

## Early Childhood Ministry Programs History

We originally began as **Mother's Day Out (MDO)** at Christ Church, The Lutheran Church of Zionsville. MDO was founded in 1989 as an outreach of the congregation when the need for an additional early childhood Christian program in the Zionsville community became apparent. In September 2003, **Christ Church Preschool** opened its doors as another exciting early childhood option for the Zionsville community. In 2008, we changed our name to **Christ Church Early Childhood Ministry (ECM)** to reflect our dedication to helping children in our program attain age-appropriate developmental goals.

**Christ Church ECM** programs are a ministry of Christ Church, a member of the ELCA, and a Registered Ministry with the State of IN.

Classes will begin the Tuesday after Labor Day and conclude the Thursday before Memorial Day. We follow the Zionsville Community School calendar with the exception of the beginning and end of the year.

### Classes

#### Toddler 1 Class (Caterpillars)

*For those 18 months- 26 months old by August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Children may attend one or two days per week: (Monday)\* or Tuesday or Thursday. Classes meet from 9am to 3pm.** Enrollment is limited to 10 children. This is a special time for toddlers to begin exploring the world beyond their primary caregivers.

#### Toddler 2 Class (Butterflies)

*For those 27 months-35 months old by August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Children may attend one or two days per week: (Monday)\* or Tuesday or Thursday. Classes meet from 9am to 3pm.** Enrollment is limited to 11 children. Our planned program fosters the children's awakening self-awareness, self-confidence and self-esteem.

**\*Classes load on T and Th first.**

#### Threes & Fours Class (Sprouts)

*For those 36 months- 47 months by August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*(Potty trained)*

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9am - 12pm**

**Or**

**Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 12pm.**

The enrollment for this classroom is limited to 14 children. This developmentally appropriate curriculum fosters each child's social, emotional and cognitive growth with an emphasis on language, activity and movement.

#### Pre-Kindergarten Class (Blossoms)

*For those 48 months of age by August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*(Potty trained)*

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9am - 12pm.**

**Or**

**Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 12pm.**

The enrollment for this classroom is limited to 14 children. This class will allow children to explore a variety of hands-on experiences within an integrated curriculum focused on language and literacy, in order to prepare each child for a successful Kindergarten year.

#### Extended Day Option for 3's and 4's

An extended day option will be available from 12noon to 3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays based upon enrollment. This extension program will provide an atmosphere in which children can learn, play and develop. The optional extended day will encompass lunch (children bring their own), story time, large muscle play, creative art opportunities and free play time.

**\*Classes load on T and Th first.**

***Christ Church Early Childhood Ministry admits students of any race, color and national or ethnic origin.***

### Purpose

**Christ Church Early Childhood Ministry (ECM)** provides a Christian atmosphere in which children can learn, play and develop with the assurance of the child's safety and well-being.

**Christ Church ECM** will strive to provide a Christian based, child centered, early childhood program. Our goal is to offer a safe and nurturing environment that promotes the physical, social, spiritual, emotional and cognitive development of each child through an integrated curriculum approach.

### Early Childhood Ministry Program Goals

- Allow each child to experience unconditional love for who they are as an individual and to teach them to love others as God loves us.
- Promote positive self-image by helping each child understand that God loves them.
- Share the knowledge of God's love and grace and encourage children to actively participate in worship.
- Accustom each child to a varied social environment and help each child learn to share, respect the rights of others and respond positively to authority.
- Strengthen the emotional, cognitive, language, spiritual and physical development of the child.

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### Curriculum

We use a Christ-centered, developmentally appropriate curriculum that upholds the basic early childhood concept that all young children learn best by actively exploring their environment. We introduce a new theme each month with supporting lessons and activities. Activities include music & worship,

storytelling, learning centers, crafts, large motor and free play.

### Daily Schedule

Christ Church ECM follows a daily schedule in order to provide a consistent, well-rounded experience for the children. Activities are both teacher-directed and student-directed.

#### Sample Daily Schedule for Younger Classes

9:00 am	Welcome/ Free Play
9:30 am	Circle Time/ Worship
10:00 am	Potty/ Snack
10:30 am	Large Motor Free Play
11:00 am	Crafts/ Free Play
12:00 pm	Potty/ Lunch
1:00 pm	Story & Naptime
3:00 pm	Dismissal

#### Sample Daily Schedule for Older Classes

9:00 am	Welcome/ Free Play
9:30 am	Circle Time/ Worship
10:00 am	Potty/ Snack
10:30 am	Large Motor Free Play
11:00 am	Learning Centers/ Crafts
11:55 am	Preparation for Lunch or Going Home

*(Children in extended-day program stay for lunch and dismiss at 3:00 pm.)*

### Registration

Registration will be taken in person on **February 1, 2011**, 9:00 am Current Families

**February 2, 2011**, 9:00 am Christ Church Families, 9:15 Community Members  
After February 4, bring your check with the completed registration form to the ECM office

### Tuition and Fees

**Registration fee** is \$120 per child (non-refundable).

#### Tuition for Toddler 1 Class and Toddler 2 Class (Caterpillars and Butterflies)

One day a week monthly fee is \$107.  
Two days a week monthly fee is \$214.

**Note: Classes will run only if minimum enrollment of 6 is attained.**

#### Tuition for Threes & Fours Class and Pre-K (Sprouts and Blossoms)

Mon, Wed and Fri monthly fee is \$164.  
Tues/Thurs Preschool monthly tuition is \$113.  
Extended Day is \$76/month for either Mon or Tues or Wed or Thurs; \$152/month for Mon & Wed; \$152/month for Tues & Thurs.  
No refunds or adjustments are made for missed days when school is in session, such as illness or vacations.

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Make checks payable to:  
**Christ Church ECM (Early Childhood Ministry).  
Questions**

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## Early Childhood Ministry Programs at Christ Church

The Lutheran Church of Zionsville

**For children ages 18 months to 5  
years old.**



**"And all thy children shall be taught of  
the Lord and great shall be their peace."  
*Isaiah 54:13***

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