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# Northern Illinois District East & West Regions Early Childhood Networks



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2017 - 2018

## What are the Early Childhood Networks?

The NID Early Childhood Networks (East & West) 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 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

## NID East & West Regions Early Childhood Network 2017 – 2018 Meeting Schedule

East Region	West Region	Topic
<p>Wednesday, September 13, 2017 <i>St. Paul, Mt Prospect</i> Amy Cimarusti <a href="mailto:acimarusti@saint-paul.org">acimarusti@saint-paul.org</a> 18 S. School St., Mt Prospect 60056 847-255-6733</p>	<p><b>Thursday, September 21, 2017</b> <i>Concordia, Machesney Park</i> Joel Koehler <a href="mailto:Koehler.concordia@gmail.com">Koehler.concordia@gmail.com</a> 7424 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Machesney Park 815-633-6450</p>	Large Motor Development
<p><b>Thursday, October 19, 2017</b> <i>Peaceful Hearts, Plainfield</i> Tracy Miranda <a href="mailto:peacefulhearts@peaceplainfield.org">peacefulhearts@peaceplainfield.org</a> 24024 W. Main Street (when using GPS: 415 W. Main St.) Plainfield 815-436-9857</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 26, 2017</b> <i>Immanuel Lutheran School, Freeport</i> Dan Green <a href="mailto:DGreen@ourgodwithus.com">DGreen@ourgodwithus.com</a> 1964 West Pearl City Rd., Freeport 815-232-3511</p>	STEM
<p><b>Wednesday, November 8, 2017</b> <i>Open Arms, (Grace) Northbrook</i> Lori Schneider <a href="mailto:lschneider@openarmsnorthbrook.org">lschneider@openarmsnorthbrook.org</a> 2245 Walters Ave. Northbrook 847-498-3060</p>	<p><b>Thursday, November 30, 2017</b> <i>Zion, Marengo</i> Santee Dunker <a href="mailto:ssdunk@gmail.com">ssdunk@gmail.com</a> 408 Jackson St., Marengo 815-568-5156</p>	Summer Camp Programs
<p><b>Wednesday, January 17, 2018</b> <i>St. John, LaGrange</i> Holly Hackelberg <a href="mailto:h.hackelburg@sjlgrange.com">h.hackelburg@sjlgrange.com</a> 505 S. Park Rd (47<sup>th</sup> &amp; Brainard Ave) LaGrange 708-354-1690</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 25, 2018</b> <i>Christ the Rock, Rockford</i> Doreen Peterson <a href="mailto:Doreen.peterson@hotmail.com">Doreen.peterson@hotmail.com</a> 8330 Newburg Rd, Rockford 815-332-5551</p>	Mental & Emotional Health
<p><b>Thursday, February 15, 2018</b> <i>Good Shepherd, Elgin</i> Jan Eigenfeld <a href="mailto:jeigenfeld@gselgin.org">jeigenfeld@gselgin.org</a> 195 Nesler Rd, Elgin 847-697-4745</p>	<p><b>Thursday, February 15, 2018</b> <i>Rockford Lutheran Academy</i> Curtis Wudtke <a href="mailto:cwudtke@rockfordlutheran.org">cwudtke@rockfordlutheran.org</a> 1711 Delcy Dr, Rockford 815-226-4947</p>	Staff Relationships And Recognition
<p><b>Wednesday, April 18, 2018</b> <i>St. John, Country Club Hills</i> Matt Kamien mkamien@sjcch.com 4231 183rd St, Country Club Hills 708-799-7491</p>	<p><b>Thursday, April 26, 2018</b> <i>TLC Preschool- Trinity, Huntley</i> Vicky Pillier vpillier@trinityhuntley.org 11008 N. Church Street, Huntley 847-669-5781</p>	Dealing With Crisis
<p><b>Wednesday, May 16, 2018</b> <i>Concordia University, Chicago</i> Aimee Walsh <a href="mailto:Aimee.Walsh@cuchicago.edu">Aimee.Walsh@cuchicago.edu</a> 7400 Augusta Street River Forest 708-209-3538</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 16, 2018</b> <i>Concordia University, Chicago</i> Aimee Walsh <a href="mailto:Aimee.Walsh@cuchicago.edu">Aimee.Walsh@cuchicago.edu</a> 7400 Augusta Street River Forest 708-209-3538</p>	Joint Planning Meeting for 2018 - 2019