

# WEEKLY NEWS

St. Peter ECM

Week of December 11-15, 2017



## BIBLE TIME

Jesus the Savior is Born  
(Luke 2:1-20)

Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to fulfill the requirements of the king's census. While they were there, Mary gave birth to Jesus. God sent an angel to announce the birth to some shepherds. They hurried to the stable to see the newborn Savior.

## OUR STORIES

Sheep in a Jeep  
Jamberry  
Peanut Butter and Jelly  
Joseph Had an Overcoat  
Llama Llama Holiday Drama  
Little Blue Truck's Christmas  
It's Christmas David

## MEMORY TREASURE

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son."  
John 3:16  
(Tune: Row Your Boat)

## SMALL GROUP

The children will decorate the letter J for Jesus with red and white paper, straw for the manger, and a baby Jesus cut-out. They will make beaded candy canes on pipe cleaners. They will practice measuring and counting with various sized green strips, making a Christmas tree. They will also make tissue paper ornaments. They will do a STEM activity with play-doh and popsicle sticks to create Christmas trees.

## SONGS

Jack Be Nimble  
Jack and Jill  
Jingle Bells  
Christmas Bells  
Away in a Manger  
Noel, Noel

## MOVEMENT

We will introduce and move with ribbons this week. We will practice pathway and shape recognition activities with them. We will also practice opposites with the ribbons.

## PLANNING TIME

The children will use "marshmallows" (cotton balls) to plan this week. Each child will use three marshmallows, putting one in each cup as each part of the plan is described.

## RECALL TIME

The children will pin a clothespin to the area they played in during work time. The children will also work together to complete a puzzle, each child putting in a piece when it is his/her turn to recall.

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## SAVE THE DATES

Children's Christmas Service: The 3K/4K students will participate in the St. Peter Christmas Program on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 PM at Fox Valley Lutheran HS. The students will do their recitation and song at the beginning of the service and sit with you for the remainder.

Christmas Break: The Early Childhood Center will be closed from December 25-January 3. School will resume on Thursday, January 4. On Friday, December 22, the 5K-8th grade students will be dismissed early. The ECM will remain open until 5:30, but hot lunch will not be available. Please plan to pack a cold lunch for that day.

Singing in Church: We will sing at our downtown campus, The Core, after Christmas break. We will sing on Sunday, February 4th at 5:30 PM. Mark this date on your calendar!

## CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Christmas Donations: In place of a Christmas gift exchange, the ECM will be collecting donations for a local charity. We are looking for donations of hygiene items for LEAVEN. We will have a box placed in each of the ECM classrooms for donations over the next few weeks. This will be a wonderful opportunity to show God's love to others during this Christmas season!

The following items are needed:

- +Toothpaste (large sizes) for adults and children
- +Toothbrushes for adults and children
- +Body wash (large sizes) for men, women, and children
- +Deodorant (large sizes) for men and women
- +Toilet paper
- +Laundry detergent

## SPECIAL REMINDERS

3K/4K Storytime Readers Needed: Storytime readers are needed for several 3K/4K library visits after Christmas. These volunteer slots are all Wednesday mornings from 8-9:30 AM, reading to all three groups of preschool students. Any family members of the 3K/4K students are welcome—grandmas, grandpas, moms, dads, aunts, uncles, or others! Dates to be filled are January 10, February 7, March 28, and April 25. Please respond to Tami Ziegler at [zieglerfamily@new.rr.com](mailto:zieglerfamily@new.rr.com) if you are interested. Thank you in advance!

2018-2019 Enrollment Packets: Enrollment packets were sent out containing information and forms for both Summer 2018 and School Year 2018-2019. If you have any questions after receiving the enrollment information, please feel free to contact us at any time. If possible, please return to the main office by Wednesday, December 13th.

Students entering 5K/Kindergarten next fall are still welcome in the Summer 2018 program. Please see Miss Anna if you would like enrollment paperwork.

Winter Gear: Please send your child with proper winter gear (snowpants, hat, gloves/mittens, boots, etc.). Please place in a reusable cloth grocery or tote bag, with all items labeled with name or initial.

Book Orders: Scholastic book orders are due on Monday, December 11. (This will allow time for the orders to arrive before Christmas break.)

Happy Birthday! Happy half birthday to Justin, Luke D., and Evan R.! Happy 5th birthday to Keegan! Happy 4th birthday to Whitney! May Jesus bless each one of you!