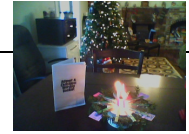




# All Saints' Church School Newsletter



## Church School News - December 2015

We have had a beautiful Advent season in our Church School classrooms. We kicked off the season with our annual Advent wreath making tradition. A fun and joyful time was had by all! In our classrooms, we have been preparing for the arrival of Baby Jesus and are especially looking forward to the Christmas pageant on December 24<sup>th</sup>. We are so grateful to the J2A students and teachers for putting it together!

We wish you all a beautiful, peaceful holiday season! We hope a highlight in this busy season has been lighting the Advent candles each week, saying the prayers in our Advent booklets, and reflecting on the **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE** that this season brings! Merry Christmas!

## J2A Class News

J2A is spending the month of December directing and producing this year's Christmas pageant for the Christmas Eve service. The J2A started off with a lesson on the liturgical roots of the traditional pageant, and then spent a workshop Sunday from 9am to noon deciding on how best to build a liturgy for the Christmas Eve service which captures the joy and celebration of the birth of Jesus.

The J2A class is working on all aspects of the pageant; from acting, dancing and singing to lighting, sound and set design. The J2A class has been running rehearsals for the pageant each Sunday this month, as well as a dress rehearsal on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. The kids are working hard on this, and we are so excited for the pageant!

**We encourage church school families to join us on Christmas Eve- if you did not want to participate in the pageant rehearsals, but have kids who would still like to be a part of the celebration, extra costumes will be available in the Parish Hall and kids can use them.** Simply have your child come forward before the start of the pageant- we will have someone invite them up- so that they can have a front row seat. It will be clear when we invite them to come up and see the baby.

Merry Christmas! Brian, Laura and Amy

## Godly Play Class News

We have been SO excited to celebrate the season of Advent! We have been getting ready for The Mystery of Christmas together, listening to stories and sharing our traditions with each other. Here is our schedule:

Dec 6 Exile & Return Jen - Katie  
Dec 13 Advent I, II, III & IV Laura - Vicki  
Dec 20 The Mystery of Christmas Katie - Jen  
Dec 27 No Church School  
Jan 3 Epiphany Debbie - Laura

We want to say a HUGE thank you to the families who contributed to our Family Game Night raffle basket for the fair. It looked amazing and drew lots of raffle tickets to benefit All Saints'. We hope you had the chance to stop by the fair and check out all the fun!

Wishing you a blessed Advent as we await the celebration of Jesus' birth!  
~Katie, Debbie, Vicki, Laura, and Jen

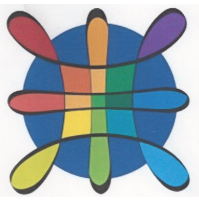
## Weavers Class News

Advent is a beautiful season of anticipation. The Weavers have been exploring lessons from Luke and Matthew as we have gotten to know the stories of Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, and Jesus the infant throughout December.

The Weavers enter into the season wholeheartedly by participating in the upcoming Christmas Pageant and Christmas Fair and started the season by making an Advent Wreath to celebrate the First Sunday in Advent.

December has been a busy yet meaningful month!

Merry Christmas!  
Deb, Joan, Paige, Lily, Dina, & Peggy



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## Notes from the Church School Council

The Church School Council would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our wonderful Advent wreath making volunteers. Thanks to Beth and Dave Moore (and Aly too!), Laura Barry, Christy McCusker, Emily Ward, and Dina Richert for making the event run smoothly from start to finish! Dave and Aly headed straight out into the cold, wet morning without a moment's hesitation to cut fresh greens for our wreaths! Thank you, thank you!!! Thanks also to our classroom teachers, Abby Warren and Emily Andrews, Katie LaRoche and Jen Dowd, and Deb Forsberg and Joan Thomas, for keeping the children engaged in their Advent activities throughout the morning! We feel so blessed to have such wonderful volunteers!

THANK YOU to all church school families for contributing to our raffle baskets for the Homespun Holiday Fair! All of the baskets came out looking beautiful and they were hugely popular! We appreciate your generosity!

### Important December Dates:

#### Sunday, Dec. 6 –

All Church School Groups: Normal  
Pageant Rehearsals after 10am service - until 12pm  
Disco Penguins sing – 10am service (9:30 rehearsal)

#### Saturday, Dec. 12 – Disco Penguins & B# choirs rehearse at 1pm

#### Sunday, Dec. 13 –

All Church School Groups: Normal  
B# Choir sings – 10am service (9:30 rehearsal)  
Pageant Rehearsal after 10am service until 12pm  
**4PM: Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols** - Disco Penguins & B# Choirs sing (meet for rehearsal at 3:30 in robes, with music)



#### Sunday, Dec 20 –

All Church School Groups: Normal  
Pageant Rehearsal after 10am service – 12pm

#### Monday, Dec 21 –

Pageant Rehearsal – 4pm to 5:30 pm

#### Thursday, Dec 24 –

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

#### 10pm – Christmas Eve Service

#### Friday, Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas!

#### 10am – Christmas Day Service

#### Sunday, Dec. 27 – NO CHURCH SCHOOL

#### Sunday, Jan. 3 – All Church School Groups: Normal

#### Wednesday, Jan. 6 – Epiphany Service at 7pm

Disco Penguins and B# Choirs sing



Acolyte Schedule	December 6	December 13	December 20	December 27
8am Crucifier	Katie Danieli	Connor Cahill	Bob Andrews	Connor Cahill
10am Crucifier	Nate Psilopoulos	Heather Anderson	Hannah Seyffert	Emily Andrews
10am Server	Ethan Andrews	Justin Charbonnier	Heather Anderson	
10am Torch Bearer	Alyson Moore	Rebecca Favreau	Alyson Moore	

	Christmas Eve - 4pm	Christmas Eve - 10pm
<b>Dove</b>	Luke March	Noah Psilopoulos
<b>Crucifier</b>	Rachel March	Ethan Andrews
<b>Server</b>	Sarah Meinhardt	Emily Andrews
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	Elizabeth Meinhardt	Nate Psilopoulos