

Early Childhood Educators' Conference Call

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Brief Bio for Paul

- It's in the genes...
 - My parents are Art and Vernetta Linnemann
- Jr. High teacher in Lutheran Schools 1980-1985
- MA in Counseling Psychology from Lewis & Clark College 1987
- Faculty member and Student Services member at Concordia – Portland 1987-1992
- Seminary student and Counselor for Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri 1992-1994
- Pastor at Our Redeemer 1995-2009

Preschool and Church – Partners in Ministry

- My experience as a pastor with a preschool
- Not all pastors are “kid people”
 - Identify how your pastor can participate based on spiritual gifts and personal interests
 - Help them by filling in their “weak spots”
 - Keep inviting... to meetings, special events
 - Share the credit

Preschool and Church – Partners in Ministry

- What do pastors need to become involved?
 - A “welcome mat”
 - Help in connecting with kids
 - A picture of the blessing in two ways
 - To the church
 - To the families
 - A persistent and winsome invitation

Preschool and Church – Partners in Ministry

- How can our preschool ministry impact the families God brings to us?
- What is the benefit of an effective preschool ministry to the congregation?
- How can the preschool directors encourage pastors to become involved?
- What do you think pastors need in order to participate effectively in preschool ministry?
- How can church members be encouraged to be a part of the preschool?
- What are my questions and concerns as I think about my situation?