

JANUARY 2019

THE

# Outlook

A NEWSLETTER OF ORLAND PARK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

## IN THIS ISSUE:

DEACONS' CORNER  
page 2

PRESCHOOL NEWS  
page 3 & 4

CAR MINISTRY  
UPDATE  
page 4

ADULT ED  
page 5

WOMEN IN THE  
WORD  
page 5

CHURCH FAMILY  
NEWS  
page 6 & 7

2018: A YEAR  
IN REVIEW  
page 8

CALENDAR  
page 9

## Preschool Gives Back

**CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE  
OF GIVING THROUGH A FOOD AND TOY DRIVE**

**T**he children at Orland Park Christian Preschool are learning that it is a blessing to be able to share with others! During the month of December, the children and their families responded generously to the opportunity to donate food and toys for those in need here in Orland Park.

We talked with the children about the fact that in our homes, we have toys to play with and enough food to eat every day. However, there are people who live around us that don't have enough food to eat each day. Preschoolers and their families responded by generously bringing non-perishable food to school to give to the food pantry at Orland Park Christian Reformed Church. Each child helped to carry a few items of food from our preschool hall to the food pantry down by the church office. Jessica Clevering, coordinator of the food pantry, graciously gave of her time to welcome us, say thank you, and show us where the food would be kept until people come to pick it up



Preschool children with the donations for the Orland CRC Food Pantry.

Story continued on page 4...



**Orland Park**  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

7500 Sycamore Drive, Orland Park, IL, 60462  
(708) 532-4900 | Email: [opcrc@opcrc.org](mailto:opcrc@opcrc.org)  
[www.orlandchurch.com](http://www.orlandchurch.com)

## CHRISTMAS AT PRESCHOOL

Every year, the Christmas season is very special for children! The teachers at Orland Park Christian Preschool enjoy the Christmas season with our students just as much as they do! What a joy and privilege it is to introduce the children to the best Christmas gift of all—Jesus! We tell Bible stories, read Christmas books, sing Christmas songs, make Christmas crafts, and dramatize the true story of Christmas found in the Bible to focus on the real meaning of the season.

We were able to enjoy performing two types of special programs for our parents this year. We invited our parents to come to a parent meeting on our Christmas party day at school and while they were there we acted out the Biblical Christmas story. Our teacher narrated while the children played the parts of Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, a star, and wise men to tell the story. After the story, we stood by tables set with muffins and candles lit in them. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Jesus to help us remember that Jesus was born on the first Christmas day! After blowing out the candles we enjoyed the muffins and juice drinks with our families.

Later in that same week, we performed a program of songs and Bible verses for our parents, grandparents, and friends in the church sanctuary. We sang the Christmas songs we learned and shared the Bible story of Christmas. We learned so much about God's love for us and how important it is for us to love God too.

It is our prayer that each child's heart is opened to the love of Jesus as they learn at Orland Park Christian Preschool. It is encouraging to speak with parents of former preschoolers who tell us that even after their children have grown and moved on to other schools, the Christmas lessons they learned in preschool have stayed with them. We are grateful to God for the work of His Spirit in the lives of our children.



"Happy Birthday dear Jesus, happy birthday to you!"



The shepherds came to see Baby Jesus.

Thank you so much to our church's pastors, council, preschool board members, and congregation for supporting us with your gifts and prayers so that we have the opportunity to share the important message of God's love at Christmas and always!



## PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

**P**reschool registration time is here! Our annual preschool open houses with the opportunity to register for 2019 fall classes will be held on January 27 from 1-3 pm and January 29 from 9-11 am. On Sunday afternoon, January 27, the school will be open and families are welcome to take a tour of the classrooms and meet the teachers. On Tuesday, January 29, families of future preschool children are welcome to come in to school while it is in session, take a tour, see the current classes in action, and meet the teachers. There will be an opportunity on both days to enter a drawing for one free month's tuition with a paid registration. After January 29, registration will be open until classes fill.

Orland Park Christian Preschool offers sessions for 4-year-old children three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday.) The morning session, held from 8:45-11:30 am has a tuition cost of \$165/month and the extended day session, held from

8:45 am-1:30 pm costs \$235/month. The preschool also offers class sessions for 3-year-old children two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday). This session, held in the mornings from 8:45-11:30 am, costs \$130/month. The board of our preschool is

committed to making this program affordable and available to all families regardless of church affiliation. Our mission is

to provide a clean, safe, happy Christian atmosphere for children where the love of Christ is modeled and shared. We will assist parents in helping their children grow spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

Orland Park Christian Preschool is an excellent choice for your child's first school experience, providing a quality Christian learning environment for children who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2019. Please spread the news about Orland Park Christian Preschool to your family, friends, and neighbors who have young children.



Orland Park Christian  
**Preschool**

## PRESCHOOL FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

Story continued from page 1...

on Wednesday afternoons. She even let us help to load the shelves and put the food in the right places according to its kind.

The families of our children also donated toys through our preschool to the Orland Township Holiday Toy Drive. Two representatives from Or-



land Township came and picked up the toys which will be available to families who need assistance in order to give their children Christmas presents. We thank God for the opportunity to share with others. We are grateful for the opportunity to teach the importance of giving to young children.

