

Christian Day Nursery School

THREE YEAR OLD'S

December 2018



THE BIRTH OF JESUS will be our focus in the month of December. We are planning many activities as we started with Advent in late November and end with our “Happy Birthday Jesus” party. We will have a special guest visit the children on this day.

We will also have fun throughout the month learning our shapes in our crafts, games, songs, books and centers. Each day should bring something exciting for your preschoolers to share with you.

GIVING/DONATION

There several opportunities if you are interested in giving this time of year.

TOYS FOR TOTS—Look for the Box located by the church office.

SWEATER DRIVE—Sponsored by the United Fund. You may place clean, gently used sweaters (all sizes) in the marked container.

BLESSING BOX or **NORWALK FOOD BANK**
Please give only non-perishable items.

NATIVITY & THE SMALL ONE

Monday, Dec. 17 & Tuesday, Dec. 18 we will have a special day with the 4s and Pre-K classes. The Small One is a movie about the donkey who carried Mary to Bethlehem.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY

Wednesday, Dec. 19 & Thursday, Dec. 20

We are asking for NEW unwrapped gifts of mittens, hats and scarves to be donated to the Community Action Center. These should be children’s size. Please place your gift in the box outside the classroom by December 14. This will be our Happy Birthday Jesus gift. The children will NOT have a gift exchange. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask, call or email.

NO SCHOOL December 21—January 2

Preschool will resume January 3

***Merry Christmas to you & your family
and many blessings in 2019***

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3 Large Motor Who's In The Forest?	4	5	6 Temple Talk My Quilt Dictation	7 Rudolph's Snowy Night	8
9	10 Large Motor Dazzling Tree	11	12 Temple Talk Build A Triangle Tree	13	14 Shape Christmas Tree/ Wreath	15
16	17 Large Motor Nativity & The Small One Rectangle Present	18	19 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY Temple Talk Crafts	20	21 No School Christmas Vacation	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	-----NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS VACATION-----					
30	31 No School Christmas Vacation					

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 Christmas cheer!
Continue with the following:
...jumping
...twirling
...stretching etc.

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 shake it all about.
You do the reindeer pokey
and you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about!

Continue with verses

...nose
...antlers,
...tail
...whole self

I'M A LITTLE PINE TREE

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

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

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



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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