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# Northern Illinois District Regional Early Childhood Networks Meetings



Northern Illinois District  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
2018 - 2019

## What are the Early Childhood Networks?

The NID Early Childhood Regional 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 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 NID with a similar topic each month.

### Target Participants:

- ❖ Early Childhood Directors
- ❖ Elementary School Principals
- ❖ Early Childhood Teachers
- ❖ Pastors
- ❖ Related Early Childhood Professionals at 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 in various regional 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 Regional Early Childhood Networks 2018 – 2019 Meeting Schedule

East Region	West/South/North Regions	Topic
<b>Wednesday, September 19, 2018</b> <i>St. Mark Lutheran Preschool</i> Julie Zimmerman, EC Director <a href="mailto:juliezimmerman@stmarkschurch.church">juliezimmerman@stmarkschurch.church</a> 101 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave, St. Charles, IL 630-584-4850	<b>Thursday, September 27, 2018</b> <i>Rockford Lutheran Academy</i> Curtis Wudtke, Principal <a href="mailto:cwudtke@rockfordlutheran.org">cwudtke@rockfordlutheran.org</a> 1711 Delcy Dr, Rockford 815-226-4947	<b>Staff Development Opportunities</b>
<b>Thursday, October 24, 2018</b> <i>Immanuel Lutheran School</i> Julia Heinz, EC Teacher/Admissions Dir. <a href="mailto:jheinz@immanuel-ed.org">jheinz@immanuel-ed.org</a> 310 East Main St. East Dundee 847-428-1010	<b>Thursday, October 25, 2018</b> <i>Trinity Lutheran School</i> Gerarde Gilege, Principal <a href="mailto:school@tlcs.org">school@tlcs.org</a> 6850 W. 159 <sup>th</sup> St., Tinley Park 708-532-3529. X 210	<b>Working With Teacher Assistants</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 14, 2018</b> <i>Trinity Lutheran School</i> Kim Epting, EC Teacher <a href="mailto:eptingk@trinityroselle.com">eptingk@trinityroselle.com</a> 405 S. Rush St., Roselle 630-894-3263	<b>Thursday, November 29, 2018</b> <i>Concordia, Machesney Park</i> Joel Koehler, Principal <a href="mailto:Koehler.concordia@gmail.com">Koehler.concordia@gmail.com</a> 7424 N. 2 <sup>nd</sup> St., Machesney Park 815-633-6450 X 221	<b>Student Assessments &amp; Portfolios</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 16, 2019</b> <i>Shepherd's Flock (Lutheran Home)</i> Jennifer Soukup, Director <a href="mailto:jsoukup@lulife.org">jsoukup@lulife.org</a> 800 W. Oakton St., Arlington Heights 847-368-7391	<b>Thursday, January 24, 2019</b> <i>Lord of Glory (Gloryland Preschool)</i> Donna Budil, EC Director <a href="mailto:preschool@lordofglory.org">preschool@lordofglory.org</a> 607 W. Belvidere Rd, Grayslake 847-548-0112	<b>Integrating the Faith</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 20, 2019</b> <i>Trinity Lutheran Early Childhood Center</i> Cassandra Sund, EC Director <a href="mailto:Cassandra.sund@tlc4u.org">Cassandra.sund@tlc4u.org</a> 2244 W. 95 <sup>th</sup> St, Suite 101, Naperville 630-946-6313	<b>Thursday, February 28, 2019</b> <i>Grace Lutheran Preschool</i> Stacie Leese, EC Director <a href="mailto:sleese@gracelutheranpreschool.com">sleese@gracelutheranpreschool.com</a> 343 Grand Ave, Loves Park 815-282-6114	<b>Referring Students to Special Education Programs</b>
<b>Wednesday March 13, 2019</b> <i>Trinity Lutheran School</i> Julia Messina, Principal <a href="mailto:JMessina@trinitylombard.org">JMessina@trinitylombard.org</a> 1165 Westmore Meyers Rd, Lombard 630-629-8765	<b>Thursday, March 21, 2019</b> <i>St. Johns Lutheran School</i> Matt Kamien, Principal <a href="mailto:mkamien@sjcch.com">mkamien@sjcch.com</a> 4231 183 <sup>rd</sup> St., Country Club Hills 708-799-7491	<b>Letting Children Fail....Life Lessons to Learn</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 10, 2019</b> <i>Immanuel Lutheran Preschool</i> Jessica Gade, Director <a href="mailto:Jessica.gade23@gmail.com">Jessica.gade23@gmail.com</a> 5211 Carpenter St., Downers Grove 630-968-3448	<b>Thursday, April 25, 2019</b> <i>Zion, Marengo</i> Sandee Dunker, EC Director <a href="mailto:ssdunk@gmail.com">ssdunk@gmail.com</a> 408 Jackson St., Marengo 815-568-5156	<b>Nature Based Learning</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 15, 2019</b> <i>St Peter Lutheran School</i> Julie Klopke, EC Director/Asst. Principal <a href="mailto:jklopke@FullLifeInChrist.org">jklopke@FullLifeInChrist.org</a> 111 W. Olive St Arlington Heights, IL 224-387-3867	Joint Meeting at St. Peter Arlington Heights	<b>Joint Planning Meeting for 2019 - 2020</b>