

December Newsletter



Christmas Programs

Family of Christ Childcare's Duck and Apple Classrooms and Family of Christ Preschool's two day classes will be having a short Christmas program for parents. Please invite any grandparents, neighbors, and friends interested in attending. Watch your teacher's unit letter for details.

If you cannot attend, please let your child's teacher know in advance. Please also note that our Spring program will also be during the day at similar times. There are no classes following Christmas Programs.

Mark your calendars now!!!

December 18: Apple and Duck Classrooms @ 4:30 pm

*The childcare will close at 5 pm on December 18

December 17: Classes 1 & 2 @ 11 am

December 17: Classes 3 & 4 @ 1 pm

December 18: Classes 5 & 6 @ 11 am

December 18: Classes 7 & 8 @ 1 pm

Please note that Classes 8 & 9, Family of Christ Preschool's "Fun Friday" classes will be having a Pajama Party on December 19 instead of a program. Please watch for details from your child's teacher regarding this!



Chapel Days in December

Chapel will be:

Wednesday, December 3 @ 9 am (Childcare & Preschool)

Thursday, December 4 @ 9 am (Preschool)



Service Project

Children's pajama, hat, and mittens collections for Ysleta Mission Human Care can be placed under the Christmas tree in the entryway. Last day to donate is December 19. Thank you in advance to Melissa and Jack Bayer for counting and boxing up the donations!



Cold Weather

Please send your child in weather appropriate outerwear.

Toddlers will go outside in the winter when it is at or above 20 degrees temperature and wind-chill.

Once the snow comes, the 2 1/2 hour classes do not go outside unless your child's teacher notifies you.

Our extended-day classes and childcare classes will continue to go outside daily unless there is rain, heavy snow, or severe cold. If the temperature and wind-chill is below ZERO degrees, these classes will be inside. Please send boots, mittens, hat, snow pants, and coat...whatever is appropriate for the day. **It is helpful to send snow gear in a separate bag in addition to backpacks.** Childcare items need to go home on weekends for washing/drying. Preschool items go home daily. Label everything!

*no scarves please! (MN Childcare Licensing states that they are a choking hazard.)

***Please note that winter gear frequently gets misplaced or left at school. **Please label all articles with your child's name.** Hopefully with students, parents and teachers all working together, we will have a minimal amount of clothing lost this year.



Conference Meals...Yum!

Thank you to all the parents who made meals for conferences...
Melissa Bayer, Kaylin Fluth, Christina Jensen, Melissa Preusser, Dustin and Nicole Sly,
Julia Fahey, Emily Mengon, Jackie Gruetzmacher, Kim Saarion, Kristine Hoglund-
Campbell, and Christine Paone.



Mark Your Calendar!

Preschool Sunday
(All preschoolers in Childcare & Preschool)
Come sing for worship!
Coming January 25, 2026
10:30 am



Mark Your Calendar!

Family Fun Night and Dance
with Basket Raffle
Coming March 3, 2025
5 - 7 pm



Happy Birthday

Corbin Anderson
Jacob Anderson
Jaxon Dorsey 1/2
Nash Evenson
Ellie Fitzl
Aspyn Gowacki
Lyla Greene
Hope Gust
Leopold Halter
Clara Henry 1/2
Jameson Hill 1/2
Cameron Jahnke
Cameron Johnson
Molly Johnson - 1/2
Cole Joos 1/2
Easton Knutson 1/2
Hattie Marchuck
Alma McQueen-Stewart
Emma Newville
Connor Olson 1/2
Shelby Parson 1/2
Declan Schlotfeldt
Georgie Schmalzer 1/2
Veronica Sly
Dawson Stark 1/2
Gianna Thomas 1/2
Malachi Wallestad 1/2
JJ Weitzel



Shoes, Shoes, Shoes...

Please remember to send your child's shoes with them when wearing boots to school. If you forget, your child will have to wear their boots. This is not as comfortable for your child, but licensing requires that children have footwear. We appreciate your cooperation!



Connected Families...

Over 30 families participated in the Connected Families event last Friday! There are also many families participating in the Connected Families small groups as well.

There will be more Connected Families events in the 2026. If you have questions, contact Ruth Woltmann: rwoltmann@foclutheran.org. If you are interested in a Connected Families small group, connect with Jennifer Scheper: jscheper@foclutheran.org.



Thank You

Thank you to Sgt. John Rice VFW Auxiliary Post #6316
for donating books focused on literacy and our country's history.
We are grateful for the continued service to our country!



We are so thankful for our cleaners!

Tiffany Braastad
Kate Anderson
Justine Murtha
Anna Young
Heidi Fondurulia

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Childcare & Preschool Chapel 9 am Fire Drill	4 Preschool Chapel 9 am Fire Drill	5 Fire Drill	6
7 9 am Worship 9 am KIDZONE 10:130am Worship 10:30am KIDZONE Online or In Person * KIDZONE WORSHIP PRACTICES	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21 9 am Worship 9 am KIDZONE Christmas Worship 10:130am Worship 10:30am KIDZONE Christmas Worship Online or In Person	22 No Preschool Childcare Open	23 No Preschool Childcare Open	24 Childcare Closed Christmas Eve Worship Services 9, 4, and 9 pm	25 Christmas Break Christmas Day Worship Services 10 am	26 Christmas Break	27
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January 2026

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2025 Childcare Closed Holidays

December 24 – Childcare Closed
 December 25 – 26 Christmas Break
 December 31 – Childcare
 January 1 – Childcare Closed

2026 Childcare Closed Holidays

January 1 – New Year's Day

January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr Day – Childcare Staff Meetings and Online Training

February 16 – President's Day – Staff Online Training

March 6 - No Childcare - Professional Development

April 2 – Close at 4pm for Parent Teacher Conferences

April 3 – Good Friday & Parent Teacher Conferences

April 6 – Easter Monday

May 22 – Childcare Closed Childcare Curriculum Planning, Cleaning, and Online Training

May 25 – Memorial Day

July 3 – Independence Day Observed

September 4 – Childcare Staff Policy Training and Review

September 7 – Labor Day

October 16 – Close at 4pm for Childcare Staff Meeting

November 25 – Parent Teacher Conferences

November 26 – Thanksgiving

November 27 – Thanksgiving Break

December 24 – Christmas Break

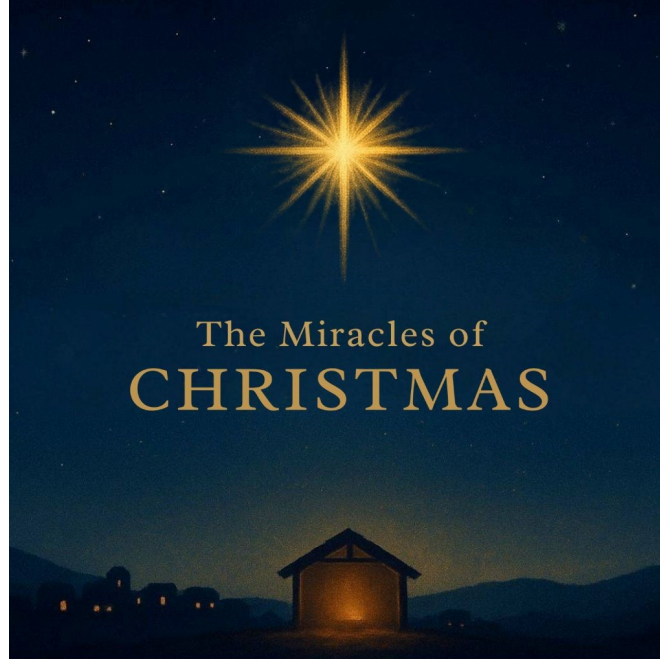
December 25 - Christmas

December 31 – New Year's Eve

January 1 – New Year's Day

January 4 - Childcare Resumes





**The Miracles of Christmas
Advent Series Begins Sunday, November 30
9 am & 10:30 am**

People are naturally skeptical about the supernatural. When we stop to think about it, Christmas especially stretches our faith. It comes complete with angels appearing, a virgin conceiving, a star guiding, and God caring enough to become one of us to bring forgiveness and new life. Ultimately, Christians believe in Christmas in all its supernatural glory because miracles aren't hard for God.

**Wednesday Advent Services Start December 3rd
1:00 pm & 6:30 pm**

Join us each Wednesday this Advent season as we reflect on "The Miracles of Christmas." Join us for our 1pm service as we sing our favorite Advent hymns, hear from God's Word, and enjoy time afterward with cookies, coffee, and fellowship. Our usual time of worship and reflection will be at 6:30 PM as we prepare our hearts for Christmas together.

Faith
—over—
Fear

**KIDZONE's Christmas Worship
(Family of Christ's Sunday School Program)
Sunday, December 21 at 9 & 10:30am
The 'Fear Nots' of Christmas"**

If you have been thinking about having your child attend Sunday School at Family of Christ,

this is a great time to start.
KIDZONE Sunday School happens every Sunday at 9 am and 10:30 am.
Contact Ruth Woltmann if you have any questions!
rwoltmann@foclutheran.org

KidZone Christmas Music Website

Sunday Education Classes

9:00am & 10:30am

KidZone Sunday School
Child Development Center

The Point Youth Study
Youth Center

Adult Study
Gathering Room

Meet Jesus ~ Make Friends ~ Make a Difference

A graphic for the nursery service. It features a dark blue background with light blue wavy shapes. On the left, there are two circular cutouts showing a baby and a toddler. The baby is wearing a brown shirt and waving. The toddler is wearing a blue shirt and crawling. Surrounding the cutouts are colorful illustrations of toys: a beach ball, a heart-shaped block, a star-shaped block, a triangle-shaped block, and a cube-shaped block.

Nursery Available

Open on Sunday
mornings from 8:45 am
until 15 minutes after
the last worship service
is over.

REFRESH

Wednesdays @ 6:45pm

A time of prayer and praise geared towards youth, young adults, and young families, but open to all.



**Women's Ministry
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE
DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 30
1:00-3:30pm
ORNAMENT COST: \$10
ADDITIONAL ORNAMENTS
AVAILABLE FOR AN EXTRA FEE

Register Here



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