



**December 2020**

## Upcoming Events

Hi Wonderful Families!

What a year it has been! We are so grateful that you have been flexible and gracious as we have worked daily to keep your children safe, healthy and Covid free.

With that in mind we have made some changes to our normal activities. Ms. Sam has kindly agreed to offer the Christmas Store again. This is an opportunity for your children to learn the joy of giving, pick out gifts for you their family, and be able to keep their gifts a secret! Our Assistants will take interested children up in their class group, keeping them safe and healthy.

We are adapting our Christmas Program too! Our wonderful music teachers will be recording each class singing their songs, and we will be sending you the link to share this precious time. Your teacher will let you know which day to dress them in their Christmas best!

At this point we are planning to stay open to continue to offer our children hands on, safe, in person learning and socialization.

During this overwhelming and exhausting time take a moment to remember the birth of Jesus and the gift that He is to us. Treasure your Christmas memories and snuggle close to enjoy a book and some hot chocolate with your children!

**December 2nd 9:30am:** Explorers Information Meeting via Zoom

**December 2nd/3rd:** Social Distanced Santa Visits

**December 9th/10th:** Pajama and Pancake Breakfast Day All Ages

**December 18th-January 4th:** No School

**January 5th:** First day back at school

**January 5th:** Registration begins for current families at 9:00am for the 2021/2022 school year

**January 11th:** Registration opens to the public for the 2021/2022 school year.

## Explorers Informational Meetings

**It is almost time for registration for next year!**

**At Little School, we offer a five-year-old program called Explorers. This class is designed for children with birthdays between April 1st and October 1st who will be five by October 1st. It helps foster kindergarten readiness and allows children to be on the older end of their class when they enter kindergarten instead of the younger end. This is a half-day program and does not take the place of kindergarten, but instead gives our younger five-year-olds a chance to be in smaller class sizes and get an extra year of academics, social skills, and independence skills. If you would like to know more about this program please join our virtual meeting on December 2nd at 9:30am. A Zoom link will be emailed soon.**



## Music Class News

It is hard to believe November is over and December is already here! Thank you to all of the children who've been working so hard in music to prepare for our Christmas program. We will begin recording our Christmas program the week of December 7th. We have selected a mixture of traditional and contemporary songs for everyone's enjoyment. Songs to listen for at home include "Jingle Bells," "Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star," "Feliz Navidad," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

-Ms. Laura, Ms. Sheri and Ms. Michele



## **Chapel!**



On December 6th, people around the world celebrate St. Nicholas Day by putting their shoes out with hopes that St. Nicholas will fill them with money and treats. We do the same here at Little School! We watch chapel and listen to Ms. Kelly tell us the story of St. Nicholas. During chapel, we hope St. Nicholas will stop by our Christmas tree downstairs to fill one of our shoes with money and treats.

## **St. Luke's United Methodist Church Children's Ministries Events:**

**Sundays:** Go to the following link to follow the live stream church services and Sunday school lessons online.  
<https://stlukeshr.com/>

**Christmas Eve Services:** 12:00pm and 1:30pm (Children centered) Christmas Eve experiences. 5:00pm and 6:30pm Traditional Services from the parking lot. Visit <https://stlukeshr.com/> for more information.

### **Children's Holiday Shop!**

On **December 9th-11th:** Send an envelope with cash inside to school with your child including their name on the front along with the names of the people they are shopping for and what they can spend on each person. Gifts ranging from \$1.00-\$5.00. All proceeds benefit the St. Luke's UMC Children's Ministry.