



Advent.... Time of Joyful Expectation



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Advent is a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. The word "advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming". Advent is a time of reflection and prayer, and we at St. Mark's can seize this opportunity to reflect upon what's "coming" in our parish.



NEW BUILDING

How exciting to ride up our church driveway and see the new structure on the horizon before us:

- Framing of the first and second floor walls is complete.
- Roof trusses are in place.
- The detention pond is being dug.
- Next steps: fire sprinkler system installed, plumbing top-out, & electrical work



NEW SCHOOL

Some members of the Search Committee for The Founding Head of School tour the coming classrooms. The pre-school will open in September 2014. Pictured from left to right are Barbara Scheibner, Jan Leaman, Rob Hamon, and Sarah Baetz.



ENHANCEMENT OF PROGRAMS

Kids' Kingdom will explore the Creation story from Genesis, including a photography scavenger hunt, painting tiles, construction of a terrarium, and playing Creation Pictionary. **The adults in Christian Formation** will continue with the Book of Luke, then smoothly transition to the Acts of the Apostles. Pictured from left to right are: Mia Hawkes, Lizzie Ronning, Zoe Caruso, Jacob Thomas, Dalton Ronning, and Macy Hawkes acting in a short drama recreating the life of Moses.



The second story of the new building provides abundant space for our active and growing **YOUTH MINISTRY**. Pictured is Alexandra Arnold at St. Mark's annual pet blessing.



Daughters of the King, Isobel Gotschall and Dorothy Dawlearn, prepare for their 2014 Spring Assembly.

As you gather with your family and friends on Christmas Day, say together this beautiful Christmas prayer from The Book of Common Prayer, page 212.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle



Steel Porte-cochere & Framing of
Second Story Walls

OUR BUILDING DEDICATION – JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle will be coming to St. Mark's on **Sunday, January 5, 2014** to dedicate our new Education/Preschool Building. Equally joyful will be the confirmation by the Bishop of several St. Mark's members, youth and adult. All are encouraged to come to this special church service scheduled for **3:00 p.m.** Morning Prayer will be offered at **10:00 a.m.** This will be a 2014 calendar now!



Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.

2 Samuel 7:29