



**BUILDING BLOCKS
PRESCHOOL**
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2017-2018 Building Blocks Preschool Staff

Kathy Rebholz, M.Ed. - Preschool Director

Ms. Kathy has been with Building Blocks Preschool for nine years. She holds a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. Before coming to Building Blocks, Kathy taught various grades and was a reading teacher in the Parkway School District for eight years. Prior to becoming director, Kathy taught in all the preschool classrooms and developed the Music and Movement program. She loves the children, the teachers and church staff, and believes in this wonderful learning community. Kathy and her husband, John, have three children. In her spare time, Kathy enjoys spending time with her family, exercising and volunteering for Math Facts Scholars, a community mathematics program for elementary students.

Jen Sullivan - Preschool One Teacher

The Building Blocks staff is proud to have Mrs. Jen Sullivan on our team. Ms. Jen wins our one-year-olds over with her warm and loving demeanor! Her "little angels" literally jump into her arms and put her right to work. They play, get to know each other and have fun exploring their early developmental experiences together. Her previous experience working in an early childhood center and her own children's school comes through right off the bat. Jen has a degree in English and Journalism from University of Central Missouri. Professionally, Jen worked as a marketing representative for 8 years and stayed home with her children for 9 years. She and her husband, Sean, have two school-aged children.

Lisa Li – Preschool One and Preschool Two Teacher Assistant

This is Lisa's 13th year at Building Blocks. Lisa has a wonderful rapport with her little toddlers and they love and trust her. Her soft and gentle demeanor makes her very approachable by children and parents. She especially enjoys arts and crafts with them. Lisa has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and is a former accountant. Lisa has taken many early childhood classes and seminars. In Lisa's spare time, she teaches Chinese at the Daniel Boone Library. Lisa also likes to read and cook with her two children.

Corey Bequette – Preschool Two Teacher

This is Corey's second year working at Building Blocks Preschool. Ms. Corey spent her first year working in the Preschool Three classroom on a weekly basis and as a lunch bunch teacher. Her enthusiasm, yet gentle demeanor is perfect for our youngest preschoolers. She looks forward to working with her new students this year! Ms. Corey has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and was a substitute before and after her college graduation. In addition, Corey worked at Ritenour Early Childhood Center. In recent years, Corey has spent time volunteering at her children's school in several capacities. She and her husband have two elementary-aged children who spent their preschool school years at Building Blocks developing lasting friendships.

Susie Klemm – Preschool Two Teacher

This is Susie's fourth year at Building Blocks Preschool and she looks forward her first year in the Preschool Two classroom! Ms. Susie has been a lunch bunch teacher and substitute teacher for three years. She enjoys interacting with the children and watching them discover new things. Our preschoolers enjoy telling Ms. Susie everything they know about life. Ms. Susie holds a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education and spent seven years teaching middle school social studies in Francis Howell School District before raising her four college-aged children. She spends many weekends traveling to various colleges to watch them all play soccer!

Carolyn Miller - Preschool Three Teacher

We welcome Ms. Carolyn to the Building Blocks Preschool Three classroom this year. Carolyn comes to Building Blocks with a passion for early childhood education and special education. Her playful personality is sure to build a lasting rapport with her students. Carolyn has experience teaching in various early childhood educational settings with her most recent position at *Action For Autism Academy* formerly known as Howard Park. In addition, Carolyn worked as a paraprofessional for Special School District for six years. Carolyn and her husband have three children and two grandchildren. We are very blessed to have her join our wonderful team.

Peg Metroff – Preschool Three Teacher

This is Ms. Peg's fourth year at Building Blocks. After recently retiring from the Parkway School District, she spent her first year of retirement substituting in all of our Building Blocks classrooms and getting to know the children. Her positive energy and enthusiasm make learning fun! Peg has an elaborate background in education and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. She has taught all age levels: preschool, elementary and high school. She enjoys implementing daily lessons and activities to help your children grow in all developmental areas. Peg and her husband, Bill, have three grown children and two grandchildren.

Patty Geurkink – Preschool Four Teacher (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays)

After several years away, Patty returned Building Blocks Preschool last year. She enjoys listening to her students inquire about their interests and thoughts. She is an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and was an influential decision maker in the installation of the playground built many years ago. In addition, she taught in the one and two-year-old rooms. After many years away raising her children, she returned to us as a substitute teacher. Patty has over thirteen of experience working in early childhood classrooms and is a Missouri certified Parent Educator. Her enthusiastic, yet calm approach is always well received by our preschoolers and parents! Patty and her husband have two children.

Angela Yonker, M.Ed. – Preschool Four Teacher

Ms. Angela is a loving and knowledgeable teacher! She enjoys getting to know each one of her students individually. This is Angela's fourth year at Building Blocks and she came to us with lots of professional experience. Angela has a Bachelor's Degree in English and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She has taught first, second and fourth grades. Angela is a talented teacher who integrates the art of teaching with the science of teaching and her love for the children is evident in everything she does. Ms. Angela is an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and has been teaching Sunday School at Good Shepherd for seven years. Angela and her husband have three elementary school-aged children.

Susan Mayer - Preschool Four Teacher / Discovery Room Teacher

Ms. Susan is a seasoned Building Blocks teacher and has been with us for 20 years! Previously, she was our Preschool Three Lead Teacher and assisted in the Discovery Room. This is her fourth year leading our Discovery Room and she approaches this task with ease and excitement. Susan enjoys the children's enthusiasm when they discover something new. The goal of the Discovery Room is help children see that the Discovery Channel is not the only place to learn about the wonders of the world. Susan has a degree in Gerontology and has participated in numerous Early Childhood Education training classes. Susan enjoys being a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She enjoys spending time with her family and exercising. Susan is married to Dave and has three grown daughters and two grandchildren.

Joe Stanton – Preschool Music Teacher

Mr. Joe is thrilled to take on the role as music teacher this year! He has been a lunch bunch teacher and substitute teacher with us for two years. As a Good Shepherd Church member and a Building Blocks parent, Joe has been involved in different capacities. After working in several Parkway elementary classrooms, he's excited to be a part of the preschool team and get back into the classroom after taking time off to stay home with his children. He and his wife have two girls; both whom attend or have attended the Building Blocks Preschool program. He enjoys spending time with his family and competing in Triathlons.