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N.I.D. East & West Regions Early Childhood Networks



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**NID East & West Regions Early Childhood Networks
2016 – 2017 Meeting Schedule**

What are the Early Childhood Networks?

The NID Early Childhood 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 schools in the Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. For convenience and variety, these networks meet in different locations with in the west and east regions of the NID with a similar topic each month.

Target Participants:

- ❖ Early Childhood Directors
- ❖ Elementary School Principals
- ❖ Early Childhood Teachers
- ❖ Related Early Childhood Professionals 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 at various west and east region 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

East Region	West Region	Topic
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 St. John Chicago Leslee Johnson ljohnson@stjohnschicago.org 4939 W. Montrose Ave, Chicago (773)736-1196	Thursday, September 22, 2016 Christ the Rock, Rockford Doreen Peterson Doreen.peterson@hotmail.com 8330 Newburg Rd, Rockford 815-332-5551	Staffing
Wednesday, October 19, 2016 St. Peter, Arlington Heights Julie Klopke jklompke@FullLifeInChrist.org 111 W. Olive, Arlington Heights 224-387-3867	Thursday, October 27, 2016 Alpine Academy of Rockford Scott Dabson scott.dabson@alpineacademyofrockford.com 5001 Forest View Ave, Rockford (815) 227-8894	Faith Integration
Wednesday, November 9, 2016 Trinity, Roselle Kim Epting, EptingK@trinityroselle.com 405 Rush St., Roselle, IL 60172 630-894-3263	Thursday, November 17, 2016 TLC Preschool, Huntley Vicky Piller vpiller@trinityhuntley.org 11008 N. Church Street, Huntley 847-669-5781	Allergies & Other Health Information
Wednesday, January 18, 2017 Sonshine Christian Preschool, Dundee Rachel Iverson staff@sonshinechristianprek.org 18N377 Galligan Rd Dundee 847-551-9935	Thursday, January 26, 2017 Grace Lutheran Preschool, Loves Park Stacie Leese sleese@gracelutheranpreschool.com 343 Grand Ave, Loves Park 815-282-6114	Technology
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 St. Paul, Aurora Diane Katz dkatz@stpaulaurora.org 85 S. Constitution Drive, Aurora, 60506 630-896-3350 ext. 601	Thursday, February 16, 2017 Immanuel Lutheran School, Belvidere Judy Schaefer mrs.schaefer@comcast.net 1225 E. 2nd Street, Belvidere, 815-547-5346	Educating Parents
Thursday, March 16, 2017 St. Andrews, Park Ridge Sue Johanson smjohanson@att.net 260 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge (847)823-6656	Thursday, March 23, 2017 Rockford Lutheran School (<i>Preschool is hosted in Mt. Olive Lutheran Church</i>) Mary Cannon mcannon@rockfordlutheran.org Mt. Olive Lutheran Church 2001 N. Alpine Road, Rockford 815-877-9551 X188	Creative Arts
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 ABBA Christian Childcare/ Family In Faith Amanda Cosby amandakayk@gmail.com 1480 Bloomingdale Rd Glendale Heights, IL 60139-2772 (630)653-7990	Thursday, April 27, 2017 Immanuel Lutheran School, Freeport Dan Green DGGreen@ourgodwithus.com 1964 West Pearl City Rd, Freeport 815-232-3511	Building Bridges between Family & Church
Wednesday, May 17, 2017: St. John's Lombard Laura Weston laura.weston@stjohnslombard.org 220 S Lincoln Ave, Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 932-3196	Wednesday, May 17, 2017 Joint meeting with both the East & West Regions	Planning Session for 2017 - 2018