



St. Peter Lutheran Church & School

Preschool Chatter

November 2017

TURKEY TROTS 2017

Our preschoolers will have a chance to run, dance, jump, and move like a turkey at the upcoming **PRESCHOOL TURKEY TROTS** on Monday, November 20 & Tuesday, November 21 in the Motor Room and Life Center during their morning recess period. Special thematically designed motor activities will be set up for the students to experience, move, and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.



PUMPKIN NIGHT

Over 450 preschoolers, family members and St. Peter staff enjoyed a fun fall evening of pumpkin decorating, crafts, snacks, books, photos, and hayrides. Thank you to the many families who joined us for this fall event. A BIG THANK YOU to Thrivent Financial for an "Action Team Grant" which helped fund this event and to Farmer Steve VonBoeckman for driving our many hayrides around the St. Peter property all evening. To view and download photos from this event go to <https://pumpkinnight2017.shutterfly.com/4>



PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE: DECEMBER 6



The half and full day preschool students will use music, movement, and humor to share the story of Jesus' birth—beginning with Old Testament prophecy, and ending in Bethlehem at the manger in this year's Preschool Christmas service, "Don't Be Scared." Through this worship service, everyone will learn that God's children are never really "alone." God loves us all so much that He sent Jesus to live with us, and in us, to take away our fear.

All friends and family members are invited to join their preschoolers as they participate in this special Christmas service based on the

following service schedule:

Wednesday, December 6

***10:30 AM Service:** 3 Full Day Preschool (Sustr & Staehlin), Flex Full Day Preschool (Grissom) & 5 Full Day Preschool (Wickboldt & Koclanis)

***5:00 PM Service:** 3 Full Day Preschool (Sustr & Staehlin), Flex Full Day Preschool (Grissom) & 3-4's Half Day AM Preschool (Keller)

***6:30 PM Service:** 2 Full Day Preschool (Staehlin), 5 Full Day Preschool (Wickboldt & Koclanis) & 3's AM Half Day Preschool (Keller)

Video Taping & Photography

Family members & friends who would like to video tape or take photos of this service are asked to come to the final rehearsals for these services on the following schedule:

Monday, December 4 at 9:30 AM: ***5:00 PM Service:** 3 Full Day Preschool (Sustr & Staehlin), Flex Full Day Preschool (Grissom) & 3-4's Half Day AM Preschool (Keller)

Tuesday, December 5, at 9:30 AM: ***6:30 PM Service:** 2 Full Day Preschool (Staehlin), 5 Full Day Preschool (Wickboldt & Koclanis) & 3's AM Half Day Preschool (Keller)

Dress

The preschoolers are asked to wear nice "Sunday Best" clothing for these Christmas services on December 6 at 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM or 6:30 PM. Costumes will not be used for this year's services.



PARENTS DAY OUT (PDO) BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS: DECEMBER 12 5:30 TO 6:30 PM

What's more exciting than a birthday party in the eyes of a young child! St. Peter is hosting a new event this year specially designed for the developmental interests and needs of our PDO 2 & 3 year olds while celebrating the birth of baby Jesus. This "Birthday Party for Jesus" will take place in the St. Peter Life Center on Tuesday, December 12 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. The evening will include many engaging birthday games, snacks, crafts to assist families with focusing on the true meaning of Christmas...the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. PDO families are asked to watch PDO classroom newsletters for more information related to this event. NOTE: This "Birthday Party for Jesus" will take the place of classroom Christmas parties and the Preschool Christmas services for the PDO students and their families.

PARENTING LINKS & APPS

[Active Kids.com](https://www.activekids.com)

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A great parenting blog with interesting topics for families with children of many ages. Current topics include:

**10 Lunch Box Notes Your Kids Will Love*

**12 Sleep Tips for Exhausted New Parents*

**The Healthiest Fast Food Options for Kids*

[MILESTONE TRACKER- CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones-app.html)

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Milestones matter! Track your child's milestones from age 2 months to 5 years with CDC's easy-to-use illustrated checklists; get tips from CDC for encouraging your child's development; and find out what to do if you are ever concerned about how your child is developing.

From birth to age 5, your child should reach milestones in how he or she plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves. Photos and videos in this free app illustrates each milestone and makes tracking them for your child easy and fun!



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2017



- Nov 3 Early Dismissal Day: Half Day Preschool 10:45 AM, PDO Preschool 11:00 AM, Full Day Preschool 11:15 AM; Extended Care open 7:00 - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Nov 3 Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- Nov 6, 7 & 8 Preschool Chapel 9:45 AM
- Nov 7 & 8 Picture Retakes
- Nov 10 Spirit Day
- Nov 15 Split Chapel (Preschool - Grade 5) 8:15 AM
- Nov 20 & 21 Preschool Turkey Trots
- Nov. 21 All School Chapel 8:15 AM (Preschool - Grade 8)
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Break- Preschool - 8th grade is closed: Extended Care open 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Nov. 23 & 24 Thanksgiving Break- Preschool - 8th grade and Extended Care are closed
- Nov 27- Dec 1 Book Fair
- Dec 5 Winter Fine Arts Concert 7:00 PM
- Dec 6 Preschool Christmas Services (10:30 AM, 5:00 & 6:30 PM)
- Dec 8 Spirit Day
- Dec 12 PDO Birthday Party for Jesus 5:30 PM
- Dec 13 Advent Worship 10:30 AM, 5:00 (Kindergarten) & 6:30 PM (Grades 1-3)
- Dec 14 Christmas Luncheon with Preschool Students & Parents 10:50 - 11:20 AM
- Dec 14 Young 3's Final Registration & Open House 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- Dec 20 Advent Worship 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM (Grades 4-8)
- Dec 20 & 21 Class Christmas parties- times TBA
- Dec 21 Early Dismissal Day: Half Day Preschool 10:45 AM; PDO 11:00 AM; Half Day Kindergarten 11:00 AM; Full Day Preschool, 11:15 AM; Full Day Kindergarten 11:20 AM; Grades 1-8 11:30 AM; Extended Care Open 7:00 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Dec 22 Christmas Break; Preschool - 8th grade closed; Extended Care open 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Dec 25 - Jan 1 Christmas Break; Preschool - 8th grade and Extended Care closed
- Jan 2-5 Christmas Break; Preschool - 8th grade and Extended Care OPEN 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Jan 8 School Resumes Preschool - 8th grade