



Advent Blessings!

December 2018

We join in the praises of the angels as we prepare our hearts this Advent season in anticipation of Christmas. Our emphasis during December will be on Advent and preparations to celebrate the birth of our Holy Savior, Jesus. We will also be working on learning a special song for the Children's Christmas service to be held in church on Friday evening, December 21. The Pre-K children will participate in the 5:00 PM service only. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to worship and praise God in telling the Christmas story. We are hopeful that all the Pre-K students and their families will be in attendance for this special Christmas service. We do appreciate knowing in advance if your child will be unable to participate.

The children will be making advent chains in school and bringing them home for display. These offer another opportunity to help your child count the days until Christmas and concentrate on the true meaning of this special season. Please share the Bible verses with your child each day.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Advent services begin on Wednesday, December 5, at 3:30 and 7:00 PM. There is a soup supper offered between the services. Please join us for worship as we prepare our hearts to welcome our King.

We will be having some fun with the story of the "Gingerbread Man" this month. We will be decorating cookies on Thursday, December 6. Check your December calendar to see if you offered to make gingerbread men cookies for us. Each child is invited to bring some decorations (frosting, sprinkles, etc.) to school to share with the class as we have fun decorating our cookies. Sign-up sheets for this will be in each classroom or on-line.



Toys for the Friends of Jesus need to be brought to school by Friday, December 7. See the Wednesday note for details.

Christmas for Kids for children ages 3 - 12 will be held on Saturday, December 8, 9:00 - 11:45 AM in the Trinity Gym & Café. See the Wednesday note for more details.

School supplies for Martin Luther School in Zambia need to be brought to the Pre-K classroom by Wednesday, December 12. Two of Mrs. Schneider's children, Caleb and Grace, students at WISCO will deliver our donations to the high school for us. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

The all school theme day for December is White Out Day on Friday, December 14.

Book orders for December are due on-line by December 15. Scholastic.com/readingclub
Our Classroom Codes:

Drska - GMDKJ
Hintze - L68RV
Klopf - MCR6J
Meyer - GNJNQ
Schneider - TJZ36

Pre-K classes will be having classroom Christmas parties on Thursday, December 20. We will be celebrating the birth of Baby Jesus. Again, please check your calendar to see if you signed up to help with our parties. The children will be having a gift exchange at the parties. Each child should bring a wrapped book costing between \$5.00 and \$8.00 to school that day. Please wrap the books and label them:

TO: A Friend
FROM: Your child's name



Our hope is to help our young children enjoy the fun in giving a gift as well as in receiving. We would encourage your participation in the ***Friends of Jesus Toy Drive and School supplies for Martin Luther School in Zambia***. This will provide an opportunity for your children to experience the joy of truly giving from the heart. Thank you to those who shared coins for Grace Church in Florida!

Friday, December 21 is a half day of school. Students are dismissed at 11:00 AM, although Extended Care will be available. As mentioned, the Pre-K children will be singing in the Christmas service that evening at **5:00 PM**.

Children should be at church by 4:45 PM on December 21. Find your child's teacher in the church pews. Your children will sit with teachers for the entire service though they do sing near the beginning of the service. After the service, please pick up your child in the pews and make sure teachers know you have taken them. These services are always such a beautiful witness to the glory of Christmas. **Please plan on attending!**

Extended Care is available until 6:00 PM that day, and for many days during the Christmas break, which begins on Monday, December 24. School will resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.

If you will need Extended Care during Christmas break be sure to complete the special registration form for this vacation time

A worship schedule for the special St. Paul's Advent and Christmas services follows below:

Wednesday Advent - December 5, 12, & 19
Worship 3:30 & 7:00 PM
Advent supper - 4:30 PM

Friday, December 21 - School Christmas Services
5:00 & 7:00 PM

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services
The Bridge - noon
Traditional - 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 PM

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Services
8:00 & 10:00 AM

Please consider joining us to worship our King.

**"...I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord! Luke 2:10-11**

We wish you a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!

