



# THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries  
Child Care Center

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## December 2021

### Songs of the Season

Is this a peaceful time of the year for you? (Do I hear you snickering?)

I hear "Christmas music" playing through my wall. I am not a huge fan. It is the season of Advent, by the way. It is not Christmas, yet.

There is no Advent music playing on the radio. I cannot find Advent in the store.

Advent means "coming." Jesus came one time as a baby. He ascended to heaven and is coming again a second time. Advent prepares us for Christmas. Its music expresses our deep yearnings. *O Come O Come Emmanuel; Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming; Come Thou Long Expected Jesus...*

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry soul from sin;  
Make straight the way of God within,  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
Where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our sure reward;  
Shine forth, and let thy light restore  
Our souls to heav'nly grace once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent set thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Your children deserve more than another plastic toy from Santa Claus. Give them a gift that cannot be bought in a store. Take them to church this month! They may squirm and fuss. However, your family will hear how God sent Jesus to restless souls. You will hear that Jesus is coming again to take us to our true home. And then you can celebrate Christmas with real joy!

### December Notes

Our traditional hot **Christmas lunch** for the children will be served on **Wednesday, 12/22**, two days before Christmas Break. There is no cost to you. The menu consists of tender chicken and pasta in a simple, homemade broth, fruit cups and "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake.

Years ago, parents requested a way to give to all the teachers at Christmas because there are so many to include. If you would like to contribute to a pot that will be divided among all the teaching staff, simply make out a **check to Kate Vitek**, (one of our parents), or slip some cash into the envelopes on the classroom doors. The money will be divided and given to the teachers before Christmas. The deadline is **Friday, 12/10**.

We will close at 6:00 PM on Thursday, 12/23 and reopen Monday, January 3 at 6:30 am.

**Pajama Day** will be on Friday, December 17. Teachers are planning some cozy activities for your children.

You will be asked to review your **children's files**. Please make changes as necessary. Sign the cover sheet. You may not take these papers home, as they are the original files.

You will receive a copy of a **Child Service Report**. This report is not only about your child's growth. It shows you how we are attempting to implement the PA Early Learning Standards. If you have any questions, please set up a conference with the teacher.



*31 Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end." Luke 1:31-33*

## Classroom Highlights

Infants are participating in Pajama Day on the 17<sup>th</sup>. They welcome Louise to their room!

Supertots are doing an Advent calendar, learning about babies including Baby Jesus; Hanukkah; shapes and families.

Tiny Tots are enjoying a Christmas movie on Pajama Day, 12/17. They're learning about giving, loving, celebrating and Jesus.

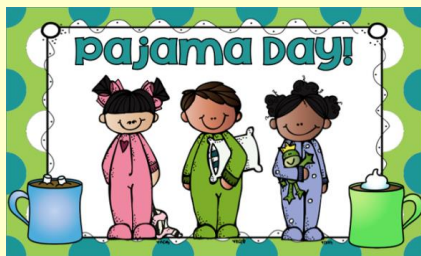
Older Toddlers are learning about families, Jesus' birth; giving to others; holiday smells; Advent.

Jr. Pre-K is learning J is for Jesus & jingle; S is for star and Santa; giving; getting; Jesus; practicing cutting with scissors and doing the reindeer hokey-pokey.

Sr. Pre-K will be learning about family; J & K; doing a fizzy candy experiment; erupting ornaments; the numeral 4. They wish you Feliz Navidad! The children will be putting on costumes to act out the nativity of Jesus.

Both Jr. & Sr. Pre-K will be going to chapel with Pastor Tom on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

A center-wide Pajama Day will be held on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>.



### Important Reminders

1. Child Health Reports are mandatory, as are flu shots. Please send them in when your child sees the doctor.
2. We must send children home with fever, diarrhea, unexplained rashes or vomiting.
3. Tuition checks must be made out to MLUMC and are **due by the 1st of the month**. Automatic withdrawals are available from checking, savings or credit card accounts. See the director for an authorization form.
4. We close at 6:00 PM. We charge fees for late pick ups.

## Special Dates

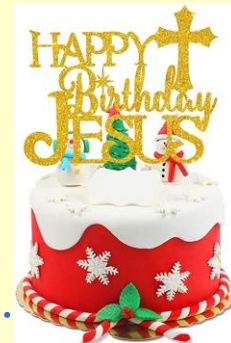
Please see our website. The Health Form and Parent Handbook are posted there.

[www.mlumc.org](http://www.mlumc.org).

### December

- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline to contribute towards the gift for teachers.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Pajama Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Children's Luncheon
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Closed at 6:00 PM

See you on January 3rd!



Children:

12/2	Violet	3 years
12/4	Ronni	5 years
12/4	Bennett	1 year
12/12	Charlie	4 years
12/15	Piper	5 years
12/19	Ella	3 years

Teacher:

12/25 Jesus Christ



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**MLUMC Corner**

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

### Christmas Services

- Thursday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> Traditional Candlelight 8:00 PM
- Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Children & Families 3:00 PM  
"The Gathering" 5:00 PM  
Traditional Candlelight 8:00 PM
- Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 10:45 am only / No Sunday School