

Director/Head Teacher



I am Stephanie Punke a graduate of Martin Luther College. I attended Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN from August 2009-May 2014. I am a double major studying in elementary and early childhood education. Through my double major I have had many wonderful teaching courses. One of my favorite classes was Teaching Reading which taught how to teach reading to students of all levels. I have been privileged to student teach 2nd grade in Libertyville IL, Kindergarten in Lafayette, MN, infants and toddlers in Nicollet, MN, Kindergarten-2nd grade in La Crosse, WI, and preschool in New Ulm, MN. Through these experiences I was able to

teach a variety of subjects and students which helped to increase my love for teaching. I absolutely love to read; you'll find me with a book in my hand at least once every day. My dad helped give me a love for hiking, canoeing, biking, and other outdoor activities. I have camped at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, canoed in the Boundary Waters, went white water rafting in the Grand Tetons, and many other exciting adventures. My whole life I have had many babysitting and teaching opportunities. I have helped run summer camps, and taught Sunday School. I love teaching children and helping them to develop a love for school. Another hobby I hold close to my heart is being a counselor and activity director for Camp B.A.S.I.C. (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) Camp B.A.S.I.C. is a camp in the summer for people with developmental disabilities. At camp there are many fun activities but the focus is the Bible stories that are learned during the week. This summer will be my 14th year helping out at the camp, it has become like another family to me. I also have a great love for sports. I have played sports all my life, I now am a referee and an umpire, and I enjoy watching sports on TV. While student teaching in La Crosse I was given the opportunity to help coach 5th-8th grade boys' softball. It was a wonderful opportunity and I'm glad I can start giving back to the sports I love.

We are very excited to have Stephanie Punke, with her education, experience, and all her God-given talents and interests, with us at Little Lambs.

Teachers

Emma Fischer

Emma has recently served as an assistant teacher at both Alexandria Area YMCA and Willmar YMCA. She studied child development at Alexandria Technical College. She is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Olivia. While Emma was in high school at RCW she was well respected in our community as a very dependable babysitter. We are glad to have Emma back in Danube working for us at Little Lambs.

Amy Garza

Amy studied elementary education at Southwest Minnesota State University and also attended Ridgewater College. She is a graduate of BOLD and now lives in Danube with her husband James and they are expecting their first child. She is a member of St. Matthew's in Danube where she teaches Sunday School. Amy has enjoyed working with children at St. John Lutheran School in Redwood Falls and at the Head Start program in Danube.

Beth Kuschel

You may know Beth from her involvement in the 212 WELS Soccer Camp which happens each August in Danube. She is married to Pastor Mike Kuschel and they have three children. Beth graduated from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN in 2004. Over the past decade she has been blessed with the opportunity of teaching in a variety of different settings both in urban Wisconsin and rural Minnesota.

Jess Scheuerlein

Jess attended Redwood Valley High School and then went on to study Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. Jess is a mother of one and is married to Eric Scheuerlein, who teaches at St. John Lutheran School in Redwood Falls. For the past few summers Jess has worked as both a lifeguard at the Redwood Falls Aquatic Center and at St. John Lutheran School of Redwood Falls MN. She also enjoys coaching volleyball and softball.