

HOLY FAMILY KIDS' AFFAIRS!!

CHF's newsletter especially for kids!

Cool Stuff Happening in December:

Nicolasfest: On Dec. 3, come to a kids' liturgy to celebrate St. Nicholas Day. The service will be followed by a soup and sandwich dinner. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Eve Service: On Dec. 24, at 5 p.m., come celebrate the Christmas Eve service, complete with candles, Christmas carols, and the slide show nativity.

Children's Choir: Children's choir will not be rehearsing for the month of December. Rehearsals will resume on Wed., Jan 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Calendar:

Fri. Dec. 3: *Feast of St. Nicholas. Nicolasfest, 6 p.m.*

Sun. Dec. 5: Sunday school, 10 a.m. Children's liturgy at 8:55 service.

Sun. Dec. 12: Sunday school, 10 a.m.

Sun. Dec. 19: Sunday school, 10 a.m. Children's liturgy at the 8:55 service.

Fri. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Family Service, 5 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 25: *First day of Christmas! Merry Christmas! Hooray!!!!*

Sun. Dec. 26: Sunday school will not meet this week.

Sun. Jan. 2: Sunday school will not meet this week.

Some Ways to Prepare For Christmas

Advent takes place in the four weeks before Christmas when we as Christians make ourselves ready for the birth of Christ. In church, we light the candles on the advent wreath, and we read and sing hymns about preparing ourselves and our world for Jesus' coming. What are some ways you and your family might prepare for the birth of Jesus? Here are some ideas.

1. Make an advent wreath for your home. Every day, say a prayer with your family and light the correct candle or candles for that week.
2. Make or buy an advent calendar. Try to find one that makes you think about good ways to prepare for Jesus' birth. If you want to make one, try visiting this website - it has a good set of instructions. <http://mysite.ncnetwork.net/stlukeep/advent/calendar.html>
3. You can find angel trees at many shopping centers during the Advent season. Choose a child from the tree around your age and shop with your family for Christmas presents for him or her. Think hard about what you would want if you were that child to have a happy Christmas and to enjoy the coming year.
4. For each day of advent, think of a fun way to surprise different family members by doing small nice things for them. Doesn't have to be anything big -- make your sister's bed for her, draw a picture for your mom, give the dog a really good unexpected belly rub. Just little stuff.

