



December

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

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Ahhhh, December is here! "Advent" is a season of waiting, a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Savior. Let's use that as a cue to simplify our home schedules and ponder the joy of Jesus coming as a baby to save us from our sins. Take a moment and read Luke 2 and pray for a deeper understanding of the miraculous birth. I also encourage you to provide some quiet moments with your child: reading stories, snuggling by the lights of the tree and singing Christmas songs together, and joining with your family at church to celebrate Jesus' birth. As always, your family is welcome to join the family at Abiding Savior in worship and special events this month. See the full worship schedule at abidingsaviorlutheran.org

Thanks! Thanks to all our Pre-K chaperones to Schnucks in November. Our Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten **Grandparents' Days** before Thanksgiving were also a real joy. Special thanks to the parents who sent in snacks and helped with our special days. Children and Grandparents seemed to have many happy moments celebrating God's blessings! Watch for candid photos on our Shutterfly site. Your professional photos will be coming soon.

Sharing: Wow! 68 boxes of cereal were collected by our children to give to some needy families in St. Louis. What a blessing!

We will again give the children an opportunity to develop their caring hearts. Our Christmas mission project is sharing small gifts with children in the hospital through **Baskets of Hope**. Info was recently sent home and is also by the tubs in the hallway. During this season of *getting*, let's help our children realize the true joy of *giving*!

Poinsettias: Thank you for your great response to the poinsettia sale! The proceeds of approximately \$500 will help purchase needed teaching materials for your children's classes.

Enrollment Notice: Re-enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year begins in January. Current students have priority enrollment until January 18. In this current year most of our classes are at capacity, so we encourage you to make your decision quickly after receiving your enrollment information in January. (Enrollment opens to the community on January 19.) Current Pre-K students also have priority for Kindergarten at ASLS. Kindergarten Parent Information Night is January 12. Sign up in the hallway for personal tours of Kindergarten and advanced information.

Children's Day Out classes are celebrating the joy of Jesus' birthday with the following weekly themes: Baby Jesus in the manger; Shepherds worship Baby Jesus; Shepherds tell the Good News. They will sing, create, hear stories, and play together each day. Happy Birthday, dear Jesus!

Have a Toddler? You and your child (18-36 months) are invited to a special evening of games, crafts, and singing! Our *Advent Play & Pray* is offered Dec. 5 or 6, 6:15-7:15. If you haven't yet registered, call the school office today! 314-892-4408. It's a FREE event! Bring a friend.



**Abiding Savior Lutheran
Early Childhood Ministry**

Early Childhood Christmas Service: All Pre-K and Preschool students will take part in leading the worship service on **Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 P.M.** Your family is also welcome to attend a light dinner ahead of time, sponsored by Abiding Savior. (Sign up for dinner at the display in the atrium). During the worship service, the children will share some of the songs that we are learning in our Jesus Time throughout this month. The Pre-K classes will also prepare a brief video to be shown during the service. We invite all parents, siblings, grandparents, and special guests to join us in this special way to celebrate Jesus' birth. Come, sit back, relax, and enjoy the peaceful, simple message that "Jesus, the Savior, is born"! Nursery will be available for younger siblings, if you so desire. (Details to follow)



Interested in Abiding Savior Lutheran Church? We would love to have you join our faith family! All newcomers to our church are invited to attend the next orientation series or arrange a meeting to talk about Baptism. Please contact Julie Schmid at 314-894-9703 or at jschmid@abidingsaviorlutheran.org for more information.



Brrrr: It's hat and heavy coat weather! **Hint: mittens are lots easier than gloves!** We will try to go outside and get a little fresh air as many days as possible this winter. Put names in coats, please.

Jesus' Birthday Party: Party Schedule: TEAL- Friday, Dec 16, YELLOW, PURPLE, GREEN on Monday, Dec 19, RED, BLUE, ORANGE on Tuesday, Dec 20. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend. If you would like to help plan the snacks and activities for the party, please contact one of the volunteers for your class. The parties mark the last day of class.



Field Trip: Pre-K students will get to share the joy of Jesus by singing Christmas songs for the residents of Orchid Terrace on Friday, December 9 at 10:00 am. Both morning and afternoon classes will still be on regular schedule. *Jesus is born!*

Developmental Screenings are strongly encouraged for all Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten children. Lutheran Association of Special Ed (LASE) will come directly to our school on **Monday, January 23** to conduct the Dial R screening for a fee. Or, you may make arrangements with your school district to have the screening done for free at their offices. Abiding Savior will also receive a copy of the results to better serve your child. An information packet will be sent home the first week of January.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed, Dec 9, 10:30 am: Pre-K classes sing at Orchid Terrace senior home

Wed, Dec. 14, 7:00 pm.: Early Childhood Christmas Worship Service

Dec. 21-Jan 2: NO EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES. Classes resume Jan. 3

January 16: NO SCHOOL due to MLK, Jr Day

January 19-20: "Sneak-a-Peek" Open House Days for all prospective students

January 23: Developmental Screenings at ASLS for all who register

February 16 & 17: NO Preschool or Pre-K classes due to Parent/Teacher consultations (CDO on regular schedule)

