

# Christian Day Nursery School

## PRE K

### December 2018



December is a busy month for everyone and that is especially true in Pre K. We will be busy preparing for Jesus' birthday by making our own Nativity. (If you are able please save Dannon Danimal drinkable containers for this project.) As we are making the nativities, we will hear stories of the Holy Family and their journey to Bethlehem. I hope all the emphasis on Jesus will help your child capture the true meaning of Christmas. We have also created advent calendars to help count the days until Christmas. Please remind your child to open the door every morning.

**Christmas cards for Luther Oaks residents.** The children have been signing cards and drawing pictures for the residents at Luther Oaks retirement center. We have made them for Halloween and Thanksgiving so far. If you have any unused Christmas card or would like to purchase some for us to send we would appreciate your donation.

**Nativity and Small One Movie** On Monday December 17, we will combine classes and watch The Small One movie and dress act out the nativity. We will share snack of milk and cookies. If you are to bring cookies for this event please see me. Thank you.

**Sledding** - On Tuesday December 18 we are tentatively planning on going sledding.... This of course depends on the cooperation of the weather. If the weather conditions are right we will sled on school grounds on the hill behind the scattering garden. I will need to have a signed permission slip and your child will need to have snow gear including snow pants, boots, mittens and hats! If we don't have snow we will try again in January. If you would like to join us we will be sledding the last hour of class time.

**Birthday Party for Jesus** On Thursday Dec 20 we will enjoy celebrating Jesus' birthday. The day is planned with stories, games and Temple talk with a special guest appearance. There will be a sign up chart on the parents board for snack and treats.

**CAC**—If you are able, please bring in new hats and gloves to be donated to needed children through the Community Action Center (CAC). Please leave the items in the box by the door of the classroom. We appreciate your generosity.

**Toys for Tots**—We are collecting games, toys and books for toys for tots. The boxes are located in the hallway of the Narthex. We have been talking in class about children who do not have all the things we do, this is a wonderful way to reinforce this!

**Show n Tell**—The children are always excited about their Christmas presents and can't wait to bring them in. On January 3, your child may bring in one item for show n tell. Please place the item in a bag marked with your child's name., and have them bring it into the classroom when they arrive at school. Thank you!

**Christmas Break**—There is no school from Dec 21—January 2. Enjoy your break. I hope that you all have a peaceful Christmas! May God bless your family with good health and happiness.

Mrs.. Rhoad

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**Sun**

**Mon**

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2	3 Mary & Joseph Gingerbread house Large Motor	4 Manger/Lamb What comes before Number sense	5 Temple Talk Angel & Star Mortimer's Christmas Manager	6 Stable & Baby Jesus F-I Phonic tubs	7	8
9	10 Parent gift Large Motor	11 Parent gift What's in the Middle numbers	12 Temple Talk Alphabet Upper/lower case Match	13 Mindful movements Christmas cards for Luther Oaks J-M Phonic tubs	14	15
16	17 Small One Movie The Nativity Shared snack Large Motor	18 Sledding Weather permitting Bring snow gear	19 Temple Talk Spin & Play Math	20 Birthday Party for Jesus	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<h1>Merry Christmas</h1>						
30	31 No School					

### Twinkle Christmas Star

Sung to: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"  
Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star  
How I wonder what you are.  
Shining high up in the sky  
Show the Shepherds where Christ lies.  
Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star.  
How I wonder what you are.

### We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas (Sign language)  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New year!  
Let's all do a little clapping  
Let's all do a little clapping  
And spread Christmas Cheer!  
(Insert jumping, praying , twirling etc)  
(Rub upward on chest, make C with hand , bring up )

### Away in a Manger

Away in a Manger  
No crib for a bed (cradle arms and rock )      The  
little Lord Jesus (sign language for Jesus)  
Lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky (point upwards)  
Looked down where He lay (move hands down  
twinkling fingers as you look down)  
The Little Lord Jesus (sign language for Jesus)  
Asleep on the hay (fold hands together and lay  
head on them)

### Christmas Bells

(To the tune of "Jingle Bells".)

Christmas bells, Christmas Bells,  
Ring them all the day.  
God the Father sent His son on that first Christ-  
mas Day.  
Oh, Christmas bells, Christmas bells,  
ring them all the day.  
God the Father sent His son on that first Christ-  
mas day.

### I'm the Gingerbread Man

(tune of "Skip to My Lou")

Chorus: Run, run as fast as you can!  
Run, run as fast as you can!  
Run, run as fast as you can!  
You can't catch me,  
I'm the Gingerbread Man!>/p>

I ran from the woman, yes I did.  
I ran from the woman, yes I did.  
I ran from the woman, yes I did.  
Cause I'm the Gingerbread Man!

Chorus

--continue song by replacing "cow" with  
man, cow, horse, sheep, dog, etc.

I ran from everyone, yes I did.  
I ran from everyone, yes I did.  
I ran from everyone, yes I did.  
But I couldn't run from the fox...  
CHOMP!

### Gingerbread Boy

(to the tune of "Muffin Man")

Oh will you bake a gingerbread boy,  
A gingerbread boy,  
A gingerbread boy,  
Oh will you bake a gingerbread boy,  
Then put him in the oven.

Oh will you eat the gingerbread boy,  
The gingerbread boy,  
The gingerbread boy,  
Oh will you eat  
the ginger-  
bread boy,  
Then take him  
out right now.



## **FYI**

### **Temple Talk**

Hope everyone had a very heartfelt Thanksgiving! I would like to THANK all who donated food for our "Tower of Hunger". We collected over 130 cans!! These will gradually go out to the Blessing Box.

December we will hear the story about *John the Baptist, Mary Visits Elizabeth and Happy Birthday Party for Jesus*". Our song this month is "*Mary Road a Donkey*." Our Bible verse this month is from Luke 2:7 "*Then she placed him in a manger. There was no room for them in the inn.*"

Merry Christmas !

Krista Wagner



### **Christian Day Nursery School**

We will celebrate Jesus' birthday by having a birthday party for Jesus. The class parties are planned with stories, songs, Temple Talks, treats, and maybe a visit from Mary the mother of Jesus. As is the custom at birthday parties, the children are asked to bring a present to "give" in honor of Jesus' birthday. The gift should be either children's new hats, mittens or scarves. These items will be donated to the Community Action Center (CAC) for their Christmas distribution. Place unwrapped donations in the birthday paper wrapped boxes in the hallways outside the classrooms December 19&20.

Christmas is the time for giving and this is a hard concept for young children to understand. We have three opportunities for your child to give a gift. First the preschooler will be making handmade decorations to be given to the CAC Homeless Shelters' Christmas Trees. The second is the gifts for Jesus (hats, mittens and scarves). Finally, we are collecting for Toys for Tots again this year. Unwrapped new toys can be placed in the boxes outside the CDNS office before December 7. Each year the CDNS teachers take on the task of teaching the preschoolers to "give" using the greatest example of all, God's gift to us of his son, Jesus. These projects assist the teachers in teaching the true meaning of the season.

Christmas Vacation...  
December 21, 2018 To January 2, 2019  
Classes resume...  
January 3, 2019

Michelle Schaffer CDNS Director

**Don't forget...** save Schild's IGA receipts and Box Tops for Education. Place the Labels & Receipts in the labeled box on the narthex coat rack. Thank you for supporting the school.

**Label!!!** With cold weather upon us and your child is wearing more outerwear Label everything (coat, mittens and scarves) so they return home with what they came to school with.

***Thank you to all in completing your forms and returning them promptly to keep us compliant with the state.***

***Happy Holidays to All!!***

### **Large Motor and Music**

The month of December we will continue to work on our basic motor skills as we play some reindeer games. We have played the scales on the "Boom Wackers" and are now trying to play the song "Jingle Bells". Listening and hearing are very important, so "Mr. Ear" will be visiting us so we can understand how we hear.

Becky Parcher

### **St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Merry Advent!

Wait, you say, don't you mean "Merry Christmas?" Nope. Merry Advent. Perhaps you have heard of Advent calendars and know that they are a countdown to Christmas. But Advent is a season of the church year for many Christians, including Lutherans. Advent is Latin for "coming to." Advent begins four Sundays before December 24. It is a time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ.

Advent is a time to slow down, take some deep breaths, and prayerfully prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. With the rest of world already in Christmas mode, even church folk have difficulty doing this. Yet there is great value in forcing oneself to slow down, to wait with expectation, and to meditate on the miracle of the birth of the Son of God. In this Advent season, consider how you might practice waiting upon the coming of the Lord. There are many free Advent resources on line both for adults and children.

If you do not have worship plans for Christmas Eve, you are welcome to celebrate Christ's birth with us St. Peter. A family-friendly service will take place at 4 p.m. on December 24, and traditional Christmas Eve worship will be offered at 7 & 11 p.m. All services will feature Holy Communion, beloved carols, and candlelight.

May God bless your family this Advent and Christmas season.

Pastor Ann