

PEACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL 2024 – 2025 Enrollment Options & Prices

This document contains tuition prices and descriptions of the various preschool programming options, enrichment programs for children enrolled in both Morning and Afternoon 4K, as well as “Wrap Around” care for all age groups. Although it is always our goal to be able to provide all programs as listed, it is possible that circumstances beyond our control, such as low enrollment or a staffing shortage, require changes. Historically speaking, changes are not likely.

Information including the Preschool's philosophy, curriculum, policies and procedures are available in the Parent Handbook.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Early Morning Drop Off

Early Morning Drop Off is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 until 8 a.m. The cost is \$ 8 per day. Early Morning Drop Off may be especially helpful for families with a child enrolled in preschool and an older child attending Morning 4K. The start time for Morning 4K is 7:40 a.m., preschool classes begin at 8 a.m. Early Morning Drop Off fees are waived for children enrolled in full day / full time programming.

The Difference between the Bluebird and Cardinal Class

Families interested in morning preschool have the option between the Bluebird and Cardinal Class. Because the age difference of the children served in the two classrooms overlaps, making the decision of which room will best serve your child might not be obvious. If, after reading the class descriptions below, you are not sure which to choose, indicate that on your “Preschool Enrollment Form” or feel free to contact us for help. Identifying the best fit is easier for the Preschool's administrative team because we have information on children already enrolled and can compare your child's needs to both groups, helping make the decision easier. We also invite you to tour our school, if you have not done so. Seeing each classroom “in action” might be helpful in choosing a classroom.

If your child will be attending 4K the following school year, we typically recommend enrolling in the Cardinal class. That said, it is not unusual for a child to transition from the Bluebird class directly to 4K. In fact, for some children the best placement the year prior to 4K, is with the Bluebirds. The decision is very much dependent on the child and what the family is looking for in the preschool experience.

On the flip side, if your child misses the 4K age cut off, 4 years by September 1, we typically recommend starting with the Bluebird class, due to the smaller group size and lower child to teacher ratio and the following year transitioning to the Cardinal class.

When determining class placement we review the child's age, siblings, birth order, personality, strengths, needs to name a few. When looking at a child's birth order, it might be helpful for a child who is the youngest at home to have the opportunity to be in a “helper”, nurturing role, supporting peers whose skills are not yet at the child's level. Would the child benefit from a boost

in self-confidence that comes from knowing more and being able to do more than classmates? Would the child benefit from the opportunity to practice leadership skills or advocating for self in a group setting?

If a child is the oldest in their family, or perhaps a middle children would it be beneficial to be on the younger end in the classroom so that they may experience being supported and nurtured by others and have a reprieve from helping with the care of younger siblings and the pressure of setting the example of good behavior, and achievement.

Other considerations include the child's social, emotional, and self-regulation development. Has the child attended child care in the past? Will the child separate willingly from family at drop off time? Again, our staff will be happy to help choose the class that is the best fit for your child.

THE BLUEBIRD CLASS*

The Bluebird Class is for children who are at least 2.5 years old by September 1, 2024. The class is in session Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 8 until 11 a.m. Families may choose to enroll in two days, Tuesday, and Thursday, or all three. The Bluebird class is our smallest class with a maximum of 11 children. This smaller, cozier environment is especially designed for children who are attending school for the first time or children who may benefit from a quieter environment as well as a bit more teacher attention. The child to teacher ratio is 6 children per teacher. Children do not need to be potty trained to participate. If your child will not meet the age requirement to attend 4K in the 2025/26 school year, 4 years old by September 1, 2025, we highly recommend the Bluebird class. This allows the child to follow more of a stepping stone approach of Bluebirds, Cardinals then 4K, rather than 2 years in the same classroom.

Days / Week	Class Day Options	9 Installments of
2 / wk	Tuesday & Thursday	\$ 415
3 / wk	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	\$ 535

CARDINAL CLASS*

The Cardinal Class is for children who are 3 years old or older by September 1, 2024. The class is in session Monday through Friday from 8 until 11 a.m. Enrollment options include two, three, four or five mornings per week. The class typically has 16 children per morning session and two teachers, with a child to teacher ratio of 8:1. The Cardinal class is a bit larger, faster paced and an ideal fit for children who will be transitioning to 4K the following year.

Days / Week	Class Days & Options	9 Installments of
2 / wk	Tuesday & Thursday	\$ 395
3 / wk	Monday, Wednesday & Friday	\$ 498
4 / wk	Monday through Thursday	\$ 600
5/ wk	Monday through Friday	\$ 700

** Although Preschool staff are almost always in agreement with the class placement indicated on the "Preschool Enrollment Form", there are times staff are confident the other class is a better fit. Preschool staff review all enrollment forms and have the benefit of comparing information on each child and class as a whole, which provides staff with valuable insight the family does not have access to. If staff feel certain the child is better served in the other class, the family will be contacted, and options discussed. The final class placement decision is at the director's discretion.*

Please rest assured that our teachers are very attuned to each child's unique strengths, abilities and needs. Regardless of their classroom placement, they will be provided with engaging activities that excite and challenge them. We do not have a pre-determined curriculum based on the age or classroom – we have an individualized approach to meet the needs of each student.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is available Monday through Friday from 11 until 12 p.m. Shortly after 11, children from the Bluebird and Cardinal class combine and while sitting around the little tables, enjoy the lunch from home. By 11:30 ish, after the kids have finished their lunch, they play in the lunch room with Morning 4K kids or weather permitting, head back outside for some fresh air and fun! Children need to be potty trained to attend unless the child attends full days. Children enrolled in the Bluebird class have the option to enroll in Lunch Bunch 2 or 3 days per week.

Prices listed include programming from 8 – 12 p.m.

Days / Week	Class Days & Options	9 Installments of	
2 / wk	Tues & Thurs	Bluebird	\$ 660
	Tues & Thurs OR Monday & Wed	Cardinal	\$ 560
3 / wk	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	Bluebird	\$ 785
	Monday, Wed & Friday	Cardinal	\$ 690
4 / wk	Monday through Thursday	Cardinal	\$ 815
5 / wk	Monday through Friday	Cardinal	\$ 940

AFTERNOON WRAP AROUND CARE

Afternoon Care begins in the Cardinal classroom with a 30-minute child care licensing required rest period. Each child has their own cot and bedding. Thanks to our friends in the Quilting club, each child stays warm under a handmade "little" quilt. Bedding is washed at school and is changed on a weekly basis. Children are welcome to bring a "lovie" from home. Children who do not fall asleep within 30-minutes, may choose to continue resting on their cots with books or other quiet activities, or if they may choose to get up and play. A healthy snack is served mid-afternoon, followed by time to play until pick up at 3:30 Monday through Thursday.

Prices listed include programming from 8 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and noon on Fridays. Early Morning Drop Off fees are waived for children enrolled in full day & full-time programming, welcoming families to drop off their child at 7:30 a.m.

Days / Week	Class Days & Options	9 Installments of	
2 / wk	Tues & Thurs	Bluebird	\$ 875
	Monday & Wed OR Tuesday & Thursday	Cardinal	\$ 800
3 / wk	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	Bluebird	\$ 1020
		Cardinal	\$ 950
Full Time	Preschool & Lunch Bunch Mon – Friday Afternoon Wrap Care Mon – Thursday	Bluebird	NA
		Cardinal	\$ 1250

OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN IN 4K

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation is an enrichment option for children attending Morning and Afternoon 4K. The class is offered Monday through Thursday from 10:20 until 11 a.m. Children enrolled in Morning 4K may attend Faith Class immediately following 4K, while children enrolled in Afternoon 4K can begin their school day at 10:20 with Faith class, followed by lunch from 11 until 11:35, at which time Afternoon 4K children are escorted to their 4K class.

Faith Formation class focuses on strong, positive character traits found throughout many Bible stories. Children learn about compassion, sharing, kindness and forgiveness through the telling of Bible stories, visual art and music projects. Each year the group spearheads a food drive for our local food pantry. The annual Christmas program includes performances from the children enrolled in both preschool classes as well as children enrolled in Faith Formation from our Morning and Afternoon 4K groups. The Christmas performance is an event enjoyed by children and families.

Children do not need to be Lutheran or have any type of religious background to benefit from and enjoy the class.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is available Monday through Friday from 11 until noon. Children bring a packed lunch from home as they eat in small groups with peers from Morning and Afternoon 4K. Children who attend Afternoon 4K leave the group at 11:35 and transition to Afternoon 4K. Once Afternoon 4K have left, the preschoolers join the kids from Morning 4K, creating a group of 15 or so and as a group, either continue play in the lunch room or, weather permitting, head outside.

AFTERNOON WRAP AROUND CARE

Afternoon Wrap Around Care begins at noon. Preschoolers and kids who attend Morning 4K combine to create a group of 8 to 10 children depending on the day of the week. Enrollment allows families to select 2, 3 or 4 days per week. For additional information about Afternoon Wrap, please read the description provided under the Preschool Enrollment Options.

IMPORTANT: Full time enrollment requires the child be placed in MORNING 4K

MORNING 4K ENRICHMENT OPTIONS

Faith Formation 10:20 – 11 a.m. Two Days Per Week	9 Installments of \$ 242
Faith Formation and Lunch Bunch 10:20 – 12 p.m. Two Days Per Week	9 Installments of \$ 350
Four Days Per Week	\$ 565
Five Days Per Week*	\$ 660

*Enrollment for programming five days per week is limited and spots are filled in the following order: full time students, students attending Monday through Friday through lunch bunch, and Morning 4K students who have a sibling enrolled in Peace Preschool's Friday programming.

Full Day Enrollment ** Monday – Thursday until 3:30, Fridays until noon.	9 Installments of
Two Days Per Week	\$ 627
Four Days Per Week	\$ 863
Full time**	\$ 1110

**Full - time programming includes Faith Formation Monday through Thursday (because Faith Formation is not an option on Fridays, 4K students spend that time in a small, cozy group setting with some additional time to play) Full time students participate in Lunch Bunch Monday through Friday from 11 until 12 p.m. and Afternoon Wrap Around Care Monday through Thursday until 3:30. Full time programming ends at noon on Fridays. Afternoon Wrap Around Care is not available on Fridays.

AFTERNOON 4K ENRICHMENT OPTIONS

Faith Formation & Lunch Bunch 10:20 – 11:35 a.m. Two Days Per Week	9 Installments of \$ 315
Four Days Per Week	\$ 470

IMPORTANT NOTES for both MORNING & AFTERNOON 4K

Peace Preschool does not offer programming on days the WCSD is not in session. Please refer to the 2024/2025 Family Calendar to ensure the Preschool's academic school calendar works for your family.

If you choose to enroll your 4K student in an enrichment program, or extended care, you will need to complete Peace Preschool 4K Enrollment process, a process separate from the school district.

4K Enrollment is administered through the Waunakee Public School District. If you have questions, feel free to contact Miranda Moe, WCSD's 4K Coordinator 608 849 1900 ext. 7714.

If enrolling your 4K student in programming with Peace, communicate that on your WCSD's paperwork.

In the event you enroll your child in Peace Preschool's enrichment or extended day and your child is not placed at Peace for 4K, we will nullify the enrollment contract.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Peace Lutheran Preschool is committed to honor the founding vision of creating a high-quality early care and learning program that is affordable and accessible. If tuition causes financial hardship or could prevent enrollment, please contact us to discuss the Preschool's Scholarship Fund.

SIBLING DISCOUNT

A 10% sibling discount is available for siblings enrolled in full - day programming.