

All Saints' Church School Newsletter

Church School News - November 2015

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway into November! Our Church School groups have had a busy fall so far and have many great events coming up! October was filled with wonderful lessons in the classroom and special activities outside of the classroom. The Lower Church School classes had the opportunity to plant daffodil bulbs around the church that we are looking forward to watching bloom in the spring. We started that morning with a lesson on the Parable of the Sower before heading out to plant with our wonderful volunteers! Later in the month, the Upper Church School classes hosted an amazing Halloween Party for our Lower Church School groups. The children loved having the "big kids" lead them in fun activities, including broom races and digging for "eyeballs" in spaghetti!

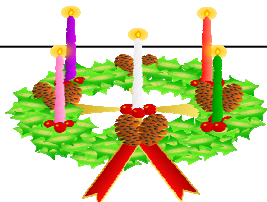
In November, we have more time in our classrooms to dig into our curriculum. Our J2A group is learning about liturgy and tradition as they take on the planning of this year's Christmas Pageant! Our Rite-13ers are excitedly looking forward to the Middle School Retreat coming up on Nov. 20th, and our Godly Play group is hearing many of the Sacred Stories from the Old Testament, including Joseph and Moses.

It has been awe-inspiring to walk through the church on Sunday mornings and peek into each classroom. Our groups have been FULL of children engaged in learning about our faith. We definitely feel God's love at work as we see so many families making Church School a priority in their busy lives. It is wonderful to be a part of planting the word of God in the "soil" of these little hearts and watching those seeds take root as these children - from our littlest Colors of Christ students right up to our Young Adults in Church - continue to grow in front of our eyes!

Advent Wreath Making Sunday, November 29th

The Lower Church School groups will be making Advent wreaths on Sunday, November 29th. Please drop your children off in their usual classroom at 9:45am. During coffee hour, we will have the wreaths off to the side on a table so that you can grab your children's wreaths before you head home.

We are looking for donations of greens to decorate our wreaths. If you are able to bring any, please drop them off in the Parish Hall the morning of Nov. 29th. Thank you for your help!



Important Information for the Christmas Pageant!

This year's Christmas Pageant will be run by the J2A Class. Auditions will be held after the 10am Service on 2 Sundays, to accommodate Thanksgiving schedules.

Where: In the Upstairs Meeting Rooms

When: Sunday, Nov. 22nd (After 10AM service)

OR

Sunday, Nov. 29nd (After 10AM service)

What to Expect: We ask that a parent attend with their child, to assist with filling out registration sheets and to get the pageant information documents.

We are looking for Actors (for all traditional roles in the pageant), Dancers (as well as a choreographer), Musicians, and Crew. *The audition will be very friendly.* Given your child's interest, they will let us know what they would like to do, what they have done, and what they are willing to do. Each audition will only take a few minutes, and kids can go when they are done.

We have a fantastic plan for this year's pageant, but we need all of you to make it work! Come be part of the pageant!!



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Homespun Holiday Fair

Our Church School classrooms are excited to participate in the **Homespun Holiday Fair** by contributing themed baskets to raffle off during the event. You will be hearing from your children's teachers shortly, if you haven't already, about the theme of their classroom basket. We are asking each family to contribute to the basket by bringing in an item that goes along with the theme by Sunday, November 29th. Stay tuned for more information! As always, if you have any questions please contact Debbie Collins.

Notes from M.O.M (Minister of Music)

The remaining singing dates for this "season" are 11/22, 12/6 (Penguins only), 12/13 (B# only), **4pm on 12/13 for Lessons and Carols**, 12/24 at 4pm, 1/6 Epiphany eve 7pm service.

I am also still looking for hosts for our Wolverhampton, England visitors from 2/12-2/18. Please consider hosting!

Please also make sure that the 5/1/16 at 4pm Treble Choir Festival makes its way onto your 2016 calendars.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sun, Nov 15th – 9AM – J2A Workshop to put together plans for pageant – meet in Parish Hall

All other Church School groups: Normal

Fri, Nov 20th – Sun, Nov 22nd – Rite-13 at Middle School Retreat at Barbara C. Harris Camp

Sun, Nov 22nd – Disco Penguins and B# Choirs sing at 10AM service (9:30 rehearsal)

All Lower Church School Groups: Normal

No Rite-13 due to retreat

J2A hosts Christmas Pageant auditions after 10AM service

Sun, Nov 29th – Lower Church School – Advent Wreath Making during normal class time

No Rite-13 and No YAC

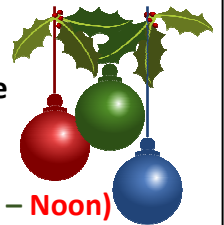
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Saturday, December 5th – Homespun Holiday Fair – 9AM – 4PM (Pictures with Santa 10 – Noon)

Sun, Dec 6th – Disco Penguins sing at 10AM service (9:30 rehearsal)

All Church School Groups: Normal

Christmas Pageant rehearsal after 10AM service



Acolyte Schedule	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
8am Crucifier	Bob Andrews	Connor Cahill	Bob Andrews
10am Crucifier	Heather Anderson	Nate Psilopoulos	Rebecca Favreau
10am Server	Luke March	Hannah Seyffert	Jenna Favreau
10am Torch Bearer	Justin Charbonnier	Luke March	Aly Moore