

Raiders News

December 17, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

At the Manger

<https://timeofgrace.org/at-the-manger/>

It's that time of year when we enjoy the lights and Christmas decorations neighbors have displayed in their yards. I particularly love any outdoor nativity scene. My deep appreciation for nativity scenes goes back to when I was a child. We lived just blocks from our church, and it was an annual tradition for my dad to walk our family to see the rustic stable with Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus. I remember staring in at that tiny "baby" and wondering what it would have been like to be one of the shepherds on that holiest night.



Oh, how I would have loved to have been there when the angels announced the birth of the Messiah, the One who was promised to come! However, my time on this earth was not meant to begin until the late 1950s. But why should my mission be any different than the shepherds of long ago? I should also feel as in Luke 2:17 where we read: **"When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child."** Amen and hallelujah!

In these last days before Christmas, my prayer for you is that you take time to peer closely at that baby and then "spread the word" with family, friends, coworkers, and anyone at your holiday gatherings or events. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled! The Prince of peace was born for you and for me and for all people!

School Christmas Programs Postponed

We are **postponing the Preschool-Kindergarten and Grades 1-8 Christmas programs**. We were very much looking forward to these opportunities to share the story of our Savior with everyone and we still intend to do that. The children have worked hard to memorize and practice their lines, narrations, songs, and hand motions. These types of programs are exactly why our school exists and why you send your children to Reformation.



We intend to have them in January, so please watch for that communication.

The Reformation ministry team wishes you a very Merry Christmas. May the Lord bring you peace and joy through the message we hear of the sending of His Son throughout the Christmas season!



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.

There will be NO Shepherd's Care during Christmas Break.

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
7:00PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
FESTIVAL SERVICE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
10:30AM**

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is this?

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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!

You are Invited! – Christmas in Clairemont, Tomorrow – Dec. 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.



The poster is a festive invitation for a Christmas celebration. It features a central title 'Christmas in Clairemont' in a large, green, serif font. To the left of the title is a green holly branch with red berries. To the right is a red and green striped candy cane. Below the title, the text 'Christmas celebration for the family' is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. Below that, 'Enjoy live nativity plays, coffee and cookies, crafts and storytelling.' is written in the same red font. In the center is a green silhouette of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus in a manger. Below the nativity scene, the date and time 'Saturday, December 18 6:00 - 8:00 pm' are written in a green, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the location and website 'Reformation Lutheran Church & School 4670 Mt. Abernathy Ave, San Diego 92117 reformationsandiego.org' are written in a red, sans-serif font. The poster is decorated with several green stars and a red gingerbread man on the left. A green Christmas ornament is on the right. The background is white with a subtle pattern of small green stars.

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Christmas celebration for the family

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reformationsandiego.org**



Update from Mrs. Bohl's Kindergarten Classroom

In November we collected items for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Each student was able to pack their own box for a child in need. We also got to learn about ambulances thanks to Mr. Holladay stopping by. The kids really enjoyed seeing things up close.

December has been a roll with it kind of month and I couldn't be prouder of Kindergarten. They have been working so hard on their Christmas Program (which is unfortunately postponed for the time being). They have been able to be flexible with our schedule while continuing to learn about new Super Kids in reading and starting to touch on money and time in math. We have even enjoyed the cozy aspects that these few rain days have given us. God's richest blessings as we celebrate our Savior's birth.



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.

Lost
&
Found



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 <http://reformationschoolsd.org/school-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 principal@refsd.org. Thank you for helping us staff so that we can better serve the families of Reformation!

Reformation Family Calendar

December

- 18** Christmas in Clairemont
- 22** Preschool Closes at 3:00pm
- 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service - 7:00pm
- 24** No Preschool, Grade School or Shepherd's Care - Campus closed - Christmas Eve
- 25** Christmas Day Festival Worship Service - 10:30am
- 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. (<http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/>).



*We have this hope
as an anchor
for the soul,
firm and secure.*

Hebrews 6:19



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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