

# C.D.L.C. GAZETTE

December 2009

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## Eight Gifts that Cost Nothing

1. The Gift of Listening - really listening, paying attention not interrupting.
2. The Gift of Affection - be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back.
3. The Gift of Laughter - share funny stories, laugh often it is good for the heart and the soul.
4. The Gift of Solitude - There are times when we want to be left alone.
5. The Gift of Favor - everyday go out of your way to do something kind.
6. The Gift of a Written note - a handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime.
7. The Gift of a Compliment - A sincere compliment can make someone's day.
8. The Gift of a Cheerful disposition - Your mood and attitude is reflected to others.

## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



It is an exciting time at school ... we are getting ready for Christmas and the birth of baby Jesus. The glitter is flying, the children are singing and there is great joy around school. Christmas is such a magical time. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our annual Christmas programs on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>; the children are preparing a wonderful Christmas performance for you. Don't forget your cameras!

Sue

  
Prince of Peace  
Lutheran Church

### WORSHIP TIMES

|                  |                 |                         |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Sunday</b>           |
| 5:30 p.m.        | 5:30 p.m.       | 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. |

### FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| C.D.L.C. Office  | 952-435-8105   |
| C.D.L.C. Fax     | 952-898-9379   |
| Church Office    | 952-435-8102   |
| C.D.L.C. Website | <a href="http://www.cdcpreschool.org">www.cdcpreschool.org</a> |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December

December 4 –  
Picture Retake Day

December 15 –  
Tuition Due

December 15 & 16 –  
Christmas Programs  
9:15 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

December 17 – January 3 –  
Christmas Break  
**CDLC Closed**



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The CDLC children would like to invite you to celebrate Christmas at our school on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am and 1:00 pm each day. We will sing some of our Christmas songs and retell the Christmas story for you. Afterwards parents are invited to the Community Room for refreshments.

### PICTURE RETAKE DAY



If you are not happy with your child's school

photograph you may choose to have it retaken at school on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> between 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If your child attends school on Tuesdays or Thursdays or Friday afternoon you will need to bring him/her in on Friday to have a picture taken.

### CHRISTMAS BREAK



The last day of school for the children will be

Wednesday, December 16, 2009. We will return to school on Monday, January 4, 2010. Please be sure to mark your calendars. There will be no one in the office during the break, but we will be checking email and voicemail.

### HAT & MITTEN TREE



This December the staff and children will be collecting new hats, mittens and gloves to give to children at

Mission Outpost at Prince of Peace. A Christmas tree will be set up so the children can hang up their gifts.

### LABEL, LABEL, LABEL

Winter is here and with it new coats, hats and mittens. Please take a few minutes to put your child's name in ALL clothing, so that we get the correct clothing to your child. Thank you!

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### DECEMBER CURRICULUM

**Science:** The science unit for December is Christmas.

**Music:** Music can be loud or soft.

**Motor:** We will continue to be outside as long as weather permits, then we will move inside to the Motor room to work with hoops, the parachute and bean bags.

**Christian:** Sharing the Christmas story - Jesus is the perfect gift.

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### RECIPE OF THE MONTH



#### Pumpkin Pudding

Combine  $\frac{1}{2}$  can pumpkin with 1 cup of whipped topping and  $\frac{1}{2}$  (3.4oz) package of vanilla pudding.

Stir until combined.

Serve it in bowls or a graham cracker crust as pie.

#### School Closings

If severe weather causes school closings or late starts for ISD 191 (Burnsville), CDLC will also be closed. CDLC will be closed for the entire day. For more information please consult the CDLC Parent Handbook and tune into WCCO (830 AM) radio or Channel 4 TV.

### FALL FOOD DRIVE

Over 135 bags of groceries were collected for the Food Drive to benefit Mission Outpost. The children were given a tour of the food shelf and each child carried a food item to place on the shelves. Thank you very much for your generosity. Don't miss our picture in the Wednesday, November 25, 2009 Star Tribune South Extra page AA3.



### LUNCH BUNCH



Lunch Bunch is an extended-day program offered on MWF from 11:30 - 3:15. Cost is \$25 per day. You may contract for 1, 2 or 3 days a week. Or call the office and use the program on a drop in basis if space is available.

## PARENT CORNER

When I think of the holidays I think of families getting together to share a meal. At Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter we all make the effort to do this, but having a regular family dinnertime is so important. It can feed and nurture relationships in many ways. Research has found that children who eat a few meals a week with their families have higher academic results and do not engage in drug and alcohol as much as others.

Here are a few simple ways you can make a family dinner easy and enjoyable:

- Plan a menu that has at least one food that each family member enjoys
- Cook together
- Light a candle - it makes dinnertime extra special
- Turn off the television and take time to share your day
- Say a table grace

Above all enjoy spending time with each other. Happy Holidays!

### Recommended Books

*(These books were purchased for our library at the Scholastic Book fair during conferences).*

"Where, Oh Where Is Santa Claus" by Lisa Wheeler

"The Spirit of Christmas" by Nancy Tillman

"Bear's First Christmas" by Robert Kinerk

## NEW TITLES AVAILABLE IN THE PARENT LIBRARY

### The Over Scheduled Child

By Alvin Rosenfeld, M.D.

It is so easy to want our children to experience the best of everything; ballet lessons, soccer, choir, play group, piano lessons and so on. This book helps parents set boundaries to ensure that parents and their child are not "over-scheduled", stressed out and that the family relationship is nurtured.

### Reclaiming Childhood

By William Crain

This is a very timely book, as it seems we are pushing our children to get ready for the adult world. The author reminds us of a precious irreplaceable time - the 100,000 hours of childhood.

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS -**

**Look who turned 5**

Rebekah Drehmel  
Brady Anderson  
Sophia Worrell  
John Kisch  
Cullen Ryan  
Emily Walsh  
Joshua Larson  
Charlie McGuire  
Rachel Ishaug  
Sean Christensen

**Look who turned 4**

Addie Besser  
Carrie Johnson  
Jack Morgan  
Sarah Schaefer  
Cole Rogers  
Charlie Oster  
Emma Boys  
Claire Briest  
Ian Rogers  
Grant Patzman  
Grady Formanek  
Madeline Griffith  
Makenna Proshek



**"Oh, Come all ye Faithful!"**

**May the Wonder of that first Christmas,  
The Joy of God's abundant blessings,  
And the Peace of Jesus' presence be with you always.  
Blessings,  
The C.D.L.C. Staff**