

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are committed to making decisions that will be in the best interest of the health and safety of our school community as a whole. As a general rule, we close when Avon Local Schools close. At this time, we have decided to err on the side of caution and close Faith Lutheran Preschool beginning Monday, March 16. We plan to reopen on Monday, April 6.

Unfortunately, "Day with Dads" on Saturday, March 21 is also postponed. More information will be available next week.

Our first step in preparedness is to go to our Lord in prayer. We pray for healing for those who have been affected by COVID-19 and comfort for those who have lost loved ones due to this illness. We also pray for an end to the spread of COVID-19.

The CDC offers many tips on how to avoid the spread of COVID-19 as well as many other illnesses, such as the flu. You can find those by [clicking here](#).

For more information about COVID-19, please visit the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) by [clicking here](#) or the World Health Organization (WHO) by [clicking here](#).

The CDC has indicated that it is believed that COVID-19 is spread through droplets via:

- the air by coughing and sneezing
- close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
- touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands

Common symptoms can range from mild illness to pneumonia and can include:

- flu like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and headaches, fever
- shortness of breath
- difficulty breathing

Our staff is preparing preschool activities and resources for you to use at home. We will notify you about resources, ideas, and activities that can be done at home in the near future.

Faith Lutheran will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as is necessary and appropriate. Should the situation change locally, or if the health agencies at our local or national level change their recommendations for how we should be responding to the situation, we will reach out to you immediately. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our school office at **440-934-2465** or **email me at preschool@faithavon.com**. While this is an uncertain time within our nation and our world, we know we can rely on the love and comfort of our Father in Heaven. "Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security." Jeremiah 33:6.

In His Name,

Michele Herner

