.

Mr. Bob will be at the door in the morning and taking care of our lunches each day. **Miss Cathy** is our school's office manager and classroom teacher and **Miss Rita** is our bookkeeper. Rita will be handling the billing and tuition payments as well as continuing as our school's librarian and resource administrator. Both Miss Cathy and Miss Rita will be covering the office from 8:30-5:15 (M,T,W,Th) and 8:30-1:30 (F). **Miss Karen**, our school's director, will be in the office between 6:30am and 1:30pm each day. We look forward to a fun filled, active summer with our wonderful, enthusiastic children and our talented, energetic staff.

Thank you for selecting Messiah Lutheran Child Care as your child's school/camp this summer.

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- Independence Day - Messiah closed on Monday, July 4th-Stay safe and celebrate!!

As You Enter Each Day...

Please remember:

- **Sign your child in** on the sign in sheets, that will be provided at the door.
- **Masks** are optional for children and staff when indoors
- A staff member will bring your child into the school, escort him/her to the washroom and supervise handwashing before entering the classroom.
- At the end of your child's school day, pick up will be at the same door as drop off. Teachers will bring your child to you.
- **Notify Miss Karen** if there will be any differences in the usual pick-up (different time or person, etc)
- **Turn in forms or tuition payments** to Miss Karen at the morning drop-off time
- **July Manna card orders** will be place on July 11th. The next order is scheduled for August 8th. Our regular monthly manna orders will resume in September.

Fall Openings-PK & Kindergarten at Messiah

With the fall near at hand, we want to remind you that we still have some openings in our 3 and 4 year old classes, as well as in our Kindergarten class.

Please share your recommendations for Messiah CCC with your friends, your neighbors, and your family. We have seen so many lovely comments about Messiah's pre-school/day care/Kindergarten programs on social media. We have found local chat rooms to be such a wonderful way for parents to help share their child(ren)'s experience at our school and for new families to learn more about our great programs. We would appreciate if you could help flood these local sites with valuable first hand Messiah experiences.

Keep our Kindergarten program in mind for your child as well. Miss Terri has been our Kindergarten teacher for over 40 years and has provided a wonderful program for hundreds of children over the years. With District 64 extending their Kindergarten programs, remember that Messiah offers extended care from 6:30am-5:30pm, daily hot lunch, well-rounded, age and ability appropriate curriculum, huge outdoor space and considerably fewer days off than the local public schools!!

As always, we thank you for your support

From Home:

- **Masks**- Masks are optional for all children and staff in the school. Children will not wear masks at snack, lunch, nap or outdoor times.
- **Sun screen and insect repellent**- Please put sun block lotion and insect repellent on your child before dropping him/her off at school each day. Children who stay for the afternoon, will require a re-application and need to bring a **spray bottle** of sunscreen to school along with a **stick sunscreen for their face** (give to the office staff) with his/her name clearly marked. Parents need to fill out a permission form indicating that the sunscreen can be applied to their child. Due to allergy potential, we only apply lotion provided by the child's parents.
- **Water bottles**-All children need to bring individual water bottles for their personal indoor and outdoor use, as we

are still not using the school drinking fountains. Please label your child's water bottle with his/her name and be sure your child can recognize his/her bottle. Any unlabeled bottles will be thrown out. Bottles can be filled with water at school (**absolutely no pop, milk, Kool-Aid, etc. will be allowed in the bottles**) and bottles **must** be taken home each day for cleaning.

- **Swimsuits**-All children that stay for the full day, may bring swimsuits and towels for afternoon (about 3:30/4pm) time in the sprinklers. Sprinkler days are usually when the weather is in the 90's or there is a humid day in the 80's. Please leave your child's dry suit and towel in a plastic bag on his/her hook.
- Individual classes may have a morning water day, so keep a close eye on daily emails and notices sent home in your child's folder.
- **Extra clothing**-It is very helpful to our

staff if each child has a bag with a spare set of clothing on his/her hook. These clothes would be used in the event that your child had a bathroom accident or in some way got wet during snack, or while doing a project.



- **Art supplies**-We ask that each child bring their own crayons, markers, colored pencils, scissors, glue, etc. in a shoe box sized box to be used personally. The day camp children do not need a box for their supplies as the teacher will provide a container.

- **Daily emails**- Teachers will be sending home daily emails to keep you informed of daily and upcoming events. Daily photos will be attached to the emails as well. If you have not been receiving your daily emails, notify the office with your accurate email address and we will update our lists.



Summer Fun at Messiah

Independence Day Fireworks at Maine East on July 3rd

Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center will be closed on Monday, July 4th in honor of our country's Independence Day.

Fireworks at Maine East: On Sunday evening, July 3rd, all families are invited to come and enjoy the Park Ridge fireworks (they usually begin at about 9 or 9:30pm) from the front lawn of Messiah.

Each year, Messiah provides parking passes (for a \$20.00 donation for the church) for reserved parking in our school's east lot. Passes are available to any Messiah church or child care family or outside families who wish to reserve one of the 40 spots in the **east** lot (behind the school).

If you are planning to use Messiah's lot, please call the church or stop in at the school office to pick up your parking pass. Passes are \$20.00@ (the same as Maine East parking) and guaranteed parking will be limited to the 40 cars with passes in their car's front windows.

The north parking lot will be available on a first come basis that evening, and \$20 donations will also be requested at that time. It usually fills up quickly!!

Reminder-the neighborhood gets very crowded as it nears fireworks time and the police usually block the streets around Messiah at about 6 pm and may ask for verification that you have a spot to park.

Enjoy a safe holiday!!



Partial Tuition reimbursement for Messiah's covid closings

We are happy to inform Messiah families, that, due to a grant we received, Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center has been able to reimburse our 2021-22 school year families a portion of the tuition that was paid during our school's covid closings.

During the week of June 19th, checks were personally handed (at the door) to families who are currently attending school these summer months.

Checks have been mailed to those families who are not currently attending.

Checks are the equivalent of 50% of one week's contracted tuition amount.

As always, we appreciate the kindness and generosity of our Messiah families. We thank you for your support and encouragement during the challenging times. We are blessed that we have the opportunity to enjoy your children every day.



Field Trips

Messiah children will be taking a few field trips this summer. Our Day Campers (Aged Kdgn. to 9 year olds) will be traveling to Mountain View Mini-Golf (510 Algonquin) in Des Plaines on Thursday, June 30th.

All classes will be taking 2 field trips to the Des Plaines Splash Pad (9339 W. Emerson) on Tuesday, July 12th and Friday, August 5th. Field trip permission forms will be sent home in your child's folders the week before the scheduled trip. Transportation will be by school bus. Chaperones will be welcome to join us.

-We are a Peanut/Tree Nut-Free School-

This summer, we have children enrolled at our school who have severe, life-threatening, allergic reactions to peanuts/tree nuts

We are asking all families to be alert to this.

Please do not send any foods or snacks to our school that contain peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil or tree nuts. If you are interested in sending any snacks to school, they must be store bought and please check the ingredients on the packaging to ensure that there are **NO PEANUTS, PEANUT OIL OR TREE NUTS** used in the snack. (this includes snacks made on a machine or in a factory that uses nuts). We cannot serve home baked snacks. We sincerely appreciate your awareness and cooperation.





June

National Rose Month

Make double-decker sandwiches for lunch.

Let your children help you make donuts.

Draw happy pictures.



On a trip to the park, find a rose bush to look at and sniff.

Sing old camp songs with your children.

Plan a fun family activity for this evening.

Write or draw in the sand at the beach or in the sandbox.

Count to 20 together.



Donald Duck's Birthday

Read a Disney book or watch a Donald Duck movie.

Roll or bounce a ball back and forth with your children.

Turn on the radio and dance.

When visiting the zoo, look for different sizes and colors of animals.

Send a letter to a friend. Let your children enclose a short note or a picture.

Flag Day

Ask your children to look for American flags.



Teach your children how to set the table.

Play Hide and Seek.

Father's Day

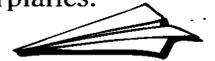
Do something special for yourself (or your spouse) today.

Give your children an old camera to play with. Practice posing for pictures.

Make finger puppets by cutting off the tips of old gloves and decorating them.

Go to the library.

Fly paper airplanes.



Teach your children how to care for a pet.

Make a ramp for your children to ride their bikes or trikes over.

Look for purple things in your house.

Look and listen for birds.



Core a small apple and fill it with peanut butter for an outdoor snack.

Ask your children to say a word, then say a rhyming word back to them.

Cut shapes out of colored paper. Paste them on paper to make pictures.

Decorate small boxes to keep special things in.



Tear flower pictures out of gardening magazines to make a collage.

Pest Control Notice—In order to alert families who may have any allergies or sensitivities, DCFS regulations require that we inform all families of visits to our school from our pest control company. Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center has a contract with International Exterminator Company to service our church and school monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Details of their service is recorded in a log book which is located on the door of the church secretary's office and is available for anyone's viewing. See Karen if you have any questions.

Covid-Traveling

What an amazing year we had since we reopened on June 15, 2020! We have been so blessed to have such wonderful children and families at our school this year. We are so happy to have had Messiah Child Care open for an entire year without any covid cases (child or staff) in our building!! Our thanks to everyone for your diligence in keeping us all healthy and your support throughout the year!!

Since policy changes are quickly occurring in CDC and city policies, our Messiah Child Care Board has been reviewing the vaccination, quarantine and immunization protocols from the CDC, State of Illinois, City of Chicago and District 64 school district. Our Board's job has been to set up a policy for Messiah Child Care Center's summer with all this information available for consideration which will keep our students and our families healthy.

We understand that this policy may affect some vacations, but our Board's goal has been to set up a policy to keep our school open and our students and families healthy.

The bottom line is that we need YOU to consider not only how your vacation affects your family, but how it affects all the Messiah CCC children, families and staff. Many regulations and quarantine times have

been relaxed but risk avoidance and caution is still recommended.

BEFORE RETURNING TO MESSIAH PLEASE CONSIDER:

Have all your eligible family members or vacation travelling friends (over the age of 12) been vaccinated or not?

Has your family remained with vaccinated groups of friends and family or groups of people unknown to you and your family?

Has anyone in your family shown any signs of illness on your trip or upon returning?

Do you feel that you have taken precautions that will keep other Messiah children, families and staff in good health?

If you feel any uncertainty about the safety of your vacation, we appreciate your consideration of Messiah children, families and staff before your child returns to class. We are counting on you to take care of us, just as we are asking other Messiah families and our staff to take care of you.

We certainly hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and enjoys their vacation time.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center.

Travel Guideline for Students of Messiah CCC – printed and distributed: May 25, 2021

All travelers and parent/guardian of travelers should:

Maintain strict masking and social distancing while traveling. Masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

Monitor their child for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if they develop symptoms. If results are Positive, individuals must isolate and follow isolation/quarantine guidelines.

Travel Destination	Students Traveling with Fully Vaccinated Family/Group	Students Traveling with Non-Vaccinated Family/Group
Domestic: Orange States	No quarantine - Maintain strict masking and social distancing	Get COVID tested 3-5 days after arrival back to IL. If results are Negative, individuals can return to Messiah but must stay home and quarantine while awaiting results. If results are Positive, individuals must isolate and follow isolation/quarantine guidelines. Or If travelers are not tested, they must stay home and quarantine for 10 days following the date of return to IL.
Domestic: Yellow States	No quarantine - Maintain strict masking and social distancing	
International	Get COVID tested 3-5 days after arrival back to the United States. If results are Negative, individuals can return to Messiah but must stay home and quarantine while awaiting results. If results are Positive, individuals must isolate and follow isolation/quarantine guidelines. Or If travelers are not tested, they must stay home and quarantine for 10 days following the date of return to the U.S.	Get COVID tested 3-5 days after arrival back to the United States. If results are Negative, and individuals must stay home and quarantine for the full 7 days following return to U.S. If results are Positive, individuals must isolate and follow isolation/quarantine guidelines. Or If travelers are not tested, they must stay home and quarantine for 10 days following the date of return to the U.S.

