

# Noah's Ark Newsletter

Noah's Ark is 31 years old!! Yippee!

December 2011/January 2012

**Happy NEW YEAR to all! It's 2012! Celebrate the "Light"!**

It's Epiphany ...celebrate the coming of the Wise Men! You can

be "the star"...and guide the way for others!!



Parent Activity Days coming up....

January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>!

Pick something fun to do...and come join us. Look for sign-up on the bulletin board. Ask a teacher for more info!

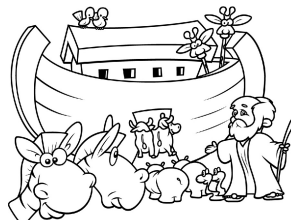


**We had so much fun singing "Happy Birthday Jesus"...and eating cake together at our Christmas party.**

**Thanks to these special children for sharing:**

Charlie S, Oscar S, Eva M, Gus, Beatrix, Michael R, Kameron, & Charlotte.

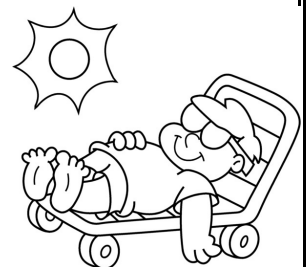
**We loved celebrating Christmas with all of you at our Christmas Party Programs. There is "room in our hearts for Jesus". Thanks, also, for sharing all those yummy treats!**



**Noah's Ark OPEN HOUSE...this Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am & Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM....TELL A FRIEND!!**

***THANK YOU for your many responses to the Noah's Ark end-of-the-year letter in support of our Noah's Ark budget. We are blessed by your generosity! Hugs!***

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On Monday & Tuesday, January 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> will have BEACH DAY. Yes...they may wear their suits to school with comfortable sweat suits over, bring a beach towel & even a fun beach toy. It'll be a day when we "think WARM!"



**THANK  
YOU for  
supporting  
our  
December  
Mission Projects**

The Food Wall really contributed to our food baskets for 28 families in the EC/Altoona school area!!



**Hat Mitten, & Sleeper  
Tree...**

We thank YOU for placing beautiful hats, mittens, and sleepers on our tree in December. They were shared with 28 families in EC & Altoona area, and several were taken to the Bolton House to be shared there. Many children are warm because of your gifts!

**Trinity Sharing Project**

A team of volunteers packed up all the food, gifts, and household supplies for 29 families on December 18, and they were delivered on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for making many family Christmas' much brighter!

**OUTSIDE PLAY IN January...**

We'll plan on outside play beginning next week, on Wednesday & Thursday, January 11 & 12. Children need to bring snowpants, easy to wear/put on boots, mittens/gloves, neckwarmers/scarves, and jackets for our play. We will have designated classrooms down the hallway from the preschool office for you to put the clothes. Please place them on a chair for children to easily access when we get dressed for outside play. We'll go out late in the day...coming in just in time for dismissal. They'll be dressed & ready to go home with you.

**Let's hope for some good snow. Please remember...BELOW ZERO temps keep us inside. We often can't make that call until the morning of!**

**OPEN GYM TUESDAYS**

Join Mrs. Knickerbocker in the TLC Trinity Room/Gym from 10-11:30 AM for a morning of movement fun. Parents and children (toddlers & preschool age) come together. She will share a short story time/snack at the end of the session each week. Cost is \$3.00 per child. No registration required.



**Winter Day Camp  
Openings**

Still room in:

**Come & Play**...PM session with Mrs. K & Mrs. Knickerbocker  
**Great Pretenders**...a drama experience with Mrs. K  
**Thrilling Thursdays**...science, cooking, etc with Mrs. K or Mrs. Knickerbocker  
**Music & Movement Mondays**...with Mrs. Fisher.

**Check with Mrs. Schoenknecht for more information!**

**2012-2013  
Noah's Ark  
Registration**

Brochures went home right before Christmas announcing the 2012-2013 school year registration for Noah's Ark schedule.

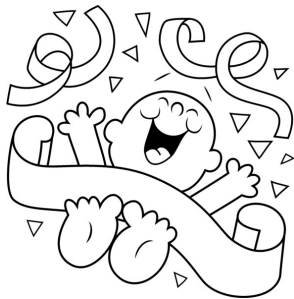
**Note the following call-in registration dates:**

- Currently enrolled Noah's Ark M-W-F & T-Th children  
Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2012  
8:00 A.M.
- Trinity Lutheran Church members (*including TLC member Come & Play & Friday Friends*)  
Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2012  
8:00 A.M.
- Siblings of currently enrolled students/non TLC members (*including non-member Come & Play & Friday Friends*)  
Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2012  
8:00 A.M.
- Opens to the public  
Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
8:00 A.M.

### Happy Birthday to our January Birthday children:

- Zach Higdon...5 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Jack Gorman...5 on the 5<sup>th</sup>
- Wyatt Lillegard...5 on the 5<sup>th</sup>
- Stella Williams...4 on the 10<sup>th</sup>
- Jace Schultz...5 on the 11<sup>th</sup>
- Ellie Hudson...5 on the 12<sup>th</sup>
- Gus Chumas...5 on the 12<sup>th</sup>
- Olivia Annis...4 on the 17<sup>th</sup>
- Beatrix Hoeksema...4 on the 19<sup>th</sup>
- Evan Herr...5 on the 21<sup>st</sup>
- Rachel Lokkesmoe...5 on the 24<sup>th</sup>
- Emarie Burnett...4 on the 29<sup>th</sup>
- Mason Pick Ranks...4 on the 30<sup>th</sup>

**God bless each one specially!**



Congratulations to

**Rozalyn Sanden**

on the birth of her new brother

**Everett**

on December 21!

Hugs from all of us!!

What a wonderful Christmas gift!



Once there was a snowman  
 With a long carrot nose  
 Along came a bunny  
 And what do you suppose???  
 The hungry little bunny  
 Was looking for his lunch  
 He ate the snowman's carrot nose  
**NIBBLE NIBBLE CRUNCH**

A **BIG welcome** to our newest Noah's Ark children:  
 Jace & Ryan!!

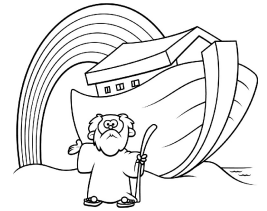
We are so glad to have them join us on M-W-F pm. Our family at Noah's Ark continues to grow! Share our newest brochures with friends...and pass the word that Noah's Ark is a great place to be!

**'Tis the season....for HEAD LICE.** So please check your children often. PLUS, make sure they don't share combs or winter hats with siblings, especially those in school already. Keep your eyes open...we've only had one case so far in the early fall. So we're doing a good job of prevention! Thanks for checking!

FYI...if you ever have questions about Noah's Ark, please feel free to contact the teachers or one of our preschool committee.

**The 2012-2013 team includes:**

- Stephanie Erickson
- Lori Borg
- Emily Kreiner
- Raeann Nargiz
- Lisa McIntyre (Council Rep)
- Jessica Loasching
- Sara Scovil
- Heather Day
- Jenny Larson
- Valerie Fedie
- Kaying Xiong
- Jill Kasmarek (teacher)
- Marlee Knickerbocker (teacher)
- Ginny Lien (teacher)
- Mary Schoenknecht (Children's Ministry Director)
- Jeanne Cooper (Preschool Director)

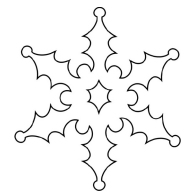


**We love our preschool & would gladly chat with you anytime. Our committee meets once a month, with a goal of supporting the teachers, discussing the calendar, planning & organizing fundraisers, and promoting the preschool program here at TLC.**

**January Themes:**

- Life of Jesus continues
- Epiphany
- Winter
- Snow
- Outside play
- Hibernation
- Parent Activity Day fun
- Beach Day fun

**Brrrrrrr!!!**



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**We're on the Web!**

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[www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org)

*Includes the latest Noah's Ark monthly  
newsletter and calendars!*

Love and Logic thoughts:

[www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com)

*(This is a good one from last year)*

**When Preschoolers Get**

**Frustrated**

Have you ever noticed how frustrated many small children get when they try to do something "big" and it doesn't work out? One parent commented to Charles Fay "Every time my three-year-old has trouble putting on her socks, reaching the soap in the bathroom, getting her zipper zipped, or anything else, she throws a huge screaming fit". It has to be horribly frustrating for little ones to find themselves struggling to do things that just aren't working out! It's also frustrating for parents to hear the screaming! Charles says, in our home, we've tried all sorts of ineffective techniques, such as trying to do it for them, bossing them around about how they should do the task, and even screaming about their screaming.

**Here's a suggested procedure:**

Step one: Empathize

"Oh...that must be frustrating"  
Step two: Hand the problem back to the child

"What do you think you are going to do about it?"

Step Three: Ask for permission to share some ideas?

"Would you like to hear what other kids have tried?"

Step four: Give them three or four simple ideas

"Some kids decide to.....How will that work for you?"

Step five: Allow them to learn through experimentation

"Good luck...let me know how it goes!"

***Have fun trying these ideas!!***

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About Noah's Ark...

**Noah's Ark is a mission of Trinity Lutheran Church...**an extension of Children's Ministry, and licensed by the state of WI.

**Our purpose is to:**

**SHARE** the Good News of Jesus

**ENGAGE** children in activities to discover how wonderfully God has made them

**ENCOURAGE** children in Christian attitudes of

respect, kindness, service, hope, forgiveness, peace, and love

**CONSIDER** what a great place church is to be, and

**HELP** children learn what it means to be a disciple