

December 2011

Merry Christmas!



ABIDING PRESENCE PLAY AND LEARN EXPERIENCE

A.P.L.E. Seeds Press

Christmas Chapel



It is that time of year already! Christmas Carols are playing on the radio, Christmas advertisements are on TV and the stores are already decked out in their holiday finest. There is a feeling of Christmas in the air and the students are beginning to fill up with that holiday spirit.

As one of our Christmas activities, we will be having a special Christmas Chapel program and brunch afterward. This will not be a regular schedule day. On Tuesday and

Wednesday, December 20th and 21st the students will need to be here at 9:00 and the program will begin at 9:30. After the program, we will have brunch in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a sign-up in the hall next to the preschool entrance to bring something yummy to share.

All are invited to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior as we gather with our preschool families. What a joyous time of year!



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)

VOLUNTEERING

We would like to have some volunteers to help with our Christmas Activity Day. Please sign-up on the VOB (Volunteer Opportunity Board) if you wish to help out on Dec 15th or 16th .

Christmas Activity Day

On Thursday, December 15th and Friday, December 16th, we will be having our annual Christmas Activity Days. These will be regular school days starting and ending at our normal times. However, we will not be following

our regular school routine.

As the children are getting filled up with the holiday spirit, many of them will be very "spirited" during these last few days before

Christmas. So, we like to try to keep them engaged with a variety of fun-filled Christmas activities. We will have popcorn and a holiday movie, Christmas games and crafts and even some holiday yummys.

Important Dates:

7:00pm Worship Service	Dec 7
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3 Year Old Christmas Activity Day	Dec 15
4 and 5 Year Old Activity Day	Dec 16
3's Christmas Chapel Program	Dec 20
2's, 4's, 5's Christmas Chapel	Dec 21
Christmas Vacation	Dec 22-Jan 2

Themes for December

Dec 4 — "Jj" Jumping Jim

Christmas, Giving and the Baby Jesus will be the themes for the month of December.

THANK YOU!!

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for all of the food donations that were brought in for the NC Food Bank over the past two weeks. APPLE Seeds Preschool donated 218 lbs. of food, which is equivalent to 184 meals! The folks at the food bank were very appreciative and said that all the donations were perfect for their backpack program, which feeds hungry children in our county/state. What a wonderful way to share the gifts that we can provide to

our children, with other children too.

A big Thank you to everyone!



Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with picture days. The brushing of hair and shuffling of kids was a big help to the teachers and floaters. We really appreciate all that you parents do to help our preschool run smoothly!

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise enough money in chapel to meet two more of our goals! We are now able to purchase a goat and a flock of geese for Heifer International. Geese provide eggs for families in desperate need of protein and a dairy goat can supply a family with up to several quarts of milk a day. The children love to vote on which animal we will try to purchase next! We will also start collecting for Charlie's Lunch Box special Christmas donation where 100% will go to children around the world.



The Flapjack Fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to all of you who volunteered, and/or sold tickets and came to eat. We made about \$380 to go toward our scholarship program. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Thank you also for providing such yummy food for our Thanksgiving Feasts. Everything was absolutely delicious! If you have a plate or utensil that was left, please come to the office to claim it. And to everyone who came to help set up for the feast, thank you for the help. We

always appreciate volunteers!

We have several volunteer opportunities this month, so please look on the Volunteer Opportunity Board to sign up



THANK YOU!

December Birthdays

	<u>3's</u>
Keely G.	1
Savannah K.	12
Sophie D.	14
Franki P.	31
Nicki P.	31

	<u>4's</u>
Bryce H.	26



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Ask your child why we light our candle as we begin each Chapel time. Because God is the light in our world!

Mission Statement

“We are the Church, growing in faith, reaching out, inviting in, and serving the needs of all of God’s children. We nurture the development of every child, teacher, and family by implementing current Developmentally Appropriate Practices and integration of Christian values in a safe, loving, and grace-centered environment.”

Invitation

Are you looking for a church home or just a new worship experience? You are welcome to join the Abiding Presence Lutheran church family on Sunday mornings. Services are held at 8:30 and 11:00am. Sunday school is also available in between services and begins at 9:40.

What has been Going on??

We were really busy in November. Fish the Magish came and performed some amazing magic tricks for the Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds. Polly Pilgrim told us some wonderful stories about Thanksgiving and the kids even got to dance the Hokey Pokey Turkey dance. In chapel we have learned about Abraham and Joseph and how John the Baptist told everyone to prepare for Jesus to come! We also talked about Thanksgiving and all the many blessings God has given us to be thankful for.

We are all very thankful for all of our A.P.P.L.E.Seeds families and want to wish each of you a very merry Christmas!



Watch out Hayden,
Fish the Magish might
make you disappear!

Prayer before Christmas Dinner

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful for each of those who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We bless you and give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to life the Christmas Day and forever. Amen.