



All Saints' Church School Newsletter

Church School News - December 2014

All of our Church School groups are excitedly preparing for the birth of baby Jesus! We kicked off the season with an Advent wreath making event and learned about the meaning behind the Advent wreath. The children were surprised to see that St. Nicholas had left a small gift in their shoes while they were busy making their wreaths! We hope that you will find the time this season to light the candles each week, say the prayers, and reflect on the **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE** that this season brings! Merry Christmas!

Thoughts on Serving as a Safe Church Advocate

Back in January, I started attending All Saints' Church after a two-year hiatus. I had taken some time off to reflect on various questions regarding religion and spirituality, hoping that, if I thought about them long enough, all the answers would come to me and I could then proclaim unequivocally that I truly understood what it means to be a Christian. Well, let's just say that all that thinking led to even more questions and the realization that not attending church actually stumped my spiritual growth.

I returned to All Saints' with a willingness to support any one of its many missions. Since I have two young daughters who attend Sunday School, I figured that would be a good place to start asking if I could be of any help. I was told about serving as a Safe Church Advocate and decided to sign-up. The assignment was simple; sit in a chair in the Godly Play classroom during the class and then head up to church when the class concludes.

Being a Safe Church Advocate is not just about sitting in the classroom. When you are a Safe Church Advocate, you get to hear the great stories that our storytellers prepare for the children to get them wondering about various religious themes. It is such a treat to hear the stories and so wonderful to witness what some of our youngest church members have to say about what they are learning. Seeing the children respond to the stories and hearing what they are thankful for has been such a gift.

-- Vicki Albright

Notes from our Minister of Music

Here is a quick review of what's coming up:

Disco Penguins: Singing 12/14 at the 4pm Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols - need to be in the choir loft WITH MUSIC at 3:20pm to go over the piece they are singing with everyone else. Christmas Eve at 4pm - no robes, no run through in advance. It is possible to be in both the pageant and sing in the choir. UPCOMING EVENTS: Tues. Jan 6th Epiphany Service - service at 7pm; penguins need to be there at 6:30pm. No rehearsals on 12/25, 1/1, or 1/8

B#: Singing at 10am service on 12/14 - need them for warm-up in the choir loft at 9:30am. Singing 12/14 at 4pm Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols - need to be in the choir loft WITH MUSIC at 3:20pm. Christmas Eve at 4pm - no robes, no run through in advance. UPCOMING: Tues Jan 6th Epiphany Service - 7pm service; need choir there at 6:30pm. **Additionally, I will need them to stay until 7:45pm on 12/11 to run through the 4 part piece they are doing with the Parish Choir women. This will be our only chance to run through this piece together.** No rehearsals on 12/25, 1/1, or 1/8



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Notes from the Church School Council

The Church School Council would like to thank everyone that donated their time, talent, and treasure to make our Habitat Birdhouse Sunday a HUGE success! We raised \$890 for Habitat for Humanity! We would especially like to thank Janice Moran and Vicki Albright for being guest teachers that morning and leading our students in a fun, educational Habitat activity!

We also want to extend a huge THANK YOU to our wonderful Advent wreath making volunteers. Thanks to Beth and Dave Moore, Valerie Anderson, Karen Garrigan, and Janice Moran for making the event run smoothly from start to finish! Thank you to all those who donated and cut greens for the event! Thanks also to our classroom teachers, Emma Seyffert and Abby Warren, Katie LaRoche and Sharon West, and Deb Forsberg, for keeping the children engaged in their Advent activities throughout the morning!

Important December Dates:

Sun., Dec. 7 –

All Church School Groups: Normal
Pageant Rehearsals after 10am service -
until 1pm

Sun., Dec. 14 –

All Church School Groups: Normal
B# Choir sings – 10am service (9:30am rehearsal)
Pageant Rehearsal after 10am service – 1pm
4PM: Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols -
Disco Penguins & B# Choirs sing (3:20 rehearsal)

Sun., Dec 21 –

All Church School Groups: Normal
Pageant Rehearsal after 10am service – 1pm

Wed., Dec 24 –

4pm – Christmas Eve Service with Pageant
Disco Penguins & B# Choirs sing

10pm – Christmas Eve Service

Thurs., Dec. 25 –

10am – Christmas Day Service

Sun., Dec. 28 – No Church School

Acolyte Schedule	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
8am Crucifier	Noah Psilopoulos	Quinn Cooney	Katie Danieli	Ali Brodeur
10am Crucifier	Jenna Favreau	Hannah Seyffert	Nate Psilopoulos	Heather Anderson
10am Server	Nate Psilopoulos	Ethan Andrews	Rebecca Favreau	Luke March
10am Torch Bearer	Katie Danieli	Justin Charbonnier	Heather Anderson	Jake Kepner

Christmas Eve Acolytes	4pm	10pm
Dove	Katie Danieli	Nate Psilopoulos
Crucifier	Quinn Cooney	Noah Psilopoulos
Server	Rachel March	Emily Andrews
Torch Bearer	Justin Charbonnier	Ethan Andrews