

GRACE FAMILY NEWS

December 14, 2010

Almost-Time-for-Winter Break Edition

Congratulations to Our Volleyball Teams!

All three Grace teams had a GREAT tournament, defeating a previously undefeated team and making it to the championship game. All of them played very well and narrowly missed a win to end in 2nd place, but what a great run! Thanks especially to our Parent Coaches!!

3rd Grade Team

Coach Venus Jones

Zoe Jones

Trinitee Shaw

Megan Magill

4th and 5th Grade Team

Coach David Calmese

Claire Calmese

Chloe Braziel

Rebecca McClean

Taylor Monsibais

Jr. High Team

Coach Scott Cunningham

Dara Cunningham

Melinda Platt

Elizabeth Hayes

Emily Meyer

Holly Westbrook

Jamea Arreola



COMING THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday, December 15

Band Concert in the Sanctuary, 2:00pm

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME!!

- BAND STUDENTS WILL BE PLAYING FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL.
- FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
- STUDENTS MAY WEAR MUSIC LEARNING BAND SHIRTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY TOMORROW . . .



An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Dinner at 6pm in the Gym

The school will be responsible for providing supper, and with the leadership of Stacey Magill, we're serving a nice, warm pasta e fagioli. If you can help, please contact Stacey at smpeach@hotmail.com.



All K-8 Students will Meet in the Sanctuary at **6:30pm**. Preferred attire is Sunday best, although standardized dress from the dress code is acceptable.
NO jeans, NO shorts, please. Holiday themed attire is welcome!



**A Festival of
Nine Lessons
and Carols**

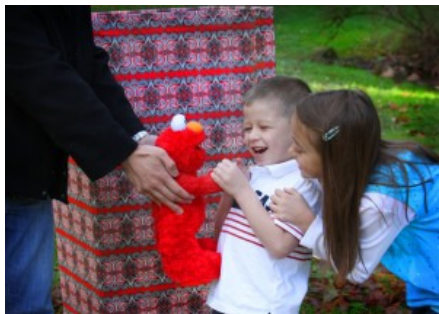
Worship at 7pm in the Sanctuary Led by Our K-8 Students

In 1880, E. W. Benson, then Anglican Bishop of Truro, England, composed a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, based on ancient sources, for Christmas Eve. In the service, nine readings from the Holy Scriptures highlighting the life and work of Jesus Christ are alternated with traditional Christmas carols. In 1918 it was adapted for the chapel of

King's College, Cambridge, by its Dean, Eric Milner-White, who also wrote the Bidding Prayer. Our service has been adapted for our students and the Advent season.

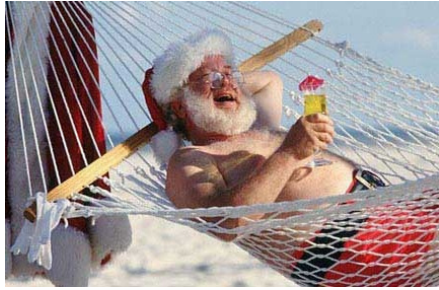
Thursday, December 16

K-Kids to Mission Arlington



Our 5th – 8th grade students will be visiting Mission Arlington after lunch on Thursday (about 2:30pm) to volunteer their services with gift wrapping and child care at their annual Christmas Store. All year long, the Arlington community has been giving toys and bikes and gift wrap and Christmas trees and more to make sure that there would be enough toys at Christmas time. The Grace Lutheran K-Kids are going to help some needy area families have a brighter Christmas!

Friday, December 17



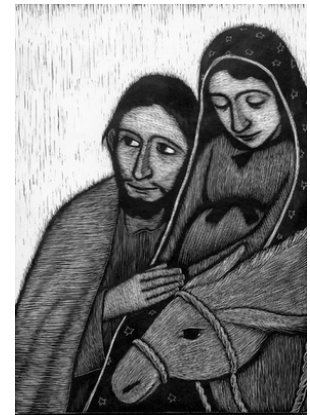
Last Day of School Before Winter Break

Including:

A Las Posadas Celebration

A service of Las Posadas (Shelter) draws upon Mexican custom and practice. It is a highly communal and participatory liturgy. It is dramatic and contemporary, and it engages people in imaginative and biblical recollection of the story of God coming into the world and of the holy family's searching for a place for Jesus to be born.

In the Grace Lutheran School version, the re-enactment takes place at the door of a classroom where a conversation takes place between Mary and Joseph — accompanied by the people — and the householders who resist their requests to gain entrance. The dialogue uses biblical texts as a way of rehearsing the need for repentance and faith. Finally, all are admitted to celebrate a fiesta of food and fun, in our case sopapillas with honey for everyone!



Class Parties

(More information may be obtained from your child's homeroom teacher).

Dismissal at 11:30am

(NO PRESCHOOL After-School care; K-8 After-School Care will be available until 6:00pm)

Upcoming Events . . .

December

- 15 – Band Concert, 2:00pm
- Advent Dinner, 6:00pm
- K-8 students gather in the Sanctuary, 6:30pm
- Service of Lessons and Carols, 7pm
- 16 – K-Kids assist at Mission Arlington, 12:30pm
- 17 – Las Posadas, 9am
- Early Dismissal, 11:30am
- 20 – Jan. 2 Christmas Holidays

Go Saints!