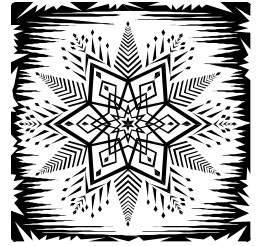


Trinity's Preschool News



January 2012

Coming Up Calendar

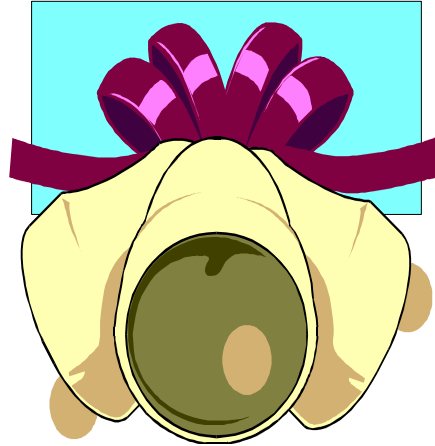
- Jan 2 First day of preschool
- Jan 2 PreK Chapel Service
10:45 am & 12:15 pm
- Jan 5 Jr. Preschool Chapel
10:45 am
- Jan 16 NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Holiday
- Jan 26 and 27
NO SCHOOL for
Jr. Preschool, PreK3 & PreK5
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb 2 Jr. Preschool Chapel
- Feb 6 PreK Chapel Service
10:45 am & 12:15
- Feb 13 PreK 3 Valentine Party
- Feb 14 Jr Preschool & PreK 5
Valentine Party



Jr. Preschool *Show and Tell*

Tuesdays

- Jan. 3 A Circle and Square
to compare
- Jan 10 A Triangle
- Jan 17 A Rectangle
- As the children begin to look
at numbers, we ask the chil-
dren to bring to school small
items for us to count.
- Jan 24 1 item to count
- Jan 31 2 items to count
- Feb 7 3 items to count



**Happy New Year
God's Blessings to All**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

In January you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss his or her progress in all areas of development. The conferences will be held Jan. 24th through the 27th. We will be sending home your child's progress report and work samples on Jan. 19th and 20th. To arrange an appointment, sign up on the sheet in the preschool room at the mail center. **Remember when you have signed your child's progress report please return it and the portfolio to us.** We will add the end of the year evaluation and more work samples and photos. The portfolio is yours to keep at the end of the year. I pray the Lord will bless our work with your children.

We Study the Alphabet from "A to Z"

The Pre-K3 and Pre-K5 classes will be introduced to the letter names and sounds during the months of January through April. We hope all children will recognize the upper case letters and some lower case by the end of the year. We are only introducing your child to the concept of letter sound association and do not expect mastery.

On the day the letter is introduced, we would like your child to bring in a picture of something that starts with that letter clipped from a magazine or paper or an actual small object. We will glue or tape this to the letter poster the class is making. Items will not be returned

Jan 2	A	Jan 6	B
Jan 9	C	Jan 13	D
Jan 16	No School	Jan 20	E
Jan 23	F	Jan 27	No School
Jan 30	G	Feb 3	H

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Faith Talk

“The Heart of it All”

JESUS is the heart of the family! Now that isn't a very difficult statement to come up with. What is far more difficult is putting into words and actions what that means.

Jesus is love through and through. Nothing else is in His heart. Whatever He does—speaking, admonishing, disciplining—is motivated by love. His is the only perfect love there is, and ‘Praise God’ we are all recipients of His love.

The place where our love is demonstrated and tested most is in the family. There is no other place where the various types of love can be put into practice better or seen more clearly than in the home.

The love of Jesus is the heart of it all for your family. It is the love Jesus has for you that gives you the power and strength to love your spouse and children, to overcome stubbornness and selfishness, and to give you the patience to keep loving no matter what.

Just once, when you catch your child doing something wrong, say, “Instead of punishing you like you deserve, I'm just going to love you because you need it.” Jesus shares His love with you freely. Let His love be the heart of your home.



Personal Care

You may keep a Chap Stick or Lotion Bottle in your child's backpack for dry lips and chapped hands this winter. Label with your child's name. These items will NOT be shared but they are important to a child's comfort.

Science Days

Throughout January the PreK science unit will be all about Dinosaurs. We will talk about how God made the Dinosaurs and all creatures on Earth. We will discuss such topics as what are fossils, how long ago did dinosaurs live, how were baby dinosaurs born, what did dinosaurs eat, and where did the dinosaurs go? If you would like more information for your family about dinosaurs and the Bible, go to www.answersingenesis.org

Next month our science topic will take us to outer space and the planets.

Women's Group Bible Classes

You are welcome to come and join the *Bible class of mothers* which meets in Trinity's library every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. during school days. Babysitting is provided for babies and preschool children. Classes will begin again in January. If you are interested call the church office (663-1578) for more information or feel free to just come join the group at any time.

Christian Essentials will begin again in January. This class can answer many questions about faith and the Lutheran Church.

Check out Bible Study Opportunities for the Whole Family—January 2012

Find the booklet in the church Atrium or preschool hallway.

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity's Congregation? Contact Pastor Easterday, Pastor Kipp, your child's teacher or anyone at our front desk about the Christian Essentials class for new members!

Prayer of the Month

Each month the PreK children will be saying a different prayer before their snack. This month's prayer is sung to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me”.

Thank you for the food I eat,
And for all the friends I meet.
Thank you for the clothes I wear,
And for all your love and care
Oh, Jesus thank you.
Oh, Jesus thank you.
Oh, Jesus thank you.
Thank you for everything.
Amen

Jr. Preschooler's Prayer

The Jr. Preschool has done very well with “God Is Good” as their snack prayer. We will now learn “Come Lord Jesus” before our snack. The last month of school we will use both prayers at various times.

“Come Lord Jesus, be our guest
And let thy gifts to us be blessed.
Amen”

Remember to have your child wear GYM shoes for the gym floor.

School Closing Policy

Make sure we have your correct numbers so we can call you on our School Reach program. Or you can check our on-line site. We follow the Crown Point Public Closings.

SCHOOL DELAYS FOR PRESCHOOL CLASSES

If a one hour delay is announced, all morning classes will start at 8:30 a.m.

If a two hour delay is announced, all morning classes will be cancelled.