



2020 Christmas Program

St. John ECC is excited to be able to offer our traditional Christmas Program LIVE this year. It will look a little different due to guidelines and protocols we must follow, so please read this document in its entirety. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

DATES/TIMES/CLASSROOMS:

<u>Thursday, Dec 3</u>		<u>Friday, Dec 4</u>	
Room 2 -	Ms. Stacey	Room 2 -	Ms. Stacey
Room 3 -	Ms. Amber	Room 3 -	Ms. Luz
Room 4 -	Ms. Sarah	Room 4 -	Ms. Sarah
Room 5 -	Mrs. Young	Room 6 -	Ms. Diana
Room 6 -	Ms. Therese	Room 7 -	Ms. Amy
Room 10 -	Mrs. Haas	Room 8 -	Ms. Becky
Room 13 -	Ms. Margaret	Room 9 -	Ms. Kelsey
Room 14 -	Mrs. McDonald	Room 11 -	Ms. Michelle
		Room 13 -	Ms. Margaret

The program start time is 7:00 pm both evenings.
We will start accepting children into the school at 6:30 pm.
The Worship Center will also open at 6:30 pm.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA PERMISSION:

To participate in the program, parents must sign a permission slip granting St. John Church & School permission to live stream the program on the St. John Facebook page, and have the program appear on the St. John website and YouTube channel. A link to the YouTube video will be sent out after the program so you can share the program with your family and friends. They can also tune in the night of the program to see the program live. Access to the live program will be available through the St. John Lutheran Church Facebook page.



TICKETS:

- The week of November 30, each family will receive 4 guest tickets for family/friends to attend the live performance.
 - We recommend that you find a sitter for very young children since we ask that everyone remain in their seats once you are seated. Little ones tend to want to roam through the Sanctuary, which is age-appropriate - just not COVID-appropriate. Please keep younger guests with you at all times.
 - Tickets are not transferrable to other families. We have limited available space in the Worship Center. Our Worship Center is roped off appropriately for social distancing, so **PLEASE DO NOT MOVE ANY SIGNS OR ROPES**. Doing so will result in the ECC losing our privilege to use the Worship Center during this time.
- When you check-in for the evening, you will receive a colored wrist band for each child performing in the program. Each wrist band will have your child(ren)'s name on it. PLEASE KEEP THE WRITST BANDS ON, as this is how you will "claim" your child(ren) at the end of the performance.

PROGRAM DROP-OFF:

- As you arrive, please park your car. If possible, only one parent and the performing child(ren) should proceed to the front of the ECC.
- We ask that as you approach the building, anyone over the age of 9 be wearing a mask. Please maintain social distancing while waiting in line to check your child(ren) in for the evening.
- We plan to have 2 lines - one for our 18 mos, 2s and 3s, and a separate line for our 4s and Bridge.
- The check-in tables for the performing children will be under the covered porch of the school building. You will receive your colored wrist band for each child in the program at this time.
- The ECC children will be screened, checked off a list, and taken to their classroom by our staff.

- Remaining family and/or guests will proceed to the Worship Center with guest tickets in hand.
- Guest tickets will be collected at the door, and we ask that you please use one of the sanitation stations upon entry.
- Someone will screen everyone in your party for temperatures before you enter the Sanctuary.
- You will be handed a glow stick to be used at the end of the program. Do not activate the glow stick until the Music teacher advises you to do so. All glow sticks have been sanitized prior to distribution and are yours to keep.
- Please keep your masks on until you are seated in one of the designated pews.

PROGRAM PROTOCOLS:

- Once you are seated in a pew, we ask that you remain there for the duration of the program. If it becomes necessary to visit the restroom, please put your mask on to walk to the facilities and then return promptly to your seat.
- THERE WILL BE NO PICTURE TAKING ALLOWED like we have allowed in the past. Since the program will be live-streamed, it will be recorded on the St. John Facebook page, and it will be uploaded onto the St. John YouTube channel, for viewing later. You and your family and friends will be able to view the program as many times as you wish.
- Please be courteous to all our guests and do not hold your phones up to record any portion of the program, because it is likely you will be blocking someone's view behind you.
- Our ECC children will practice social distancing while entering the Sanctuary, singing, and moving to their seats on the stage.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD(REN):

- At the end of the performance, 2 classes at a time will be called forward to wait in the open space in front of the communion rail - one on each side of the Sanctuary.
- Please have **one parent (only)** come forward when your child's class is in the holding area and show your wrist band to the classroom teacher to claim your child.
- As soon as you have your child with you, you may go back to the pew, collect the rest of your family, and leave the Worship Center.
- If you have more than one child performing in different age levels, please return to your pew with the child you just "claimed", and wait for the next child's class to move to the holding area.

- We need all families to leave the Worship Center immediately - there should not be any socializing in the Commons area.



We know this is a **lot** to remember, but we appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we navigate through this event. Our prayer is that we can present a meaningful Christmas Program, while keeping all our children, our staff, and our families safe.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this document, please contact one of our office staff.

Thank you!

The Staff of St. John ECC

