

# Family of Christ Christian Preschool

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## Christmas Concert



## Christmas Programs

All classes will be doing a short program for parents and families during school. Please invite any grandparents, neighbors and friends interested in attending. You may seat yourself in the church worship area where we have chapel except for class 3 which is in room 100.

December 16, Friday

Class 3 at 10:45 am

In room 100

December 20, Tuesday

Class 2 at 9:20 am

Class 5 at 10:45 am

Class 7 at 1:15 pm

December 21, Wednesday

Class 1 at 9:20 am

Class 4 at 10:45 am

Class 5 at 1:15 pm



## Christmas Party

Come for an evening of family fun from 6:30-8:00pm on Tuesday December 6.

There will be:

- A Christmas Store – for children to shop for gifts for their families...Cost is \$1.00 a gift. We will attempt to make lines shorter by having children select up to 4 gifts at a time. Later in the evening, children are welcome to return and purchase more items.
- Crafts
- Cookie Decorating
- Bake Sale (pay what you think it is worth)
- Storytelling
- Candy Walk (like a cake walk)
- Photo Opportunity – children dress up like Mary Joseph, Angels, etc.

Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board next to the front doors. We need volunteers as well.

## A Closer Look at our Program:

### **Music**

Music is an important part of our curriculum. Not only is music enjoyable it is also a great vehicle for learning.

Music teaches children to hear different tones and rhythms. It is also excellent for language development, as it is another way to expand children's vocabulary.

Furthermore, concepts and facts can be taught and/or reinforced through music,, such as a song about leaves falling down or "stop, drop, and roll." In this way music provided an active means for young children to learn and process ideas. As young children learn more songs, they are also strengthening their memory skills.

Participating in music is ideal, but all children have different levels of interest when it comes to music. It is good to expose children to different types of music. At our "music center" we have a variety of music instruments for children to explore and play. We also have a variety of music CD's that we play for the children.

Frequently we send home the words to songs we are singing at preschool. We encourage you to sing these songs as well as others with your child. If you or someone in your family plays any instruments, use these as well. Besides all of the other benefits music gives, it will build family memories!

### **December Snack Prayer**

We thank you, God, for happy hearts,  
for rain and sunny weather,  
We thank you,  
God, for this, our food,  
And that we are together.  
Amen



**Dec. 5:** Preschool in Session (No Anoka Hennepin)

**Dec. 6:** Christmas Party

**Dec. 7 and 8:** Chapel

**Dec. 16:** Christmas Program

Class 3 @10:45 in Room 100

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Class 6@ 1:15am

**Dec. 22 - Jan 2:** No School

**Jan. 3:** School Resumes

**Jan. 4 and 5:** Chapel

### **December Birthdays**

Brennan Asbeck - 1/2

Abbi Braddy

Taryn Bruner-1/2

Avery Cantwell

Abigail Hosfield

Charles Igvaldsen

Aviana Krcma-1/2

Audrey Kuhn

Ava LaPoint

Kylie Petersen

Jacob Person - 1/2

Kenadie Remmick- 1/2

Adrienne Tredinnick

Hannah Wefel - 1/2

JESUS



### **Items Needed**

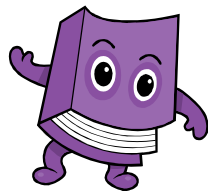
- Metal Juice Lids
- Items for our White Elephant Christmas Shop

### **Shoes, Shoes, Shoes...**

Please remember to send your child's shoes with them when wearing boots to school. If you forget, your child will have to wear their boots. This is not as comfortable for your child, but our licensing requires that children have footwear. We appreciate your cooperation.

### **School Closings**

Our preschool will automatically close when Anoka Hennepin School District #11 closes due to bad weather. Our preschool may also close at other times when the district does not. Listen to WCCO radio or channel 4 WCCO on the television for school closings. It will say "Family of Christ, Ham Lake." There is another Family of Christ in the Twin Cities area.) If any class misses more than three school days due to weather, these days will be made up in the spring.



### **Book Orders**

Book orders for this month are due Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Online Orders are due on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please write you child's class # on the order form.

Thank You! If ordering online:

**Web address:**

**[scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://scholastic.com/bookclubs)**

**Class Activation Code: GPVPL**

### **COLD WEATHER**

With cold and very cold weather coming, some clarification needs to take place on when we will and won't go outside. Our half day programs will be discontinuing going outside when it is around 30 degrees. If teachers will be having a special "play in the snow" day, you will receive notification in advance.

Frequently mittens, hats, boots and coats get misplaced or left at school. Also please label all articles of winter wear with your child's name. Hopefully with students, parents and teachers all working together, we will have a minimal amount of clothing lost this year.

Our extended day program will be going outside most days. If it is colder than 15 degrees, the class will be staying inside. Warm boots, mittens, hats, and winter coats will be needed most days. Please make sure that your child has adequately warm outer ware in that they will be outside for up to an hour depending on the temperature.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



### **Getting Ready for Jesus!**

- Action Rhyme:  
Every girl and every boy,  
Clap your hands and jump for joy!  
Advent is a time of cheer,  
Jesus

### **Santa Loves Jesus!**

#### **Jesus is the Best!**

Santa comes but once a year – **Jesus is always present.**

Santa comes down a chimney uninvited  
**Jesus stands at your heart's door,**  
**knocks, and then enters.**

You have to wait in line to see Santa-  
**Jesus is as close as the mention of His name.**

While Santa says "You better not cry" -  
**Jesus says "Cast all your cares on me,**  
**for I care for you.**

While Santa puts gifts under your tree –  
**Jesus became our gift and died on the cross.**

***It is our prayer that you and your family have a blessed Christmas as you celebrate and rejoice in the god news of our Savior Jesus!***

