

Christmas Chapel



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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. These will not be regular

schedule days. On Thursday, December 17th and Friday, December 18th 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. You will receive an email for Sign Up Genius to bring something to share for the brunch.

All are invited to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior as we gather with our pre-school 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

On Monday, December 14th and Tuesday, December 15th, 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 2
Holiday Shopping Days	Dec 7, 8
7:00pm Worship Service	Dec 9
Activity Day	Dec 14
Activity Day	Dec 15
2's, 3's Christmas Chapel	Dec 17
2's, 4's, 5's Christmas Chapel	Dec 18
Christmas Vacation	Dec 21-Jan 1

Holiday Shopping Day

Do you need to do your last minute Christmas shopping? Here is your chance to go kidless!

On December 7th and 8th, your child may stay for 2 extra hours. For only \$10 per child and \$5 per sibling, your child may stay at school until 2:30. We will have games, movies and activities to keep them busy. There will be a sign up on the PVO board and you must pay in advance in order to hold a spot for your child.

For those who are doing Kidokinetics they can still attend class and then stay until 2:30.



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. Ducks, bunnies and now a water buffalo 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.



Our first Mom 2 Mom sale was awesome thanks to all of you who sold, and baked and helped man the tables!

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 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:

Aubrey, Zane, Julia, Wyatt, Landon and Samuel



Themes for December

Nov 30 — "Jj" Jumping Jim

Dec 7 - "Ii" Impy Ink

Christmas, Giving and the Baby Jesus

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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. Please include 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.