



DIRECTOR'S DIGEST

December

From the Desk of Jen Myers



All About Jesus

One of my favorite Christmas songs is "Happy Birthday Jesus." The lyrics state, "the tinsel and lights and the presents are nice but it's all about you." There are so many wonderful traditions around Christmas; decorations, special food, special church services, gifts, and

time with loved ones. There can be moments that I get all caught up in what we are doing and sometimes I loose why I am doing what I am doing. I have to remind myself time and time again Jesus is the Reason for the Season. At that first Christmas, I am pretty sure there weren't any decorations, special

foods, a whole host of social events and plies of gifts. There was praising God. There was singing to the Lord and coming to God as you are. Most importantly there was Jesus.

Our special traditions are fine and nice as long as Jesus is the focus.

Thank You!

A Big thank you for all the families that came November, 9th to sing at the church service.

Thank you for all of your help donating items for Operation Christmas Child. Tuesday the 16th, we prayed for God to bless the boxes as they go around the world to children in need.



Dates to Remember:

- November 26th-28th
No school Thanksgiving Break
- December 5 & 6 Boar's Head Festival at 7:30 p.m.
- December 7th from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Parents' Day Out
- December 9th, Preschool Christmas program 7 p.m.
- December 17th & 18th Christmas Parties
- December 22-January 2
No school Christmas Break
- December 24: Christmas Eve Services 4:30 Family Service, 7p.m. Worship Service, 10 p.m. Candlelight & Communion
- December 25th, 9 a.m. Christmas service
- December 31st, New Year's Eve Service

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Preschool Blog

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Advent Services

Wednesdays—December 3rd, 10th, 17th
9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Children's Sunday School Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24th
4:30 p.m.—Family Christmas Worship
7:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship
10:00 p.m.—Christmas Candlelight Communion Worship

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th
9:00 a.m.—Christmas Worship

New Year's Eve Service

Wednesday, December 31st
7:00 p.m.—Worship and Communion

I am very excited to announce that we now have a preschool blog. It is at <http://prek.lovemyschool.net/>. The blog has access to newsletters, links to hot-topic parenting issues, updates and photos of weekly happenings in our early childhood center. Students names will not be posted with photos on the blog.

Please subscribe by going to the web address and scrolling down on the left side. There is a subscribe to blog via email box. By subscribing you are emailed a notification when I update the blog weekly. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Myers.

Christmas Program December 9th, at 7 p.m.

I have a sign-up sheet by each teachers' sign-in sheet for refreshments for our December 9th program. If you are interested in bringing: 100% apple juice, plates, fruit tray, cheese and crackers or Happy Birthday Jesus cupcakes, please come in and sign-up or email or call me. Thank You!



Preschool Christmas Program is in the church sanctuary. Children need to be here by 6:45 p.m. and sit in the front with their teacher. It will be a short program with refreshments afterwards. Lyrics to practice are on the back page of this newsletter.



Parents' Day Out for children ages 3-9 will be held on Sunday, December 7th from 2:30-4:30 p.m. This is a Senior Youth Servant Event at no cost to parents. Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Please contact Brian Amey at 684-5201 or brianamey@holycrosslutheran.net to register.

RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
A Boar's Head Festival
December 5th and 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Be certain to include these dates on your family calendar for the Annual Renaissance Christmas Pageant. This colorful and majestic ceremony is a re-creation of the Christmas celebrations in the great manor homes of the Middle Ages which became very elaborate over the centuries. The ferocious boar was viewed as a symbol of evil and the presentation of the boar's head during the feast signified the triumph of Christ over sin.

More than 60 Holy Cross volunteers in elaborate medieval dress act out the drama of the manor house feast and the birth of our Savior in Bethlehem. Enjoy cookies, punch and coffee in the Fellowship Hall following both performances.

The program will fill your heart with the Christmas spirit. Please make plans to attend this beautiful and moving celebration to begin the Christmas season remembering what is truly Christmas: the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Certificates

As the holidays near, please consider purchasing gift cards through Kent Hoyer, in the church office. We receive a certain percentage from each card sold. You can buy everything from groceries and fuel to special occasion items.

We have: Chipolte, Pizza Hut, Papa John's, Subway, Panera, Starbucks, On the Border/Chili's, Red Robin, Applebee's, Dillons, itunes, Barnes and Noble, Bath and Body Works, TJ Maxx, Cabela's,

Target, Walmart/Sam's (If you don't see the name of a store you are looking for, visit www.glscrip.com.) Pick up your order form from the school office. Orders will be submitted frequently during the holiday season. If you have any questions about the program, Kent Hoyer would be happy to explain how it works.



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Christmas Program Music

Both Classes

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

Happy Birthday Jesus (traditional tune)

Mrs. Pierce's Class

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky
looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

2 The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky And stay by my cradle 'til
morning is night

Sheep Were There (to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Baa baa little sheep, What do you See?
An angel in the sky, looking at me.
Baa baa little sheep, What do you hear?
An angel in the sky, bringing good cheer
Baa baa little sheep, what do you do?
Tell everybody that, God loves you!
Baa baa little sheep, what do you say?
Celebrate the love of God, on Christmas day.

Mrs. Newlin's and Mrs. Boss' Class

Friendly Beasts:

Jesus our brother, kind and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude
And the friendly beasts around Him stood
Jesus our brother, kind and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
"I carried His mother up hill and down;
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town."
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow, all white and red
"I gave Him my manger for a bed;
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head."
"I," said the cow, all white and red.

"I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.

Go and Tell Everybody (tune She'll be Coming Around the Mountain)

Jesus slept in a hay bed when He came.

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Jesus slept in a hay bed, Jesus slept in a hay bed

Jesus slept in a hay bed when He came.

Angels sang, "He's the savior" when He came (repeat to tune)

Shepherds ran to see Jesus when He came (repeat to tune)