

# Our Savior's Lutheran Preschool

## January 2015 Newsletter



### New Year's Blessings!

The holiday season has come and gone...and we are left with the peace of new beginnings and hopeful outlooks towards the new year! Your Preschool team is praying for the rest of our school year to be filled with joy, love, respect and many adventures in our learning journey.

As the new year arrives, we would like to invite you to take a moment to reflect on how quickly time goes by. This sweet and precious time in your child's life will go by quicker than you will ever realize! Make sure you are making time a priority in your home how ever fits best with your family! This time to connect and discover your child's passion and curiosity in their day can be as simple as a conversation during dinner time or taking an

evening walk on the beach trail and hunting for treasures for a family joy jar! However you share that time, enjoy the opportunity you have with your children and praise the Lord for the ability to do so!

Please know your Preschool team is always willing to make time for YOU! Always let us know how we can help this New Year be a great one with Our Savior's and remember you can always contact us at your convenience!

Enjoy the time given to you, enjoy the year ahead of you, enjoy the one's surrounding you and enjoy the gift's around you! Happy New Year and blessings to you and your family...

Take care always,  
Mrs. Katherine Yeakel

### January Dates

School Resumes	1/5
2015 Fall Priority Registration	1/14
School Closed	1/19
School Closed	1/20
Pajama Day	1/22 1/23
School Closed (Parent Conferences)	1/29 1/30



Chapel Offerings for January will be given to the Boys and Girls Club

*Romans 8:38-39 (NRSV)*  
<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# A note from your teacher

**Romans 12:6-7** “We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;”

Mrs. Hardison

We begin the New Year exploring winter! We will be discovering snow and snowmen as well as Polar animals. Then we will be moving on to hot cocoa explorations along with comparing and contrasting different versions of the story of the Gingerbread Man. What a busy and yummy month!

Love, Mrs. Hardison

Ms. Rysavy

*Winter is here and I have lots of fun activities planned this month. We will be exploring the cold weather and reading some classic fairy tales. We will focus on the color blue and the triangle shape as well as concentrating on the letters K, L and M. We will also be taking a close look at the letters in our names and writing our names!*

*Thank you,*

*Miss Rysavy*

Mrs. Wells

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all had a great Christmas and all your wishes came true. In Pre-Kindergarten children begin to recognize different workers and associate them with certain clothing and tools. However, they may have only a vague understanding of what workers called community helpers do and the services they provide to make the community a better place to live. The purpose of this unit is to explore a variety of community workers and expand children's understanding of what their work involves. The community members we will be talking about are police officers, firefighters and postal workers.

Mrs. Wells

## Bible Story of the Month

*Scripture Reference: Acts 27-28:10*

**Story Overview:** Paul was placed under guard and put aboard a ship so that he could go to Rome for his trial. Bad weather caused the ship to be delayed along the way. Paul asked his guard to tell the captain that disaster would strike if they continued to sail. The guard ignored Paul and the ship sailed into hurricane strength winds and was tossed about for many days. Paul told them all that an angel of the Lord had told him that no one would die and that they would run aground on an island. Just as Paul said, the ship ran aground near the island of Malta and everyone got to shore safely. While there, Paul was bitten by a poisonous snake and miraculously lived. He also healed the father of the island's chief official. After three months they boarded another ship heading to Rome.

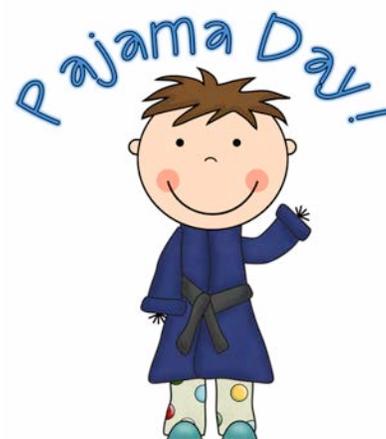
**Emphasis:** *God protected Paul and gave him strength. When we trust God he will do the same for us!*

## Find Joy...at Home!

As writer Marianne Williamson said, “Joy is what happens when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are.” Our at home devotion challenge for January is to make a jar of joy! Fill a jar with mementos, notes or scraps from happy events throughout the year. Make the jar accessible and visible for the whole family to see, and you will soon discover how your jar will provide a tangible reminder to look for the good in life!

It's a simple way to bring your family closer together. The ability to remember the good times and see things positively is an essential skill for building resilient and emotionally secure children. A joy jar can help teach your children to be grateful for the life they have and to appreciate the small moments. This authentic gesture can help spark a way of living for your family and have fun doing so!

Using a jar as a way to keep mementos of the best parts of the year is an excellent way to help children focus on life's excitements. It will help encourage their reflective skills and show them that there is more to life than work or school! The Our Savior's team will be praying for you to find your joy not only this month but always! Have fun collecting your joy friends!



**January 22nd & 23rd!**

Progress reports will be sent home on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sign-up sheets will then be posted for parent/teacher conferences, which will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. **There is no school on conference days, and conferences are for adults only please.**