

**New Community Lutheran Church**  
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*Our Mission: Sharing Christ's love, hope, and help so that all become His disciples*

### **Letter from Pastor Steve Leinhos**

Dear parents,

Thank you for sending your child(ren) to our Child Development Center! It is the privilege of our staff and myself to teach the children that Jesus loves them. We are honored that you place your trust in us to help them grow as God's children, for their joy and well-being.

Our mission is based on Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19 - *"...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"*

As part of our Christian teaching, the CDC teachers and I plan to teach the children about baptism. I will be with each class during their "circle time" March 8th and 9th, teaching them what God does for children being baptized and the wonderful promises God makes to each one He loves.

Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to Me."* (Matthew 19:14) Jesus wants little children to be in His family and have eternal life. At our preschool, we believe that one of the ways God saves, forgives, and blesses children is through baptism. At New Community, we baptize infants and children as Jesus commanded and as the first Christians did.

Perhaps you attend or have attended a church which does not teach or practice infant/child baptism. I promise we will not put children under any pressure or make anyone feel sad or "deprived." Our approach is to say, "If you haven't been baptized, someday you may. Talk to Mommy or Daddy. Your teacher or Pastor Steve can talk with you, too."

We offer baptism as a service for the benefit of children and parents who haven't been baptized. If you would like further information, please feel free to talk with our director, \_\_\_\_\_, or myself, at your convenience. I am available daytime at the church office Tuesdays through Fridays, and on Sunday mornings after our 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

God's blessings to you and your family!

*Pastor Steve*