



# ILS Connections

A monthly Newsletter Connecting  
our school families, teaching staff, school leaders,  
congregation, and community!

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**Making Disciples for Life! Dec. 2022**



“The thrill of hope  
the weary world rejoices.”



**Young Two's in Blue Toddler Room**  
What a great month it has been for the young Two's! We welcomed a new friend into our class and will be welcoming another one next month!

The young Two's got to be a part of the ILS Veteran's day program and the Thanksgiving program, they did great (thank you to the 4's class for helping us)! We have enjoyed the color yellow and making flags/turkeys with our handprints this month! The color of the month for December will be green! Can't wait to start on Christmas art and learn about everything green.

Mrs. Ricketts

## From our Preschool Director

I was a little out of sort anyway hearing the first Christmas carols two days before Thanksgiving ... but then the words hit me like a crash of cymbals:

*“the weary world rejoices...”*

From that phrase my mind was reeling! The world does seem weary—wary from pandemic, masks, threats of death; weary from politics, lies, truth called lies, extreme hostility; etc. Weary, yes; thrill of hope?! Really?! Okay, about then I thought about how our preschool children amid long days, and not getting all they want when they want it (their version of weary world) are absolutely quick to hope! As teachers we see hope overcome weary every day a child in AfterCare exhausted and wondering when Mom will get there, suddenly sees Mom or Dad walk in! Weariness is forgotten and absolute hope is clear in the smile and hug shared! And THAT, my friends, is the best illustration of that line in “O Holy Night”! Despite the weariness we see and experience, God loves us and the gift of His Son, our Savior, Jesus, born in Bethlehem gives us every hope and joy that shall endure for eternity! *“For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn”* and we join the angels singing for joy! It is my prayer you may know this great joy in Jesus this Christmas and experience it *like a preschooler!!*

If you have questions or suggestions about our school please contact me: school office: 217-442-5036; text or call my cell: 217-516-0085; [ILS.MichaelHeidle.Director@gmail.com](mailto:ILS.MichaelHeidle.Director@gmail.com) or: [ILS.PreschoolOffice@gmail.com](mailto:ILS.PreschoolOffice@gmail.com).



## Two's Class in our Red Room

The holidays are upon us but let's not forget about the wonderful time we had in November. After our wild Halloween party, we embraced autumn with a week of all-things-apples. It was an honor to be able to celebrate and remember those who served our country. Plus we didn't lose any kids off the stage for our first program. Mrs. Lorrie and I are thankful for our students and their families and look forward to learning Christmas songs and celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Mrs. Lasher

## Three's Class in the Yellow Room

We had a fun and busy November! The month started out with a field trip to Hardy's Reindeer Ranch. Our class had a great time on the hayride and feeding the reindeer. Then, we had a Veteran's concert to honor our veterans. *Thank you for your service!* 🇺🇸 We are pushing forward with learning our numbers and letters. In Jesus time we are learning new bible stories and Jesus songs. We love to sing in the classroom. We are getting excited about Christmas and the fun activities we have planned in December. Our class wants to wish you a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**  
Mrs. Hammer

## Three's Class in our Purple Room

Now that the busyness of November is over, we are eager to head into the short month of December! November was filled with a field trip to the reindeer ranch, two concert performances, and a little holiday break to celebrate Thanksgiving. December will bring us all our favorite winter themes like gingerbread men, snowmen, hot cocoa etc., and of course the most important: the birth of Jesus! We will continue learning letters L-N, the color green, and shape rectangle. Our class is thrilled to perform for our families once again at our Christmas concert—you won't want to miss it! We will close out the month with a Christmas party and then enjoy winter break, which I hope is filled with lots of snow! 😊  
Mrs. Showers



## PreK Class in our Green Room

It is hard to believe another month is done. This year is going so fast. We had a great November with our Veteran's and Thanksgiving programs. We love to sing in front of a lot of people. We are thankful for *so much* because of what our great God has given us! We know He is always with us just like we learned in the story of Daniel in the lion's den and the 3 men in the furnace. In December we will learn the Christmas story starting with the birth of John. We are practicing our songs for our Christmas program. We continue to learn our letters and their sounds and numbers. We are starting to write in our art center. We loved our first snow!! It was nice and wet so we could make snowballs! We pray you have a very Merry Christmas and you will hear more from us in 2023!

Mrs. Heidle



## YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 in our gym for a delightful and inspiring Christmas Program by our ILS Children!



## Poinsettia Sale

Thank you for ordering Poinsettias through our ILS Poinsettia fundraiser! Our church bought 38; our preschoolers sold 62; for a total of 100 poinsettias! Plants ordered for should be available late afternoon Dec 16 (text/call Mike) so you can pick up and deliver.

## Upcoming Dates for ILS!

- Dec. 5-7 ILS Christmas Shop
- Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm ILS Christmas Program
- Dec. 19 – Jan. 2 Christmas Break: No School
- Jan. 3 School resumes
- Jan. 16 No School: Martin Luther King, Jr Day



THANK YOU to all who filled our collection box!!



Please visit our Immanuel website: [www.ilcdanville.com](http://www.ilcdanville.com) and click on our School tab for info and *more* photos of our ILS! And be sure to follow Immanuel Lutheran Church & School on Facebook for photos, videos, and updates! Check out our Facebook page often!!

## BoxTops

BoxTops for education is a great way to support ILS as you shop. It does not cost you any extra; you just do your normal shopping; but when you scan your receipt with your smart phone camera using the BoxTops app ILS gets 10 cents for each BoxTops item. It may not seem like much, however, ILS has received over \$100 in our Box tops account this school year with just a few people scanning their receipts. Download the app and scan your receipts or simply bring your receipts and give them to your child's teacher and we will scan them (must be within 14 days). Speak with one of our teachers if you would like assistance setting up the BoxTops app on your phone. Thank you for participating in BoxTops for ILS!

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## Christmas Shop

Each child in our school has the opportunity to shop in our school's Christmas Shop for surprise gifts for family and pets. If you did not return the form (due Dec 2) call or text your child's teacher! Christmas Shop is only here Monday to Wednesday, Dec. 5-7! Volunteers will help each child select gifts and wrap them for each person on their list!

## Tuition, Lunch fees, & Billing

Thank you for keeping up each month with tuition payments and lunch and Before/After Care fees – *keep up the great support!* Please speak with Mr. Heidle if you need a payment plan or have any questions about the billing process. Our next billing sheet should go home Dec. 5 with a reminder about December tuition due and November lunch fees and other fees. Thank you!



## Christmas Break

There will be NO SCHOOL from Dec 19 through Jan 2; so enjoy that time with your family to celebrate Christmas, especially God gift to us in Jesus who was born that we might have eternal life! School resumes on Tuesday, Jan 3, 2023!

## School Mission Project

Each week an envelope comes home in your child's folder that can be used for \$\$ donation and the label lists what we are collecting that week. We hope that this might become a family mission as well: do a family project to raise \$\$ for the school mission project or go shopping together and let your child pick out the items; or maybe your child can do a household chore to earn \$\$ to buy the items for the mission. We are blessed to be a blessing!

We are collecting for Hope Center that serves children in Fair Oaks housing with good aftercare, snacks, and citizenship skills. Thanks for your support!



## Emergency Closings!

Since we do not rely on busing, we do not necessarily follow the closings of public schools! Listen for "Immanuel Lutheran School, Danville" (note: not Immanuel Lutheran Preschool – there is another in our region) on WCIA, D102, KRock, WDAN, WITY, KISS, KOOL for closing information in case of severe weather. However, we will communicate closings directly by mass email (by 6:15) and group texts.

