

December 2014

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Chapel



ABIDING PRESENCE PLAY AND LEARN EXPERIENCE

A.P.P.L.E. Seeds Press

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 get excited.

We have many Christmas activities planned to keep us busy this month! Our most important Christmas activity will be having our special Christmas Chapel programs and brunches afterward.



On Monday, December 15th and Tuesday, 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,

These will not be regular schedule days. On Thursday, December 18th and Friday, December 19th 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)

Christmas Activity Days

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.



Themes for December

Dec 1 — "J" Jumping Jim

Dec 8 - "I" Impy Ink

Christmas, Giving and the Baby Jesus

Holiday Shopping Day

Do you need to do your last minute Christmas shopping? Here is your chance to go kid less! On Saturday, December 6th from 9:00AM - 1:00AM you can drop off your kids (ages 2 and up) and take off to shop. We will have all sorts of games, movies and crafts to keep your little ones busy. The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$10 each additional child. Bring a lunch. We will also have a wrapping table for a nominal fee, ready for you to have your gifts wrapped when you pick up your children.



Heifer International

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise enough money in chapel to meet three of our goals so far this year. Geese, bunnies and now bees have been the voted on animals for Heifer International. This is such a wonderful organization that allows the children to choose which animals they would like to go to children in need around the world.



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. We need a couple of volunteers each day of the Christmas Activity Days to assist the teachers. Thank you!

December Birthdays

Birthday wishes go out this month to:

Julia, Wyatt, Samuel, Avery H., Melissa, Mia C., Jack S., Chase, Nyla



Important Dates:

7:00pm Worship Service	Dec 3
Holiday Shopping Day	Dec 6
7:00pm Worship Service	Dec 10
Activity Day	Dec 15
Activity Day	Dec 16
2's, 3's Christmas Chapel	Dec 18
2's, 4's, 5's Christmas Chapel	Dec 19
Christmas Vacation	Dec 22-Jan 2

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We are on FACEBOOK, too!



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.

Reminders....

*Tuition is due by the 7th of each month with a late fee of \$10 if paid later.

*The teachers do a lot of fun stuff first thing in the mornings with the children, so please try to bring them to school on time as they might miss out on something! On that note, please make sure your child is picked up on time as well.

*With the colder weather, please bring appropriate change of clothes and make sure to send hats, scarves and mittens to wear outside!

*Keep an eye on the calendar on our website for important dates and information.

* Please make sure your children are following the posted playground rules while playing on the playground after school.



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.