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Trinity Lutheran Preschool

December/January

Christ the Lord is born!

Christmas Program

The Preschool Christmas Program is Friday, December 16th at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Bring your cameras. Following the program we will serve birthday cake in honor of Jesus' birthday.

Holiday Break

Enjoy your Christmas and New Year break, preschool will reconvene on Tuesday, January 3.

Monday Morning Prayers

A special thank you to Linda Musgrove who has set aside some time each Monday to pray with our preschool parents. Everyone is welcome to join her on Monday mornings in the Church Gathering Room after you have brought your child to their classroom.

Volunteers Needed

The preschool is in search of volunteers to help anytime Monday, Wednesday, or Friday

between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm next semester. If you have some time available and enjoy working with young children please, notify me and we can work out a time and see where you will be most needed.



Bethlehem Marketplace

Tuckston United Methodist Church on Lexington Road creates a wonderful way to experience the Bethlehem Market and see the wares and life of the time of Jesus' birth. My family makes this a yearly pilgrimage and it really helps to set the tone of what

Christmas is truly about.

When you are there follow the star through the market to see baby Jesus. This is a free event on Dec. 9th 7p-9p and Dec. 10th 3p-5p and 7p-9p.

Winter Puppet Show

The Athens Clarke County Library Presents: Annual Winter Puppet Show Week. At this winter's puppet show, the classic Aesop Fable, "The Ant and the Grasshopper" will be adapted from author Luli Gray's version into a fun, live performance. The shows will be at Lay Park Community Center on:

Monday, Dec. 5 at 7pm

Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 9:30 and 10:30 am

Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 9:30 and 10:30 am

Thursday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 am and 4:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 9 at 10:30 am and 4:30 pm



Trinity Luthran Church

Holiday Sevices

- Wednesday evening Advent Services and dinner. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm and the service follows at 6:30 pm.
- Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 11:00 am.
- 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Sevices
- 10:00 am Christmas Day Service
- New Year's Day Worship Service at 10:00 am

Ms. Kristin's 2 Year Old Class

November was a fun month for the two year old class. While studying the letter I, we used colored shaving cream and spoons to play ice cream shop together. It was good and messy! Our study of circles allowed us to play with the Twister mat. I think we all enjoyed jumping and rolling from color to color.

Everyone had a blast playing in our leaf pile the day we discovered autumn. We threw, kicked, stacked, and ran through the leaves from the tree in front of the school. Then we brought some inside, compared their colors and even pretended to be leaves...singing "we all fall down!" After reading the

story of Samuel and Eli, we built a bed out of blankets and listened for God's voice calling our names. For Thanksgiving, we studied good manners and even made cherry pies for dessert (out of playdoh, of course!) As always, please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.
--Ms. Kristin



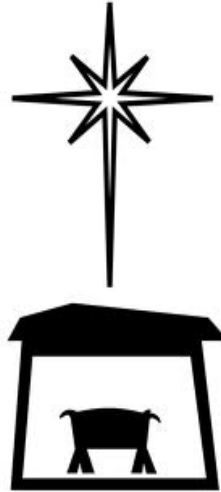


Ms. Tabby's 3 Year Old Class

Wow, November just flew by. We enjoyed learning about the first Thanksgiving and how they were thankful to God for all of the blessings he bestowed upon them. We spent a lot of time talking about what we are thankful for as well. We had a great time reading Stone Soup and bringing in all the ingredients that Ms. Shannon turned into a delicious soup for us. What great things we can do when we are generous and share and work together!

We learned the letters H,I, and J and the numbers 5, 6,7 and 8 and began tracing our first names. Many of us are already moving on to tracing our first and last names.

Now that December is here we are busy practicing for our Christmas program and preparing for the wonderful celebration of our Lord's birth. We are making presents for moms and dads (it's a surprise:) We will move on to the letters K, L and hopefully M and numbers 8, 9 and 10. We are always counting and



practicing our months of the year, days of the week and using our observation skills to describe the weather each day.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May your plans and preparations be filled with joy and love!

In Him,
Tabby

Ms. Jodie's 4 Year Old Class

It is unbelievable that we are now into our fourth month of school and amazing to think back to those first few days in August when we saw old friends and made some new. Now, it feels like we have known each other for so long. We have grown comfortable with each other and know what to expect from our teachers as well as the daily routine. In fact, our students know it so well they could probably teach the class, if we let them. Needless to say, collectively our self confidence has in-



creased since our first days at pre-school. We have a lot of excited pre kindergarteners and along with our writing, phonics, numbers and other pre-k skills, we have been learning about what to expect in kindergarten and what will be expected of us. As our four year class progressively turns into a class of five year olds we are getting more excited about our adventure yet to come at the "big school". That is why it is so important that we not only teach the

pre-k skills, but also teach what the Lord has given us through our Bible. Your children, upon entering kindergarten, will know that they are cherished and loved children of God and that God has so many plans for them. You have chosen to give your children an amazing gift of a Christian education in the beginning of their learning years. We thank you for allowing us to be the avenue in which Christ's love and story is shared. God's peace as you prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior.
~Ms. Shannon

Social Skills Taught Through Board Games

In my family we try to have a family game night at least once a week. Sometimes my kid's pile on our bed and we play a simple, but full of laughs card game of Skunks. Then, there are the times when we play a more intense game of Monopoly at the kitchen table. At preschool we teach your

children how to play games. Sounds simple, but sometimes there are obstacles to be overcome and skills to be taught such as, losing and winning gracefully, taking turns, cheering for your teammates and opponents, etc. We never encourage letting a child win, just to keep the peace. It is more peaceful to

reward them when they show good sportsmanship and cooperation. Some games we recommend: Memory, Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, and Go Fish. During the long Christmas break why not have a family game night?



Preschool Families



The Nilsen Family



The Tedder Family



The Malueg Family



The Deutsch Family



The Bullock Family



The Gonzales Family



The Zeuke Family



The Veeder Family



The Harris Family



The Musgrove Family