



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool

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## SCHOOL CANCELLATION POLICY

If Galesburg District 205 cancels because of bad weather, Mt. Calvary will also be closed. Please listen to the radio( WGIL), tv (Channel 8), or check Facebook or your email. We will try to send emails and post on the MT. Calvary Preschool PTO Facebook group when we need to cancel school. If there is a DELAY to the start time, we will start school at our regular time– 9:00am. If you feel it is not safe to come to school, please stay home and be safe. If District 205 has early dismissal because of bad weather, we will not have the after-noon class. Please call the school if any day is questionable.

## SHOW AND SHARE

This month the children are encouraged to bring something that shows how your family gets ready for Christmas. Mrs. Whittle's, Mrs. Cramer's, and Mrs. Hunt's MWF Classes will have their Show and Share on Friday, December 6th, and Mrs. Hunt's Tu-Th class will have their Show and Share on Thursday, December 5th. The sharing item will be non-perishable food items for the Rescue Mission. Thank you for your generous support of our sharing program. Safe Harbor was very appreciative of the donations we gave them in November!

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The children will be presenting their Christmas Programs on Thursday, December 19th for Mrs. Hunt's Tu-Th class and Friday, December 20th for Mrs. Whittle's, Mrs. Hunt's MWF and Mrs. Cramer's classes. The morning classes will meet in the church sanctuary from 9:00am to approximately 9:30am. The after-noon class will meet at 12:00pm. These will be worship services, so please do not use photographic equipment during the program. We will allow time after the programs for pictures. We will then go to the gym for a reception. We will dismiss early after the receptions. Everyone is encouraged to join us.



## CHRISTMAS BREAK

There is no school starting Monday, December 23rd. School will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020. The staff wishes you a blessed holiday season and we ask that you help us remind the children that "Jesus is the reason for the season."

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders are due November 25 & 26. We will have these orders delivered to us prior to Christmas Break! Thank you!

## SNACK REMINDER

Thanks to everyone who has been sending nutritious snacks. Please continue to send cookies, cupcakes, etc. for birthday celebrations only.

## INK JET CARTRIDGE RECYCLE PROGRAM

The Pre-school continues to collect printer cartridges to recycle. All cartridges are acceptable. We take them to Staples for their Rewards program and can earn up to \$40 per month.

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**THANK YOU**

Our Little Caesar's profit was over \$1,650! Wow! Thanks to all who worked on this fundraiser! The money raised goes for fieldtrips, the Scholarship Fund and classroom needs.

**Thoughts from Pastor**

God gives parents the awesome joy and responsibility to parent. We don't let children grow up and make decisions about whether and what they will eat. Parenting is our job! Christian parents don't let children decide about things like church and Sunday School. God's Word and Holy Baptism is more valuable than food. Food only sustains us for 80-90 years. God's heavenly food nourishes us to eternal life. We are so thankful that you have made the decision to educate your child at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool where we day we share God's Word with your child. Please worship with them weekly in church and Sunday School at a solid, Bible-believing church. If you have questions, please ask. I have included a pamphlet about what we as Lutherans believe about baptism.

So far this year, we celebrated 3 baptismal birthdays! We celebrated Lyla Sebben on Oct. 11th, Danica Lindsey on Nov. 15th and Emma Billeter on Nov. 22! These 3 girls have been born again in the water and Spirit of Holy Baptism. May God bless them always. This is such a mighty and precious gift the Bible says is for you and your children. Learn more about the Bible's teaching on this precious gift and share it with your little ones!

**WORSHIP AT MT. CAVALRY**

As you prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we encourage you to include worship services and Christian Education on your list of activities. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship and study with us here at Mt. Cavalry. The schedule for December is as follows:

**Sundays:**

8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service begins

**Wednesdays during Advent: Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18**

6:00 pm Free-will donation meal

7:00 pm Worship Service

**Christmas Eve:** 4:30pm & 11 p.m.

**Christmas Day:**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service



**Mt. Calvary Sunday School will lead a special Children's Christmas service, Behold the Child, during the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 10am.**

**If you don't have a church home, we would love to have you and your children be involved with our Children's Christmas Service! We will have practice on Saturdays in December at 10am and on Sundays during Sunday School time (8:45am– 9:45am). We would love to have you join us and share the good news of Jesus' birth!**

**Mrs. Whittle's/Mrs. Cramer's/ Mrs. Hunt's MWF  
Classes**

Dec. 2-6                    A is for Advent, apples  
Dec. 9-13                "G" is for God/gifts  
Dec. 16-20              "J" is for Jesus  
Dec. 23– Jan. 5        No School

**Mrs. Hunt's Tu-Th Class**

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Dec. 9-13                "G" is for God/gifts  
Dec. 16-20              "J" is for Jesus  
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**Songs & Finger Plays**

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love thee Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

Twinkle, Twinkle Special Star

Twinkle, Twinkle special star  
Wise men spied you from afar  
Bearing gifts they came to see,  
Jesus born for you and me.  
Christmas gifts are big and small.  
But Jesus' love is best of all.

In a Little Stable

In a little stable far across the sea  
Was a little Baby just like you and me  
Not a bed or cradle, not a pillow deep  
But a lowly manger was His place for sleep.

What's in the Hay?

What's in the Hay? Can you see?  
It's Baby Jesus. God gave Him to me.

Clap, Clap, Clap for Joy

(tune: Row, Row. Row Your Boat)

Clap, clap, clap for joy, clap so loud and clear  
Tell the message everywhere, Christmas time is here.

Ring, ring, ring the bells, ring them far and near.  
Tell the message everywhere, Christmas time is here.

Christmas Beatitudes

Blessed is December, for Christmas is near,  
Blessed are the poor of pocket for they shall be called  
parents.  
Blessed are the artistic, for they shall wrap everyone's  
gifts.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall restrain  
children from knocking over the tree.  
Blessed are they who are heavily laden for they shall  
be called shoppers.  
Blessed are they who weave paper garlands, produce  
plays and wear a confused look for they shall be called  
teacher.  
Blessed are they who hunger for turkey and trimmings,  
(and happily do dishes) for they shall be satisfied.  
Blessed is the sweater knit in secret, coins sent to a  
food bank, dinner for a shut-in, for these shall be called  
love.  
Blessed are we who, despite the chaos, hold Christmas  
closely in our hearts for we shall be called glad.