

Christ For Kids Childcare

Infants-8th grade

"Education with Christ at the Heart!"

Rates and Ratios

Infants-Max of 8 kids with a 1:4 ratio

\$275.00/week

*Parents provide diapers, all meals (formula, breast milk, snacks), wipes, and bottles.

Waddlers-Max of 8 kids with a 1:4 ratio

\$275.00/week

*Parents provide diapers, all meals (formula, breast milk, snacks), wipes, and bottles.

Toddlers-Max of 8 kids with a 1:4 ratio

\$260.00/week

*Parents provide diapers, all meals, and wipes.

3's Childcare-Max of 20 kids with a 1:10 ratio

Full time 225.00/week

Part time \$160.00/week (2 half days and 3 full days)

Daily rate \$45/day

Half day rate \$29/day

*remain at Toddler rate until potty-trained (2 full weeks without accidents)

4's, and 5's Childcare-Max of 24 kids with a 1:12 ratio

Full time \$215.00/week

Part time \$105.00/week (5 half days)

Daily rate \$45/day

Half day rate \$29/day

*remain at Toddler rate until potty-trained (2 full weeks without accidents)

School Age Childcare-

Before Only-\$9.25/day

After Only-\$12.00/day

Half Day-\$29.00/day

Full Day-\$45.00/day

Full Week-\$182.00/week

Registration Fee

There is a one time registration fee of \$100.00 per child to enroll in our infant-toddler program. Once you go into the 3 year old room or older, it is \$100.00 per year.

Multi-Child Discount

A 10% discount is applied to the 2nd Child enrolled and each child thereafter.

Holidays and Vacations

Christ for Kids is closed on major holidays. Families will be given advanced notice for these days. For the days we are closed, families will not be charged.

In addition to the major holidays, each child will receive one (1) week of vacation that you do not have to pay for, but for which your spot is saved.

Continuous Enrollment

For Infants, Waddlers, and Toddlers only, continuous enrollment is required to save your spot. If you leave for the summer you are taking a chance at not having a spot in the fall; you will also need to pay the registration fee again in the fall.



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*A Ministry of St. Michael
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Mission Statement

St. Michael Lutheran School and Preschool and Christ for Kids Childcare is a ministry in partnership with parents to nurture each child to attain their God-Given abilities by providing a quality education and growing their faith through God's Word, creating Mighty Messengers for Christ.

Vision

St. Michael Lutheran School and Preschool and its Christ for Kids Childcare, is a ministry dedicated to Education with Christ at the Heart which:

1. Ensures that Christ is the foundation of the school ministry;
2. Provides enriching learning experience;
3. Builds compassionate relationships in the classroom, the school, and the greater community; and;
4. Openly embraces all members of the community regardless of faith affiliation.

Hours of Operations

Monday-Friday 6:30 am to 6:00 pm Open all year round!

Ages Served

Offering Full time care for children 6 weeks through 2 years old, and full and part time for children 3 through 12 years of age.

Sick Policy

If your child is exhibiting or experiencing any of the following symptoms within the last 24 hours they may not attend: vomiting, diarrhea, fever of 99 or higher, and/or eye discharge. If your child becomes ill or shows the above symptoms the parent/guardian will be called and the sick child will need to be picked up within the hour. A child may also be sent home if he/she exhibits any condition which may be considered contagious to others.

Releasing of Children

We will only release a child to his or her parents/guardians and the persons listed on your child's information card. We must have permission from you if someone else is to pick up your child, and we will ask that person for photo ID verification upon pick-up.

Preschool on site

Preschool and Childcare teachers work closely together to ensure students receive consistent care.

Certified Preschool program for ages 3-5 years old.

Preschool-children who are 3 by September 1. Meets 2 days a week for 3 hours

5 day Pre-Kindergarten-children who are 4 by September 1. Meets 5 days a week for 3 hours.

Young Fives program-children who are 5 by March 1. Meets 4 full days (T-F) from 8:15-3:15

Wrap Around Childcare

Christ for Kids provides before (6:30-7:45am) and after school (3:15-6:00pm) childcare for students enrolled here at St. Michael Lutheran School. As they arrive in the morning, they have the option to eat their breakfast (provided by parents), study, talk with friends or play games prior to being escorted to school. After school, students enjoy some outdoor time, a snack, and homework time before having free choice time. (A more structured schedule is followed on school holidays and during the summer months).

Curriculum

We place Christ at the center of our program and show respect for each child's individuality and their God-given gifts. Because our teachers believe children learn best through play, they encourage reasoning, questioning, and experimenting while providing hands-on materials for learning.

Bible-We use *One In Christ* from Concordia Publishing House, which provides hands-on learning for even the youngest of God's children. From songs to Bible stories to play time, infants through preschoolers learn about Jesus and grow in their understanding of God and his Word.

Creative Curriculum-*Creative Curriculum* is one of the country's leading scientifically based, comprehensive curriculums for programs serving children from birth to age 5. It is the platform we have chosen for our curriculum program. Each month we have a different study we will learn about (Beginning of the year, trees, balls, clothes, pets, recycling, Kindergarten, exercise, building, roads) as well as a new letter each week. We talk about shapes, colors, and numbers as well.

Baby Signs-The main goal of the *Baby Sign's* program is to encourage communication between baby and caregiver to help us meet all of their needs. Baby signs begins in our Infant room and is built upon as the children move up into our Waddler and Toddler rooms.

Meals

Infants and Waddlers-Parents provide all meals

Toddlers-Parents provide lunch and Christ for Kids provides 2 snacks, one in AM and one in PM

Children in the 3's and older:

Breakfast-Provided by parents. Parents are welcome to bring a box of cereal for their children and leave it. Christ for kids will provide milk.

Snacks-Christ for Kids will provide snacks. One in the AM and one in the PM. Some examples of snacks are: yogurt, muffins, goldfish crackers, carrots, celery, cheese sticks, turkey, apples, pretzels, granola bars, and pudding. We also have juice or milk with our snack.

Lunch-Provided by parents or purchased through our school lunch program a month in advance.