

DECEMBER



Children's Events

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C.R.O.S.S. KIDS FALL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, December 3 from 4:30-6:30pm

Our focus of "Walk His Way" will wrap up this month. We have learned so many things about how people in the Bible are wonderful examples of walking His way. We have seen how they kept faith, stayed strong, had courage and allowed God to guide them and shape their lives!

December 3- Our journey will take us to see how Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This comes from John 14:1-14. We'll participate in an activity together that will hopefully help us learn just how Jesus is all of these things! During our time together, we will learn more about the Bible by playing Bible games and learning more Trivia, have our "Walk His Way" lesson, participate in a special project or craft, have our Praise and Worship time and end the night with dinner together! Dinner will be provided by the Glass family.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sunday, December 3, and 17 and 31 during the 11:00am service



Children's Church will continue in December by beginning in the Sanctuary for the first little bit of the worship service. If there is a Children's Chat that day we will leave after that time to go to the Children's Church room. If there is not, then there will be a specific time in which we will leave to go down together. Pick up will be in the Children's Church room by the parents after the service. During our time together we will praise God through music, have a small snack and participate in an activity focused on our verse of the month. This month we are learning about Advent and Christmas along with 2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" There will not be Children's Church on December 10 due to the Christmas Program or December 24 due to the special Christmas Eve Singstunde Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday from 9:45-10:45am in various classrooms

We invite you to join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning as children split up into more age specific small groups and dive deeper into our monthly verse and themes. They have loving Sunday School teachers with awesome plans ready to go for them to help each child learn more about what plans God has for each of their lives. Our Little Explorers (2 and 3 year olds) are continuing to learn from the Little Bible Heroes and will be meeting Samuel and learning about Christmas this month. The rest of our classes will look at Advent and Christmas and how it connects with the verse from 2 Corinthians 9:15. It's a great time to gather together in a smaller group on Sunday mornings!



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE AND PARTY

Saturday, December 9 from 10:00am-1:00pm

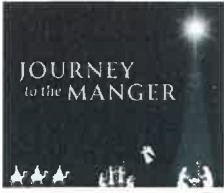
Christmas Program Practice-10:00am-11:30noon-We will meet in the Family Life Center from 10:00am-11:30noon for our final run through of the Christmas Program. This will include costumes and everything. Please make sure to have your child at this practice so they will know what to do the next day for the actual program!

Christmas Party-11:30noon-1:00pm-We will have our Christmas party right after our Christmas Program practice in the Children's Center. Lunch will be provided and then we will have some good old Christmas fun together to wrap up our semester! Pick up will be from the Children's Center at 1:00pm!



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 10 during the 11:00am service



Come join together with others from Friedberg and the community in the Family Life Center as the children and youth present, "Journey to the Manger". They have been working really hard on learning their parts, putting everything together and learning to be on the stage in order to tell the story of Jesus' birth! This year we will slow down, take a journey and experience what maybe Mary and Joseph did along the way to the manger.

CHRISTMAS LOVEFEAST AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 17 at 7:30pm and Saturday, December 24 at 4:30pm

We invite you to one of our two Christmas Lovefeast and Candlelight services taking place at Friedberg this year. It is a joy to be able to join together and to hear the message of Jesus' birth proclaimed! We have some wonderful children who will be singing "Morning Star" from our congregation as well!



December 17, 7:30pm: Rose Craver, Lara Brame, Raylee Bostick, Nora Frank, Eloise Brame, Nelia and Chase Hurlocker

December 24, 4:30 pm: Ila Fine, Sara Glass, Eli Beck, Benjamin Boles, Carolyn Glass, Ella Stone, Cole Morelli, Sammy Boles



December's verse to focus on will be:

"Thanks be to God for His Indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:15

It's easy to think about gifts during December-why?!? Because it's the month of Christmas and a lot of times we are receiving gifts and giving gifts. Giving gifts is a wonderful thing and let's be honest, receiving them is a pretty awesome thing too! But, let's think about this verse for a moment. Think about one word in particular-indescribable! Have you ever received or given a gift that has truly been **INDESCRIBABLE?** I bet not! Well, I guess we all could say one gift we have been given has been indescribable, and that is what this verse is talking about...**JESUS!!!!**

Jesus is a gift that when it comes down to it, He is hard to describe. He is a gift that is over the top, the most precious gift of all, you really cannot put into words what He means to you. But you should try, you should give thanks to God for Him and then go out and tell everyone, and I mean **EVERYONE** about this indescribable gift that not only you have been given, but everyone has been given! Try to do that this month-thank God for Jesus and then go and tell as many people as you can **ALL** about Him!



SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHILDREN OF FRIEDBERG... CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



The Children of Friedberg would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas! May God bless you today, tomorrow and always!



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"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth." 3 John 1:4