



Bethany Lutheran Preschool
Preschool Music 2018-2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Preschool Music! I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and tell you a little bit about Preschool Music classes at Bethany.

My name is Mrs. Mara Widmann; I relocated to California when my husband was transferred to the area with the U.S. Air Force. My family and I have been members at Bethany Lutheran Church for 8 years. We have three sons—a college freshman, a high school sophomore, and a high school freshman—all 3 graduated from Bethany. I have been on staff with Bethany's Music Ministry for 7 years, and am in my fifth year of teaching music in the preschool. I am a classically trained musician; my 'main instrument' is trumpet. Other things that bring me joy: camping with my family, watching my sons' sporting events, attending symphony concerts, and growing closer to our Savior, Jesus each day.

What an amazing opportunity we have to meet together on Tuesday mornings! During our music time, we will sing, clap, tap and stomp in rhythm, learn how to play Orff instruments, move in rhythm to music or chant, learn how to 'feel' the beat and echo it back to one another, and grow in appreciation for this gift of music that God has given us. Some of my goals for our time in music class: continuing to grow in our Christian faith and exposing your child to the many exciting opportunities there are with musical expression.

Thank you for sharing your child with me on Tuesday mornings. We are going to have a great time learning and making music together!

In His Service,

Mara Widmann, Preschool Music