

CHRISTIAN DAY NURSERY SCHOOL

PREK

DECEMBER



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— please be sure they are washed out and remove the label.) 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 created advent calendars to help count the days until Christmas. Please remind your child to open the door every morning.

Snack—We currently have plenty of napkins - no need to provide until further notice.

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. Please encourage your child to pray for and remember the people isolated this year especially. Maybe call someone or send cards from your families to reinforce what they are learning in class.

The Polar Express. - On December 20th we will be watching the movie "The Polar Express" with the other classes socially distanced in fellowship hall. We will share snack of cookies and hot chocolate. If you would like to bring cookies for this event please let me know—any cutout will do - I will need 2 dozen— Thank you.

Sledding - On Thursday December 16 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 the following week or in January. If you would like to join us we will be sledding the last hour of class time.

Birthday Party for Jesus On Wednesday Dec 22 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 class tag.

CAC—If you are able, please bring in new hats and gloves to be donated to needy children through the Community Action Center (CAC). Please bring these unwrapped items anytime the first 2 weeks of December. Thank you!

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 will help your child place items there on our way to the classroom. We will be talking in class about children who do not have all the things we do, this is a wonderful way to reinforce a giving heart.

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 your child's book bag and we will share during circle time.

Christmas Break—There is no school Dec 23—January 3. Enjoy your break. I hope that you all have a peaceful Christmas! May God bless your family with good health and happiness.

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

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
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 Je-
sus)
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
Christmas Day.
Oh, Christmas bells, Christmas bells,
ring them all the day.
God the Father sent His son on that first
Christmas day.

Must Be Santa

Who's got a beard that's long and white?
Santa's got a beard that's long and white
Who comes around on a special night?
Santa comes around on a special night
Special night, beard that's white
Must be Santa, must be Santa

Who wears boots and a suit of red?
Santa wears boots and a suit of red
Who wears a long cap on his head?
Santa wears a long cap on his head

Cap on head, suit that's red
Special night, beard that's white
Must be Santa, must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Claus

Who's got a big red cherry nose?
Santa's got a big red cherry nose
Who laughs this way, ho, ho, ho?
Santa laughs this way, ho, ho, ho

Ho, ho, ho, cherry nose
Cap on head, suit that's red
Special night, beard that's white
Must be Santa, must be Santa

Who very soon will come our way?
Santa very soon will come our way
Eight little reindeer pull his sleigh
Santa's little reindeer pull his sleigh

Reindeer sleigh, come our way
Ho, ho, ho, cherry nose
Cap on head, suit that's red
Special night, beard that's white
Must be Santa, must be Santa

Must be Santa, must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Claus
Must be Santa, must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Claus
Must be Santa, must be Santa



December 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Temple Talk Parent gift	2 Parent Gift "God Gave Us Christmas"	3	4
5 Reese Killian	6 Gingerbread House Large Motor	7 Mary & Joseph "The Christmas Story" Large Motor	8 Temple Talk-Stable & Baby Jesus "This is the Stable"	9 Manger/Lamb "Mortimer's Christmas Manager"	10	11
12 River Hudson G	13 Angel & Star "Little Star" Large Motor	14 Cards and carols for Luther Oaks	15 Temple Talk Polar animals Measurement journal	16 Sledding Weather Permitting Snow gear	17	18
19 Mrs. Rhoad Mrs. Rhoad	20 The Polar Express Movie&snack Large Motor	21 Crystal Ornaments Hot/Cold	22 Birthday Party for Jesus	23 No School	Merry Christmas	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Classes resume Monday January 3						