Raiders News

December 10, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: E IS FOR EMPATHY

If you're a young adult wrestling with the idea of going to church and attaching yourself to organized religion, I want you to know that I get it. I understand. Many of the options out there might seem a little strange: somber people sitting quietly in dark spaces. And they light candles. Older Christians can relate to all that talk of the end being near. But, I imagine that when you have your whole life ahead of you and want direction for it, hearing that everything is broken including you is a little off putting. You already knew the world was messed up when you stepped away from it to look for hope and inspiration for your life. Be assured the message of Jesus isn't gloom and doom. Jesus is about making everything whole again, including you.

Being a Christian is having a faith relationship with Jesus Christ. His life is an open book—the Bible. If you follow him around for a while in that book, you will come to love him deeply. Notice where he was willing to go and who he was willing to befriend. Think about what he taught with his stories and sermons. Watch him pray. I like watching him deal with those entrenched in their religion. Above all, understand that his self-sacrifice defines love. No matter what you may have heard, please take Jesus at his word. **"I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness"** (John 10:10 GNT).

Posted in Living My Faith

School Christmas Programs

Preschool-Kindergarten Christmas Program Sunday, December 19th @ 10:30am

1st-8th Grade Christmas Program Friday, December 17th @ 7pm



We look forward to seeing you all at these special times. The children have been working hard to share the coming of our Savior with all of you!

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What Child Is This? - Christmas 2021 at Reformation

A baby is born every twelve seconds. That's 140 million babies born each year. Yet, there is something that sets this child apart from all others. It is not simply his humble beginnings, with a cattle feeding trough as his first cradle. It is not just the miraculous nature of his birth, with his mother being a virgin. There is so much more! This child is the only hope we have for peace and a future. This child can wipe away every tear and drive away every fear. Here is the truth of Christmas—with this child, you lack nothing. But without him, you have nothing. Join us this Christmas season to answer this most important question: "What child is this?"

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service – December 24 at 7:00PM

This Christmas Eve, an angel answers the question, "What child is this?" with the stunning statement that in this child "a Savior has been born to you." Join us on Christmas Eve as we gather for a service of well-loved Christmas carols, candlelight and to hear the good news God gave the world on that first Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day Festival Worship Service – December 25 at 10:30AM

What child is this? This child is God in the flesh. This child is God and man in one person, exactly what the human race needed to deliver it from its enemies of sin, death, and Satan. Christmas Day serves up the deep stuff of Christmas: the miracle and mystery of the incarnation. On Christmas Day, we gather to contemplate a love so deep and wide and high and long that it will lead us to sing for joy and give thanks to God for this great and profound act of love!





Update from the TK Classroom

Hello from Transitional Kindergarten!

This past month we have been working very hard on our Christmas program. We are so excited about this program because we get to share the wonderful news about the birth of our Savior, Jesus. We have been practicing our lines and learning new songs and can't wait for all to see it on December 19th, we even get to put on costumes too.

What else have we been learning about? We continue to plug away at our letters. Each week we learn a new letter and the sound it makes, along with how to make the letter with our bodies. We now know letters A through K. During math time we are learning about big and small, long and short and so much more. Our favorite time of the day besides hearing God's Word is when we get to go to the gym. We love playing dodgeball.

Well that is all for now. Check back with us soon to see what we are up to. We hope you have a Merry Christmas and hope to see you on December 19th at 10:30 am.





You are Invited! - Christmas in Clairemont, December 18

Join us and invite a friend to enjoy an evening for the family to celebrate Christmas. Enjoy live nativity plays, coffee and cookies, crafts and storytelling. Saturday, December 18, 6-8pm right here at Reformation.







Please return this form and money to the church by Friday, December 19 at noon. Please include a check made payable to Reformation Lutheran Church towards the poinsettia donation. Below, clearly print your "in memory of" or "in honor of" to avoid any errors.

The poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary beginning December 24 for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Poinsettias may be picked up after the 10:30 service of Sunday, December 26.

Please note, one family group per line and \$20 per flower donation.

Donor Name: ____

_____x \$20 = ______ (check attached to paper)

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Christmas Break for K-8 Students

Christmas break starts on Wednesday, December 22 and ends on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. This means that K-8 students have school on Monday and Tuesday, December 20th and 21st. They will resume school after the New Year on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Lost and Found

We encourage all families to label all your student's items (sweatshirts/sweaters, lunch bags, water bottles, etc.) so they can be easily returned to your student when found on campus. If your student is missing an item, please contact his or her teacher for assistance in locating it.





Ki's School Lunches – Order Today!

You can take a break from packing a lunchbox on Mondays and Thursdays by ordering from Ki's School Lunches! With more than 35 entrée choices each day, there is bound to be something your student will enjoy. Place orders online and cancel (when necessary) up to 8am the same day. Go to www.kisschoollunches.com

or <u>http://reformationschoolsd.org/school-</u> information/schoollunch-options/ for additional details and to create your account to place an order. The Ki's website has detailed information on the "How it Works" page. Orders must be placed by noon the day prior to lunch service. You can place orders for the entire month now.

There is an opportunity to volunteer to help with Ki's lunches distribution. Lunches are delivered to us shortly before lunchtime and volunteers distribute lunches to the students. Can you help with this? The time commitment is 11:30am-12:45pm on either Monday OR Thursday. We are asking for one adult volunteer for each day. Can you help? Contact Sarah Rodrigues at rodriguess@refsd.org or (858) 279-3311, ext. 1.

We are hiring! We need your help.

You can help us help you! Reformation Lutheran School is currently hiring (just like everyone else) for a few positions.

-Shepherd's Care Supervisor -Preschool Classroom Aid -Preschool Classroom Teacher

If you know of anyone who might have the time or qualifications, we would love to meet with them or spend some time talking with them about these open positions. Please refer anyone to <u>principal@refsd.org</u>. Thank you for helping us staff so that we can better serve the families of

Reformation!

Reformation Family Calendar

December

17 Grades 1-8 sing at 7:00pm Christmas Program
18 Christmas in Clairemont
19 PK/K sing at the 10:30am Christmas Program
22 Preschool Closes at 3:00pm
24 No Preschool, Grade School or Shepherd's Care - Campus closed - Christmas Eve
22-31 No Grade School - Christmas Break
31 No Preschool, Grade School or Shepherd's Care - Campus closed - New Year's Eve

Worship Service - Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am Kids4Christ - Sundays at 9:30am Foundations 101 - Sundays at 9:30 am

A monthly calendar is updated on our website, and a full school year calendar is available also. Click here to review these calendars. (<u>http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/</u>)



We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. Hebrews 6:19





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About Us

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The eternal truths of God's Word are the foundation of our school, its curriculum, and all its activities. Our goal in Christian education is to provide each child with the maximum development of God-given spiritual, physical, and mental abilities. We offer Christian education in our Preschool (ages 2.5-5) and Grade School (K-8).

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