

Our Redeemer
Lutheran Preschool
December 2019 Newsletter



Singing in church

We will be singing in church on Wednesday, December 11th at the 7:00 p.m. service. This is a dress-up occasion. Please plan on bringing your child, if you are able to.

We will have you and your child sit towards the front of the church near an end so when it is time to sing, they can easily get out and come up front to sing with us. Please arrive a few minutes early so you can find a seat near the front. The church service will start and then about 10 minutes into the service, Pastor will announce when it is time for the children to come up front to sing. We will be singing the song, "Away in a Manger". When we are finished singing, your child can then go back to sit with you.

Craft Fair

Thank you to all who donated items, volunteered to work a shift, or came and purchased items at the Craft Fair in November. This event raised over \$3600 for the preschool. It was such a blessing to us to have this fundraiser and this much support from all of you!!

Christmas Wish Lists

There are Wish Lists outside of both classrooms. If you would like to purchase something for the classroom, there are still some items on the Wish Lists that you can choose from.

Please return the item along with a monetary donation and we will do the purchasing or choose an item that you can buy on your own and return to us. Thank you for thinking of us!

Collecting Change

The children will be collecting coins during the next few weeks of school to help raise money for Bible storybooks for children in Ethiopia. This is a program through the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) that will consist of translating and publishing a bible story book or small catechism into the languages of Ethiopia. The books are given free of charge to the families and churches that need them.

It costs around \$5 to print a copy of this book. Please consider sending any spare change to school with your child to be placed in our money bank for this fund. We will accept donations up until Thursday, December 19th. Thank you and God's blessings during this holiday season!

Christmas Program & Art Show

All of our preschool families are invited to these programs!!

***AM 4-year-old Program—Thursday, Dec. 19th @ 10:30 AM**

PM 4-year-old Program—Thursday, Dec. 19th @ 2:30 PM

The programs will be held in the chapel and cookies and juice will be served following the program in the Fellowship Hall. There are sign-up sheets outside our classroom to provide cookies, juice, napkins, or cups. THANK YOU!!!

There is no 3-year-old Christmas Program!

Weather Cancellation Policy

It is important to listen to a radio or TV station or to receive alerts on your phone to find out if the Dubuque Public and Parochial Schools are delaying school or canceling school for weather related reasons as we follow what DCS does.

If the Dubuque Community Schools (DCS) are **delaying their start time by one hour, we will have school as usual.**

If the DCS are delaying their start time by two hours, we will start all classes at 9:30.

If the DCS are **releasing early, we will not have afternoon classes, but will still have the morning classes.**

If the DCS are **canceling completely because of weather, we are cancelled all day also.**

I will send an email and a text message out to everyone informing them of what we are doing as well. Please check your emails and phones! We will also post all school delay/cancellation information on our Facebook page located at <https://www.facebook.com/oripreschool/>.

Events

***Book orders due on Thursday, December 5th to ensure they arrive before break.**

Christmas Break Reminder: No Preschool from Dec. *20th - Jan. 5th. Classes resume on January 6th.

***Guest Readers will begin in January.** Please watch for sign-up sheets outside each classroom for dates and times to read to the class.

*Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and
a Blessed New Year!
Our Redeemer Preschool Staff*