



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 times— 8:45am & 9:00am. If you feel it is not safe to come to school, please stay home and be safe. 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. Hunt's 2 day class will have their Show and Share on Thursday, December 1st and Mrs. Whittle's 5 day and Mrs. Hunt's 3 day classes will have their Show and Share on Friday, December 2nd. 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!

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Mrs. Hunt's 2 day class will meet at school at 8:45am on Tuesday, Dec. 20th. The program will begin at 9:00am and will last 30-45 minutes. Students will be dismissed immediately after the program.

Mrs. Hunt's 3 day class will meet at school at 8:45am on Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Their program will begin at 9:00am and will last 30-45 minutes. Students will be dismissed immediately after the program.

Mrs. Whittle's 5 day class will meet at school at 10:15am on Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Their program will begin at 10:30am.

Please invite your families to these programs so they can hear the wonderful message of Jesus' birth! Hallelujah!

SCHOOL PICTURES

Thank you again to Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Nichols for doing our school pictures! Mrs. (Laura) Nichols has a professional photography business, Family Tree Photography. You can find her on Facebook (Family Tree Photography) or email her at familytreephotos123@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS BREAK

There is no school starting Thursday, December 22nd. School will resume on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023. 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."

ORPHEUM TRIP

Please save the date! Friday, February 10th at 10:00am for Pete the Cat's Big Hollywood Adventure at the Orpheum Theatre. Students may bring one adult, and we will meet at the theatre at 9:45am.

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.

THANK YOU

Our Jen's Candles profit was over \$3,000! Wow! Thanks to all who worked on this fundraiser! The money raised goes for fieldtrips, the Scholarship Fund and classroom needs.

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: Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, Dec. 14th, Dec. 21st
5:00 pm Free-will donation meal ; 6:00 pm Worship Service

Christmas Eve Services: 4:30pm & 11 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service



Mt. Calvary Sunday School would love to have your preschoolers participate in their Christmas Program! Mrs. Sommerer will be directing! The program will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Please sign up with Leah if your child will be able to participate. If we have enough preschool students signed up, they can sing some of the songs they learned in preschool. We would love to have you join us and share the good news of Jesus' birth!

Mrs. Whittle's 5 day /Mrs. Hunt's 3 day

Nov. 28-Dec. 2	"A" is for Advent, apples
Dec. 5-9	"G" is for God/gifts
Dec. 12-16	"J" is for Jesus
Dec. 22- Jan. 9	No School

Mrs. Hunt's 2 day

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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.