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Northern Illinois District Regional Early Childhood Networks Meetings



Northern Illinois District
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
2018 - 2019

What are the Early Childhood Networks?

The NID Early Childhood Regional Networks exist and meet to promote best practices in ministry to young children and their families through the collaboration of early childhood professionals and their churches and schools in the Northern Illinois District (NID) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). For convenience and variety, these networks meet in different locations in the NID with a similar topic each month.

Target Participants:

- ❖ Early Childhood Directors
- ❖ Elementary School Principals
- ❖ Early Childhood Teachers
- ❖ Pastors
- ❖ Related Early Childhood Professionals at at both Free-Standing Early Childhood Centers & at Early Childhood/Elementary Schools

Activities:

Monthly Meetings:

- ❖ September – May: 4:30 – 6:30 PM
- ❖ Held as announced in various regional NID Early Childhood Centers & Schools

Blog Site: <http://www.preschooldirectors.blogspot.com/>

- ❖ Meeting information
- ❖ Photos
- ❖ Links

Meeting Format:

- 4:30 – 5:00 PM: Light meal provided by the host center
- 5:00 – 6:10 PM: Sharing of announcements, missional stories and ideas based on a designated topic
- 6:10 – 6:30 PM: Tour of the host early childhood center

NID Regional Early Childhood Networks 2018 – 2019 Meeting Schedule

East Region	West/South/North Regions	Topic
Wednesday, September 19, 2018 <i>St. Mark Lutheran Preschool</i> Julie Zimmerman, EC Director juliezimmerman@stmarkschurch.church 101 S. 6 th Ave, St. Charles, IL 630-584-4850	Thursday, September 27, 2018 <i>Rockford Lutheran Academy</i> Curtis Wudtke, Principal cwudtke@rockfordlutheran.org 1711 Delcy Dr, Rockford 815-226-4947	Staff Development Opportunities
Wednesday, October 24, 2018 <i>Immanuel Lutheran School</i> Julia Heinz, EC Teacher/Admissions Dir. jheinz@immanuel-ed.org 310 East Main St. East Dundee 847-428-1010	Thursday, October 25, 2018 <i>Trinity Lutheran School</i> Gerarde Gilege, Principal school@tlcs.org 6850 W. 159 th St., Tinley Park 708-532-3529. X 210	Working With Teacher Assistants
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 <i>Trinity Lutheran School</i> Kim Epting, EC Teacher eptingk@trinityroselle.com 405 S. Rush St., Roselle 630-894-3263	Thursday, November 29, 2018 <i>Concordia, Machesney Park</i> Joel Koehler, Principal Koehler.concordia@gmail.com 7424 N. 2 nd St., Machesney Park 815-633-6450 X 221	Student Assessments & Portfolios
Wednesday, January 16, 2019 <i>Shepherd's Flock (Lutheran Home)</i> Jennifer Soukup, Director jsoukup@lulife.org 800 W. Oakton St., Arlington Heights 847-368-7391	Thursday, January 24, 2019 <i>Lord of Glory (Gloryland Preschool)</i> Donna Budil, EC Director preschool@lordofglory.org 607 W. Belvidere Rd, Grayslake 847-548-0112	Integrating the Faith
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 <i>Trinity Lutheran Early Childhood Center</i> Cassandra Sund, EC Director Cassandra.sund@tlc4u.org 2244 W. 95 th St, Suite 101, Naperville 630-946-6313	Thursday, February 28, 2019 <i>Grace Lutheran Preschool</i> Stacie Leese, EC Director sleese@gracelutheranpreschool.com 343 Grand Ave, Loves Park 815-282-6114	Referring Students to Special Education Programs
Wednesday March 13, 2019 <i>Trinity Lutheran School</i> Julia Messina, Principal JMessina@trinitylombard.org 1165 Westmore Meyers Rd, Lombard 630-629-8765	Thursday, March 21, 2019 <i>St. Johns Lutheran School</i> Matt Kamien, Principal mkamien@sjcch.com 4231 183 rd St., Country Club Hills 708-799-7491	Letting Children Fail....Life Lessons to Learn
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 <i>Immanuel Lutheran Preschool</i> Jessica Gade, Director Jessica.gade23@gmail.com 5211 Carpenter St., Downers Grove 630-968-3448	Thursday, April 25, 2019 <i>Zion, Marengo</i> Sandee Dunker, EC Director ssdunk@gmail.com 408 Jackson St., Marengo 815-568-5156	Nature Based Learning
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 <i>St Peter Lutheran School</i> Julie Klopke, EC Director/Asst. Principal jklopke@FullLifeInChrist.org 111 W. Olive St Arlington Heights, IL 224-387-3867	Joint Meeting at St. Peter Arlington Heights	Joint Planning Meeting for 2019 - 2020