

Our Facilities...

The Nursery is conveniently located on the right hand-side of the hall-way as you enter the North Parking lot entrance to the Sanctuary and Mission Hall. The space consists of three adjoining classrooms which allow for age appropriate play for children ages 6 weeks—PreK. Sharing this newly renovated space with the Messiah Lighthouse Child & Family Development Center helps us to maintain a state of the art learning environment the utilizes learning centers to spark a love of learning with the children. The space is licensed for childcare by the State of Missouri.



Our Hours...

Wednesday Evenings:

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Sunday Mornings:

8:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Other Scheduled Church Events:

The Nursery and Nursery Staff may be opened for other scheduled church events. If you know of such an occasion which requires the use of the Nursery, please contact Kate Schenk at kate-schenk@messiahmo.org. A minimum of two weeks notice is required for any additional Nursery use.

For More Information About Our Nursery Care Ministry

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And Jesus took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

Mark 9:36-27

Our Purpose

The purpose of Messiah Lutheran's Nursery Care Ministry is to provide quality childcare for children ages infant- PreK. So that the adults in their life are able to take full advantage of the many offerings at Messiah Lutheran Church while knowing that their children are being nurtured as well.



We strive to ensure the following for any child utilizing the Nursery:

- Each child thinks of church as “their” church - a place where people love and help them.
- Each child is shown love and respect and begins to demonstrate this same acceptance of others in their own lives
- Each child learns to share, communicate and respond to others in appropriate ways
- Each child will build meaningful friendships with the care providers and children they interact with in the nursery.
- Each child will grow in their understanding of God's love for them.

Our Staff & Volunteers...

Our nursery staff is currently composed of our Nursery Coordinator, Kelsey Thompson and our Nursery Attendants Jenny Reddy and Casey Chandler. Both staff maintain a CPR/First Aid certification and have completed a background check. The Youth & Family Minister, Kate Schenk supervises the Nursery Ministry.

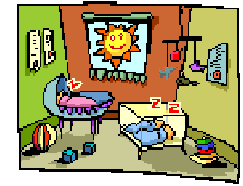
Our nursery volunteers are a critical part of the Nursery. Regular volunteers in the Nursery are trained and work alongside the paid Nursery Staff to provide a loving, nurturing environment for our little ones. Our volunteers consist of parents, youth (grades 6-12) and other members of our church family who assist during Sunday morning services and Wednesday evening functions. All parents of infants or toddler age will be asked to volunteer to assist in the nursery once a month. This schedule will be mailed out on a monthly basis. All volunteers will be trained by nursery staff and complete our volunteer form.



Our Services...

All activities will be developmentally and age appropriate. It is our goal for the children to have a pleasant visit in the nursery, and to achieve this, the workers (both paid and volunteer) will interact with the children as they play and talk with them. Occasionally a special craft or song time may be provided to children in the nursery. During nice weather, we may occasionally go outside to the playground. Please remember to leave shoes, jackets, etc. for your child and let nursery staff know if you do not wish for your child to go outside. Snack will be provided to children within the nursery. Please be sure to note allergies on the intake form and with the Nursery Attendant upon check-in.

Check In/ Check Out...



Children who are not checked in by a parent or guardian will not be permitted to remain in the nursery. If you have not yet filled one out, please complete a Nursery Registration Form. This is a one-time information sheet that is filled out and kept on file for each child and updated annually. If any of your information changes, please make sure to update your form. Check in your child by filling out the sign in sheet at the Nursery window and giving any special instructions to the Nursery staff. Please leave a diaper bag, cup/bottle, and any other necessary items for your child's comfort in the Nursery. We ask that children do not bring in extra toys to the nursery.

To check your child out of the nursery, complete the “check out” portion of the sign in sheet. At the window and request your child from the staff. Children will only be released to an adult parent or guardian or authorized adult specified on the Nursery Registration Form. Siblings or other children will not be allowed to pick up a child from the nursery, unless noted on the sign in sheet.

If a parent is needed, members of the Sheperding Team (red vests) will be utilized to notify the parent and/or an emergency text message may be sent to your cell phone.