

Early Childhood Education Core Values

The Mission of the Michigan District—LCMS Early Childhood Cabinet is to encourage & facilitate Christ-centered, developmentally appropriate Early Childhood ministries for the congregations of the Michigan District.

We Recognize:

- That each child is a unique, redeemed child of God and that the spiritual welfare of each child is the primary focus for all Early Childhood ministries.
- That the family is a child's first and foremost teacher.
- That Early Childhood Education is an intentional ministry to the families of young children and as such it appreciates, respects, and supports the bond between the child and family.
- That Early Childhood Education is an integral part of the congregational mission and ministry.
- That Early Childhood Education is a partnership in ministry that involves the family, staff, congregation, and community.
- That children learn best through developmentally appropriate activities incorporating play and experimental exploration.
- That Early Childhood Education provides a warm, safe, and Christ-centered environment where children develop to their fullest potential spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.