

KIDS STUFF

DECEMBER 23



A MONTHLY UPDATE FOR KIDS AND PARENTS AT LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Illuminating ADVENT

INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

Sunday, December 17
9:30-10:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Intergenerational Christmas Event Illuminating ADVENT Sunday Dec. 17 9:30-10:45 a.m.

ALL GENERATIONS ARE INVITED TO EXPLORE THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES IN THE MESSY CHURCH STYLE OF WORSHIP AND LEARNING THROUGH ACTIVITIES. WE BEGIN OUR LEARNING JOURNEY IN THE CHAPEL AT 9:30 A.M. TO HEAR ABOUT THE ADVENT THEMES OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE. THEN MOVE TO THE STATIONS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL WHERE WE WILL CREATE JESSE TREE ORNAMENTS WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE PROPHETS CANDLE; CRAFT A PANORAMA OF BETHLEHEM FOR THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE; FORM AN ANGEL CANDLE HOLDER FOR THE ANGEL CANDLE AND PLAY SHEPHERDING GAMES AS WE LEARN ABOUT THE SHEPHERD'S CANDLE.

IN ADDITION TO THESE ACTIVITIES WE WILL HAVE CAROLING LED BY JOHN NOTHAFT AND EVAN AYARS WHILE LEARNING THE HISTORY OF THE CAROLS; PLAY A CHALLENGING GAME OF CHRISTMAS JEOPARDY AND ENJOY CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND COCOA.

A FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR



ADVENT IS A SEASON OF EXPECTATION—WE'RE EAGERLY WAITING TO CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTH! HERE IS A SIMPLE, DOABLE RESOURCE TO HELP FAMILIES ANTICIPATE AND HONOR JESUS, AND RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE THAT HE BRINGS. THIS ADVENT CALENDAR WILL WALK FAMILIES THROUGH FOUR WEEKS LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS. EACH WEEK EXPLORES AN ADVENT THEME AND PROVIDES TWO BIBLE VERSES FOR FAMILIES TO READ AND EXPERIENCE TOGETHER. THESE SIMPLE, SUPER-DOABLE ADVENT ACTIVITIES WILL BRIGHTEN THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND HELP CREATE MERRY, BRIGHT, AND MEANINGFUL MOMENTS TOGETHER.

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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

WHEN LIFE FEELS DARK...SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!



01
Light a candle. Read Isaiah 9:2, 6.

Tell about a time you walked in the dark. How did you feel? How can Jesus help you when you feel that way?



02

Decorate something in your house with lights! It could be a Christmas tree, a banister, or even a refrigerator! Thank Jesus for his light that brightens dark times.



03

Light a candle. Read Isaiah 9:2, 6.

What name for Jesus in these verses do you like best? Tell why.



04

Every time you turn on a light switch, say, "Shine Jesus' light!"



05

Light a candle. Read John 8:12.

Play a game of "follow the leader." Turn off the lights and give the leader a flashlight. How is following the leader in the game like following Jesus as a family?



06

Eat supper in the dark! Light candles or turn on a flashlight to give you the light you need to see. Talk about how Jesus has brought light to dark times your family has gone through. And thank Jesus for being the light of your family.



07

Light a candle. Read John 8:12.

Where and when have you seen Jesus' light in your world this week?

"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.... For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:2, 6

"Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.' " John 8:12

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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

WHEN PEOPLE DON'T GET ALONG...SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!



01

Light two candles. Read Romans 12:16.

When people live in harmony, their cool differences come together to make something beautiful. What's something cool about each member of your family?



02

Harmony happens when different musical notes are played or sung together! Listen to Christmas music together. Do you hear any harmonies?



03

Light two candles. Read Romans 12:16.

Why is it important to keep learning new things rather than insisting you know it all? What have you learned from members of your family?



04

Take turns sharing interesting things you know with your family. It'll be fun to learn from each other!



05

Light two candles. Read Luke 1:78-79.

Zechariah said these words. He was married to Jesus' mom's cousin, Elizabeth! So, he was related to Jesus! Think of one relative in your family and send that person an encouraging message to brighten their day.



06

When arguments happen in your family today, take a deep breath, and ask Jesus to shine his light in your hearts to help you get along.



07

Light two candles. Read Luke 1:78-79.

Tell about a time you needed Jesus' peace. How did Jesus help you during that time?

"Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!" Romans 12:16

"Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace." Luke 1:78-79

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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

WHEN GOOD THINGS HAPPEN...SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!

01



Light three candles. Read Luke 1:46-47.

God chose Mary to be Jesus' mom, and Mary was happy about that. What's something you're happy about today? Praise God for those happy things.

02



What good things are happening this week? Parties? Concerts? Christmas movies? Think about ways to shine Jesus' light as you enjoy those good things.

03



Light three candles. Read Luke 1:46-47.

Have a praise party! Move and groove together as you listen to favorite Christmas songs about Jesus!

04



Open a Christmas present early! Enjoy that good gift together as a family.

05



Light three candles. Read Psalm 100:1-2.

When we have joy, our hearts feel happy and grateful. Take turns saying one thing you are grateful for today.

06



Jump for joy! Jump up and down with your family. How many different ways can you safely jump? Have a good time jumping and laughing together.

07



Light three candles. Read Psalm 100:1-2.

Sing a prayer before supper. It could be a prayer song you've heard before, or one you make up!

"Mary responded, 'Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!'" Luke 1:46-47

"Shout with joy to the Lord all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy." Psalm 100:1-2

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FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

WHEN PEOPLE NEED HELP...SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!

01



Light four candles. Read Matthew 2:9-11.

These verses tell about the Magi's visit with Jesus! Together as a family, take some time to pray and visit with Jesus. Tell him about your day and ask for his help with things you're facing this week.

02



Look for ways to help each other today! You could help make beds, fold laundry, get a snack, or read a book! When you do, you're shining Jesus' light!

03



Light four candles. Read Matthew 2:9-11.

Seeing the star brought the Magi great joy. Tell your family about something that brings you joy!

04



Who can you help in your community this week? Could you deliver Christmas treats to cheer someone's day? Could you clean up trash at a park? Could you decorate someone's house for them? Look for ways to shine Jesus' light as you help others.

05



Light four candles. Read Matthew 5:16.

What good deeds have people done for your family? Take time to remember kind things people have done, then thank God for those people.

06



Help each other make Christmas cookies this weekend!

07



Light four candles. Read Matthew 5:16.

When someone does something nice for you today, say, "Thanks for shining Jesus' light!"

"And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with great joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him." Matthew 2:9-11

"In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:16

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DECEMBER

Date	Season	Theme/Story	Activity/Project	Location
DEC 3	ADVENT 1	Advent	Advent Calendar Paper Chain	Room 102B
DEC 10	ADVENT 2	Advent	Christmas Bible Verse Tree Craft	Room 102B
DEC 17	NO SERMON STORIES/INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS EVENT			
DEC 24	NO SERMON STORIES/FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE			

Activities that explore a Bible story or church season for children, Ages 4 through Grade 2 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service following the Children's message-Held in meeting room 102 B

The Wiggle Worship Bags will continue to be available at every worship service. Please remember these bags should be returned to the blue bins in the Narthex at the conclusion of the service.



Let's Decorate for Christmas!

DURING THE HANGING OF THE GREEN...WHEN THE CHURCH IS BEING DECORATED FOR THE SEASON....CHILDREN, GRADES 1-5 ARE INVITED ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES TO CREATE HANDMADE ORNAMENTS FOR THEIR OWN DECORATIONS FOR THE SEASON.

NO EXPERIENCE OR ARTISTIC TALENT IS REQUIRED. JUST A DESIRE TO BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT SO ENOUGH SUPPLIES CAN BE PURCHASED. REGISTER BY EMAIL:

ALINEBERGER@LEWINSVILLE.ORG
REGISTRATION CLOSSES DECEMBER 1

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 2-5 ARE INVITED TO BEGIN THE SEASON OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BY ATTENDING THE VERY POPULAR PRESCHOOL ANGEL BREAKFAST.

HELD ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN DECEMBER, FAMILIES WILL CREATE ANGEL CRAFTS, SHARE IN A BREAKFAST OF STAR SHAPED PANCAKES, PLAY A GAME OF A*N*G*E*L (A LOT LIKE BINGO) FOR PRIZES AND HEAR THE CHRISTMAS STORY PRESENTED BY THE LEWINSVILLE PUPPETEERS.

THE ANGEL BREAKFAST WILL TAKE PLACE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DURING THE SUNDAY MORNING CE HOUR, 9:30-10:30 A.M. CHILDREN MAY BRING MOM, DAD, GRANDMA, GRANDPA OR OTHER ADULT RELATIVE. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED SO THE "ANGELS" WILL KNOW HOW MANY STAR PANCAKES TO MAKE. REGISTER TODAY EMAIL: ALINEBERGER@LEWINSVILLE.ORG.

REGISTRATION CLOSSES ON DECEMBER 1.





12/17/23 Summer Mission Project

ANNUAL BAKE SALE
SAINT ANDREWS HALL

the ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE will be held
ON Sunday, December 17. the Summer
MISSION PROJECT team will be selling
delicious goodies in St. Andrews Hall before
and after the 11:00 worship service.

ALL PROFITS will go directly towards
expenses related to our mission project
next June (details still TBD). We look
forward to greeting you and thank you in
advance for your generosity.

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Thanks to Stacy Jackson

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AT THE SHEPHERD'S WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT
EXCHANGE



FAMILY CHRISTMAS eve service
Sunday MORNING December 24
11:00 a.m.

Featuring the Musical, "the LIGHT Before
CHRISTMAS" by JOSEPH MARTIN
Presented by the CHILDREN and YOUTH
CHOIRS

Festive Music begins at 10:55 a.m.

COOKIES & COCOA Following
the Service

7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS eve
services OF CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

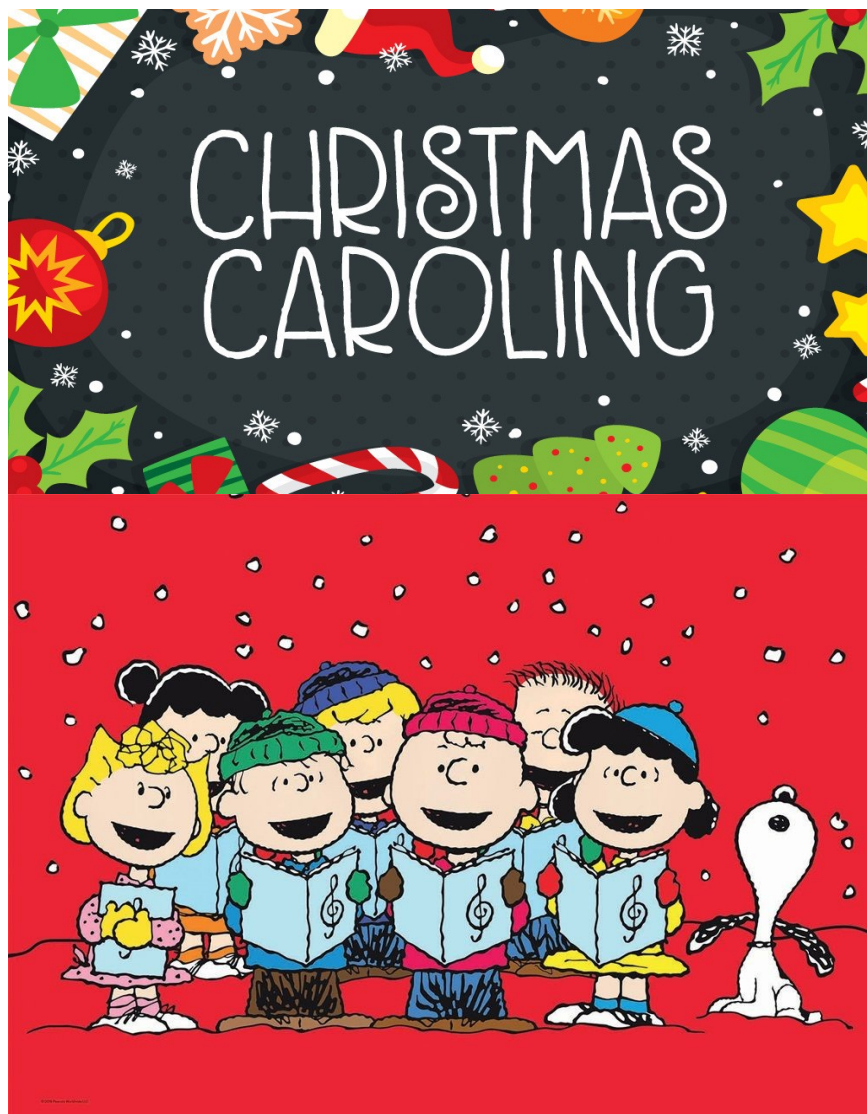
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Thanks to Kathryn Dickens

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CHRISTMAS EVE



Caroling in the Community Sunday, December 10 2:00 p.m.

Join the choir as we "Carol in the Community!"
We will meet in St. Andrews Hall beginning at 2:00 p.m.
There will be cocoa and cookies afterwards.

Participants are invited to wear a Christmas-themed sweater or Santa Hat.
RSVP to sing by Sunday December 3

Contact John Nothhaft or Jen Duntree if you'd like to join.



December Schedule

Sunday, December 3 - Lewinsville Bells ring in 11:00 am worship, Junior Choristers rehearse with Lewinsville Choristers at 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 10 - Lunch together at 12:30, then Caroling at 2:00 pm, Junior Choristers rehearse with Lewinsville Choristers at 4:30 pm

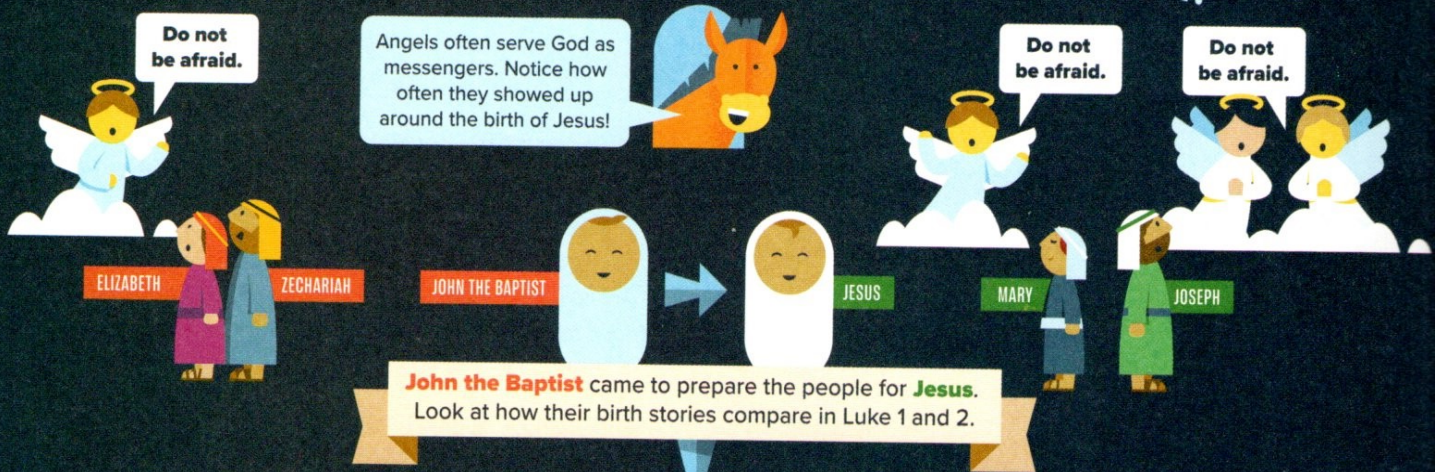
Sunday, December 17 - Junior Choristers and Lewinsville Choristers sing at 11:00 am, Junior Choristers rehearse with Lewinsville Choristers at 4:30 pm

Saturday, December 23 - Junior Choristers rehearse with Lewinsville Choristers at 1:00 pm

Sunday, December 24 - Junior Choristers and Lewinsville Choristers Sing at 11:00 am service, Lewinsville Bells ring, arrive by 10:15 am

The BIRTH of JESUS

THE WHOLE BIBLE HAS LED UP TO THIS MOMENT.



"A Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby **wrapped in cloths** and **lying in a manger**."
Luke 2:11-12

The shepherds would have understood better than anyone the significance of the angel's words.



Paschal Lambs were lambs meant for sacrifice during Passover. When they were born, shepherds **wrapped them in cloths**, placed them in a **manger**, and later checked them to make sure they were **without blemish**.

Placing Jesus in a manger pointed forward to how Jesus would be the sinless, blameless, and **unblemished** Lamb who was sacrificed for our sin.



God called the nation of Israel His son (Exodus 4:22).
Jesus is the faithful, true, and righteous Son of God.
Look at how **Jesus's** journey parallels the **Israelites'**.



JESUS

ISRAELITES



Herod orders all boys under the age of two to be killed.



Pharaoh orders all Hebrew boys to be killed.

Zzz



Take Mary and Jesus to Egypt.



Mary and Joseph save Jesus by taking Him to Egypt.

Moses's mom saves him by hiding him in Egypt.



Jesus leaves Egypt.



Israel escapes from Egypt in the Exodus.



Matthew tells of Jesus's return from Egypt and then His baptism in the Jordan.*



The Israelites were "baptized" as they escaped through the sea (1 Corinthians 10:2).



Jesus spends 40 days and 40 nights fasting before being tempted.*



The Israelites wander in the desert for 40 years.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Hint: *Him* is Jesus!