



# THE FLAME

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

"LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US, LOOKING TO JESUS, THE FOUNDER AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH." -HEBREWS 12:1B-2A

## *THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR*

Wed (12/18): Library for Pre-K

**NO Handbells**

Children's Christmas Service, 7pm

Thu (12/19): Chapel

Candy Cane Gram delivery

Field Trip 2nd-4th grades

Tae Kwon Do, 3:30-4:30

**NO Lego Robotics**

**NO Girls' Outdoor Club**

Fri (12/20): Candy Cane Gram delivery

Christmas Lunch, 11:45 a.m.

Classroom parties (afternoon)

Relaxed dress code (Christmas)

**NO Boys' Outdoor Club**

Sun (12/15): 9:30 Divine Service

11:00 Sunday School

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Mon (1/6): First day back to school

Chapel

Piano Group B, 3:30-4:15

PTL meeting, 6:30 pm

Epiphany service, 7pm

Tue (1/7): Library Day

Basketball begins, 3:30-4:30

*This Week's Volunteers – Thank You!*

**Library:** Tue 12/17: Jamie Ballance

**Subway:** Tue 12/17: Dana O'Farrell

**Office:** Wed 12/18: Karen Suit  
Thu 12/19: Jennifer Kellaway  
Fri 12/20: Ed Dietrich

## **Christmas Wish List**

A "Christmas Wish List" of BOOKS and book sets can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4dacac28a6fb6-christmas>. Many of these paperbacks can be found used online for under \$5. If you purchase books from the list, please be sure that the ISBN matches. Thank You!

## **Children's Christmas Service**

We are looking forward to the Christmas service at 7 p.m. this Wednesday. Children should dress "up." Please take your children to the classroom to hang up their coats between 6:15-6:25, then to the sanctuary by 6:30. If you have middle school children who are characters in the service, please arrive at 6:15 to change into costumes.

Photos are not permitted during the worship service. Because of this, children will assemble in the front of the sanctuary for a group picture between 6:30-6:45 p.m. This is the best (and perhaps the only) opportunity for these photos, and we hope to have everyone there. We will exit the sanctuary promptly at 6:45, so that costume wearers may change and children may prepare and be ready by 7pm. After the service, children may be picked up outside their classrooms.

## **Christmas Lunch**

The PTL will be providing a Christmas Lunch on Friday at 11:45 for \$3 per person. Parents are welcome to come and help and eat. Forms are due Thursday for anyone planning to eat. Classroom parties will take place in the afternoon after the lunch (~1-3pm). Thank you to Jessica Elwood for picking up coordinating of special lunches mid-year, just in time for our Christmas lunch!

## **Please "Shop"**

When you are here this week, whether for pick-up, or the Christmas Service, or for the field trip, or Christmas lunch – anytime this week – please take anything you can use from the tables in the school hallway. There are many gently used dress code items and other things available that have overflowed our clothing closet or lost and found. After this week, these things will make their way to a second hand shop. So please be bold in "shopping" for free. Thank you to Julie Hornick for whittling down our clothing closet and making it look great.

## Classroom Christmas Parties

Parties will be held on Friday, December 20 in the afternoon, following the PTL Christmas Lunch. Each class may exchange gifts with classmates in different ways; your classroom teacher or room mom will inform you of this. Please help children to be kind and considerate when it comes to gift-giving. For example, please keep these gifts under \$8 or homemade. A child may want to do more, but out of consideration for other families, please keep it simple. If students wish to exchange personal gifts with other friends, please do this outside of school, unless they bring something for everyone in their class. This will prevent hurt feelings and keep a good climate of togetherness in the classroom.

Note: On this day, the dress code is relaxed, and students may wear their most festive Christmas attire if they wish.

## Church News



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Bring your children to Sunday School and then join the adults for Pastor Thoma's Bible Study in the ECC area.

**December 22 - Sunday School lesson** is the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In this lesson, we learn that Jesus gives the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND THURSDAY LIFELIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME IN JANUARY 2020.**

**WEDNESDAY, December 18 - Children's Christmas Evening Prayer Service 7:00 P.M.**

**Christmas Eve Divine Services:** Tuesday, 24 December @ 4:30 and 10:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. including special music by Choristers

10:30 p.m. including special music by Cantate, Celebration Ringers, and Brass Ensemble

**Christmas Day Divine Service:** Wednesday, 25 December @ 10:00 a.m. Including special music by Cantate and Brass Ensemble