

CHRISTIAN DAY NURSERY SCHOOL

THREE YEAR-OLDS

DECEMBER



"It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!" ...Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps ... means a little bit more!" - Dr. Seuss "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"

Meaning of Christmas

This month we will focus on the true meaning of Christmas-the birth of Christ. We will hear stories about the first Christmas and learn songs about baby Jesus and His mother. We will also talk about the significance of giving and the importance of friendships. On December 22nd we will celebrate Jesus' birthday, with a fun Christmas celebration similar to what we did for our Fall party. We will post to ClassTag a sign up for donations. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to have families join us in the classroom for our Christmas Celebration. We will do our best to take pictures and videos and we will make it a fun and special day for our students! If you would like to send in a special "take home" treat we will place them in a bag that the children will decorate in class.

Classroom Activities

During the month of December, we will focus on learning shapes. The children will learn songs and poems about shapes. All craft activities will also emphasize shapes.

Gifts for Jesus

This month we will be collecting donations and talking about the significance of giving. We have two opportunities to bless our community. We are collecting new and unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots organization, donations are due by December 10th. We will also be collecting new hats and gloves of any size to be donated to the CAC. These donations can be sent are due by December 17th.

Dates to Remember

December 22nd—Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration

December 23rd—Christmas Break Begins

January 3rd—Classes Resume

Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have donated to our classroom. You truly help our program thrive with your generosity.

We are so blessed with such great families.

We would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and healthy New Year!

Mrs. Cole & Mrs. McKenna

FYI

Temple Talk

Hello friends. This month is all about "The Birth of Jesus".

The children will hear in Numbers 24:7, there shall come a star out of Jacob, in Luke 2:7 the children will hear about Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem to pay their taxes and the birth of Jesus and in Luke 2:11 the children will hear about and act out, the angels and the shepherds and listen to "Go Tell it on the Mountain."

Our song for the month is "Mary Rode a Donkey". Our bible verse comes from Luke 2:7 "Then she placed him in a Manger."

The children will bring a paper home about our first lesson and on the back side are some Advent ideas for the whole family.

Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Years.

Mrs. 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 16.

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 10. 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 23 To January 2, 2022

Classes resume...

January 3, 2022

Michelle Schaffer CDNS Director

Don't forget... save Schild's IGA receipts . Place the 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

Jody Chaffee, from the Firelands Symphony, was just here to give us a musical experience with different types of instruments. We will continue to play a variety of instruments in class. We have played on xylophones, tambourines, drums and rhythm sticks in class.

In large motor we have been doing many exercises, walking the balance beams, crawling under bars and through tunnels, jumping and leaping over poles and moving through the zig zag pattern. We will continue to body our bodies and work on our coordination as we play some Christmas games.

- Becky Parcher

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

Goodness me, where has the year gone? Already we are into the trifecta of Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's! Where has 2021 gone?

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the church celebrates a little season called Advent, which is from the Latin for 'to come.' In Advent, we anticipate Christ's coming to us as a child in Bethlehem, as well as Christ's coming to us at the end of days. The themes of Advent are hope, waiting, preparation, and anticipation.

This year, St. Peter will be focusing on the Advent theme of hope—for it seemed to us that we need hope in these days. Hope for an end to the pandemic. Hope for a restoration of something closer to normal. Hope for a cessation of the angry rhetoric and hateful words that are dividing our nation. Hope for Christ to come to each of us in exactly the way we need him to come.

What do you hope for? And how is Jesus coming to you? For I am certain, that if you look and listen carefully, prayerfully, faithfully, you will find that Christ is always present for you.

Feel free to join us for Christmas Eve worship at St. Peter. We have an outdoor worship at 6 pm (you can gather around a fire pit or sit in your car and listen to the service on your radio), and traditional worship in the sanctuary at 8 & 11 pm. There will be candlelight, favorite carols, and Holy Communion at all services. The 8 & 11 services will also be broadcast on Facebook and on WLKR 95.3 FM.

May hope and joy and peace be with you.
Pastor Ann

December Songs

J-E-S-U-S

(tune: Bingo)

God sent a baby to the world
And Jesus was His name, oh
J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S
And Jesus was His name. oh!

Let's All Do a Little Christmas

(tune: We Wish You a Merry Christmas)

Let's all do a little clapping,
Let's all do a little clapping,
Let's all do a little clapping,
And spread some Christmas cheer!
(Continue with the following:
...jumping
...twirling
...stretching)

Ring The Bells

(tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Ring, ring, ring the bells,
Ring them loud and clear.
To tell the people everywhere
That Christmas time is here.

The Reindeer Pokey

(tune: Hokey-Pokey)

You put your reindeer hoof in,
You put your reindeer hoof out,
You put your reindeer hoof in
And you shake it all about.
You do the reindeer pokey
And you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about!
(continue:
...nose
...antlers,
...tail
...whole self)

I'm a Little Pine Tree

(tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little pine tree
As you can see.
All the other pine trees
Are bigger than me.
When I'm all grown
up,
Then I'll be
A great big, merry
Christmas tree!





December 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Rudolph's Snowy Night Temple Talk	2	3 Circle Wreath	4
5 Shapes: Triangle Square	6 Who's in the Forrest? Shape Reindeer Large Motor	7	8 Quilt Dictation Temple Talk	9	10 Build a Tree	11
12 Shapes: Rectangle Oval	13 Candy Cane Thumbprints Large Motor	14	15 Present Craft Temple Talk	16	17 Foam Shape Trees	18
19	20 Polar Express Large Motor	21	22 Happy Birth- day Jesus! Christmas Celebration	23	24 Christmas Break	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	A small black and white illustration of a nativity scene with a manger, figures, and stars above.
*** Christmas Break ***						