



January

He changes time and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. Daniel 2:21

2012

HAPPY BRAND NEW YEAR! In his message at the New Year's Eve worship, Pastor David quoted from this wonderful passage of Scripture and I thought I'd share it with you as our New Year's wish to your family. (If you want to hear the whole sermon, you can hear it through our website: abidingsaviorlutheran.org)

Numbers 6:24-26 *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.*

Thanks to all who attended our Christmas Worship, the Play and Pray evenings, chaperoned for the Pre-K caroling at Orchid Terrace and to those of you who helped make our Birthday Parties for Jesus so special. Thanks also to so many of you for your cards, gifts, and warm wishes to our staff. We each also had happy family times and enjoyed our days off. Now, we're ready for a fun-filled new year!

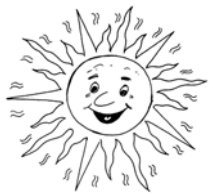
Abiding Savior Lutheran Church welcomes you! Sunday, January 8 begins a new membership class. Please contact Julie Schmid at 314-894-9200 for more information.

FAST DIRECT update: **Starting in February, this monthly ECM newsletter will only be sent through Fast Direct, our online communication system.** A copy will also continue to be posted on the ECM portion of the Abiding Savior website. A few hard copies will be available on the Tell-Us Trellis in the ECM hallway. If you wish to continue receiving a hard copy, please contact Bev Gruenwald. If you are having any difficulty accessing information on Fast Direct, please contact our school secretary, Sue Robertson, at srobertson@abidingsaviorlutheran or at **314-892-4408**.

Basket of Hope: Thanks for your generosity! Several large boxes of toys, books and gifts were brought in by our students in December to donate to children in the hospital. Thank you for modeling to your children the joy of giving!

The Mitten: Throughout the winter, each child in the Preschool classes will have a chance to take home *The Mitten* book and also find something from home to hide in the class mitten. Watch for your turn and help your child enjoy the story and participate

Opposites: We'll look at different pairs of opposites this month: hot/cold, light/dark, day/night, and more. Look for opportunities at home to discuss opposites with your child.



Beach Days! We'll study the opposite of chilly winter weather and layers of warm clothing by having some fun in our own "beach"! We'll paint sunny pictures, compare shells, feel sand, and read lots of beach stories. We'll crank up the heat! You can have your child join the fun by wearing shorts, sunglasses, hats, sandals, and even bring along a beach towel! Beach Days are Wed and Thurs. Jan 25 & 26 for Preschool and Pre-K.

Children's Day Out classes will explore winter, mittens, and have snowman fun! In Jesus Time, we'll focus on Jesus loves me, friends and being a helper.



We love our Parent Volunteers! Any Pre-K parent that wants to help during a regular class session, sign up by the Tell-Us Trellis. Thanks to all who have already helped!

Enrollment for 2012-2013: Re-Enrollment information was sent home. Current Students (and their siblings) have top priority for their choice of classes for next year only until JANUARY 18. Our classes fill up quickly, so please don't delay if you are interested in reserving a spot. We hope to see your child/children back with us!!

It's Nice to Share! If you are happy at Abiding Savior, please share the news! Invite a friend to attend the upcoming **Sneak-a-Peek days** For each invited child that enrolls, your family will receive a \$25 thank you gift! (To be awarded in September.)



Parent/Teacher Consultations: These 15 minute sessions will be offered to Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten parents on **Thursday, February 16 and Friday, February 17**. Think about any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development. In order to provide enough consultation time, there will be **NO PRESCHOOL or PRE-K, NO LUNCH BUNCH, and NO PRESCHOOL PLUS** on those 2 days. (Children's Day Out will still be in session.) A reservation form will be sent home soon where for you to indicate when the best meeting time would be in your busy schedule. A specific appointment time will be assigned by your child's teacher.

Developmental Screenings – SIGN UP TODAY! If you want the ease of having your child be assessed with the DIAL screening right here at school, please register by **Friday, Jan.13**.



Snow Day Information: In case of another round of snow or ice, please listen for the **Abiding Savior Lutheran School** announcement on local TV stations and on their websites. The decision will be announced for closing school but, as always, parents should use their own judgment if it is safe to drive in your area.

New Snack Prayer: (Tune: B-I-B-L-E)

**“J-E-S-U-S, Oh You're the Friend for us!
We thank You for this food we share, Oh, J-E-S-U-S!”**



LOOKING AHEAD:

Thurs, January 12, 7pm: Kindergarten Parent Information Night (free babysitting provided)

Fri & Sat, Jan 13 & 14, 7pm: **FREE showing of the movie, Courageous at Abiding Savior**

Mon, January 16: NO SCHOOL due to MLK, Jr Birthday

January 19 & 20, 8:30-11: Sneak-a-Peek Days for prospective students

Thurs & Fri, February 16 & 17: Parent/Teacher Consultations (No School for Preschool & Pre-K)

Mon, February 20: NO SCHOOL, due to Presidents' Day

Thurs, March 1, 6:30-8pm: **MOM'S NIGHT!** (for all Preschool and Pre-K families)

Announcing: KIDS' CAMP 2012 “Save the Date” for summer enjoyment and education for your 2-8 year-olds: Two sessions of Kids' Camp will be offered, each based on a different theme: June 12, 13, 14 & July 10, 11, 12. Camp days run from 9:00am – 1:00 pm.