



# 2015 *Holiday Greetings*

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# Elf For Hire!

*Santa said he was looking for an elf to hire at the North Pole. I think we have some great applicants in Mrs. Angerman's 2nd grade!*

Santa, I think you should hire me because, I'm good at gift wrapping I have been doing it for years .

**Love, William**

Santa, I think you should hire me. I can bwild wooden cars. I will make wooded hover car. I have made wooden car. I will make them every day. I will paint the wooden cars. My favorite toy is a car.

**Love, Lucas**

Santa, I think you should hire me because Im the best at not telling others what their present is. I kept a secret from Sophia's present because it was special.

**Love, Christina**

Santa, I think you should hire me for an elf. I'm the best organizer ever! I can organiz your gifts really nicely. I can organiz books in your bag. I organiz Lego creations and laundry. If you don't pick me please pick me next Christmas.

**Love, Tank**

Santa, I think you should hire me becous I like to help my parents. I like to help my mom with dishes. I like to give my dog bathes. I like to help my brother make his bed. I love to help even you, please pick me!

**Tyra**

Santa, I think you should hire me because I would be the perfect fix it guy! I once fixed my toy car. I follow rules and directions really well. I'll be the best elf! I hope you choose me.

**Love Ian**

Santa, please hire me to take care of the reindeer because I'm responsible. At my house I always keep my room clean and tidy. I feed and water my pet everyday and take him for walks. If I have homework I complete it before school. I really love reindeer! Please hire me for the job!

**From Donovan**

Santa, I think you should hire me because I can decorate the tree with lots of ornaments and lights. One year my mom bought candy canes and I put them on the tree perfectly. One year I put the star on top too. Another year I put the lights on.

**Love, Shelton**

Santa, I think you should hire me because I'm the best cookie maker I know! I can make sugar cookies and I can get the frosting too! I've made cookies before at my birthday. I will even get you milk so you can dip the cookies. Santa, I really hope you pick me to be your elf!

**Love Paige**

Santa, I think you should hire me to make presents because I'm good at making toys. I will make



cars for all of the kids if they want them. I have made a toy sward at my house. I love making toys. Please hire me!

**From Nathan**

Mr. C, I think you should hire me because I can get your bag organized and ready in time. Every time I clean my room I always fold my own clothes. I help my mom wash the clothes and I love doing it! And I help my sister clean her room. Please hire me and I'll clean your sled and organize your bag.

**Love, Zariah**

Santa, I think you should hire me because I can decorate the tree with a lot of ornaments. I can put a lot of different ornaments on the tree. I can put the shine and sparkle on the tree. I have put ornaments on my tree with my mom! Decorating the tree is fun. Santa, pretty please pick me.

**Love Anthony**

Santa, I think you should hire me because I can make toys out of the toy machine. I can make the prettiest gift wrap ever. I can make Mrs. Angerman a gift. I love making toys! Please hire me!!

**Love, Dayne**

Santa, I think you should hire me because I'm good at mechanical stuff! I helped my Dad on a four-wheeler. I helped my dad on a boat and hot it working. If your sleigh breaks down, I will fix it! I hope you hire me.

**Love Brody**

Santa, I like to wrap presents because I wrap presents a lot with green and red too. I make the gifts look perfect. I like to use the most perfect ribbon that I could find. Santa, please can I be an elf? I really like to wrap presents a lot and I know I would be the perfect elf for you. I hope you hire me!

**Love, Andrew**

Hi Santa, I think you should hire me. I can organize the presents! On Christmas Eve I organize the presents and it always looks good. Also, I could organize the toys too, like the dolls. I can also organize the reindeer. I can organize really good. I just hope you pick me.

**Love, Roma**

Santa, Please hire me. I'm a good student. I help my dad all the time with cars. Please hire me.

**Love, Boomchain**



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## Decoration with a purpose

Potential buyers eye the different trees and displays to bid on during this year's Christmas Tree Lane, which opened Dec. 6 and closed last weekend. Pieces are contributed by various organizations and community members, and the money raised goes to support the Wrangell Hospice, which supports families with terminally ill relatives.

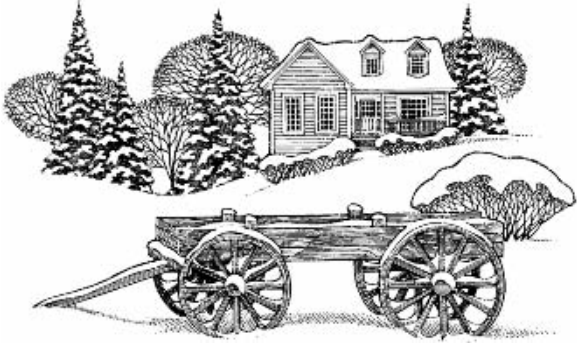


Wishing You a Very Merry Christmas and an Uplifiting New Year!

From The Crew at Sunrise Aviation and Pacific Wings

## Home For The Holidays!

*The Etolin Bus Company would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.*



*Wishing you joy on this holy night.  
May the spirit of Christmas,  
the warmth of home, love of family &  
company of good friends  
illuminate your heart all year long.*



## At This Special Time Of Year...

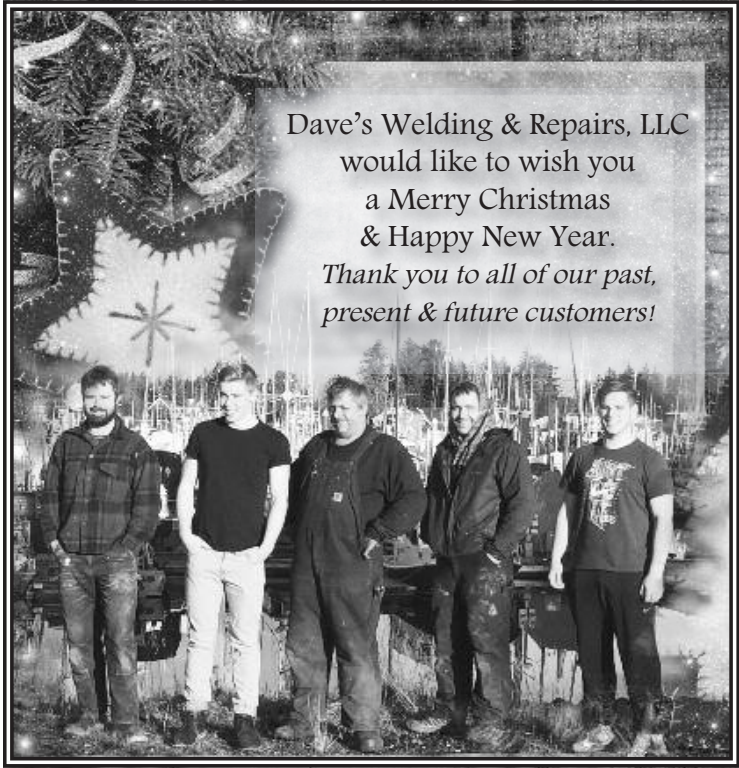


...when folks are traveling to visit family and friends,

*Tyee Travel and  
Alaska Cruises & Vacations*

wish to say

*Thank You and Happy Holidays!*





# Follow His life

The story of Christmas is a familiar one. Mary is visited by an angel, Jesus is born in a barn, a feeding trough used as a crib, wise men visiting, and shepherds proclaiming. This birth is celebrated

around the world even after 2000 years have passed. Many at the time however, missed it. You can see why... born to a seemingly insignificant couple, no room for them in the inn, the family forced to become fugitives for the first few years of Jesus' life, this event slipped past many. But scripture tells us this was No Ordinary Birth.

What the world did not recognize, all of Heaven (Luke 2:13) had anticipated. His birth would now give all of us an opportunity to be birthed into the Kingdom of Heaven!

Did you know that there was another birth that was highly anticipated by all of Heaven including God Himself? According to Psalms 139, it's YOUR birth! Verse 16 says "You saw me before I was born. Every

## Put Christ first

"Seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33, NIV

June and I lived for six years on the Micronesian island of Pohnpei, a lovely tropical Pacific island 200 miles above the equator. The Pohnpeian word for Christmas is Christmas, a word the local people had adopted into their language from the English when they converted from their animistic religion to Christianity. The word Christmas originally meant Christ's Mass. That is, the mass that was celebrated in honor of Christ's birth. The interesting thing about the word Christmas in the Pohnpeian language is that the Pohnpeian word "mas" (pronounced mahs) means first. So, when a Pohnpeian says the word Christmas he /she is actually saying "Christ first."

Putting Christ first in our lives is the heart and soul of Christmas.

Major Scott Nicloy  
Salvation Army



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## Crafty holidays

Madelyn Davies and Sophia Martinsen display the nutcrackers they created in Mrs. Wilson's first grade class this month.

## Season's Greetings

Mary Maxine Amber Rebecca Tammy Loretta



**1 FIRST BANK**  
MEMBER FDIC

day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." This whole chapter describes God's attention to detail, His watchful eye over us, and His extraordinary love He has for us. He has greatly anticipated your birth and intricately planned out your life. Why? Because He loves you and plans to spend all of eternity with you.

When you celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, remember to follow His life as well!

Matt Gerald  
Youth/Associate Pastor  
Harbor Light

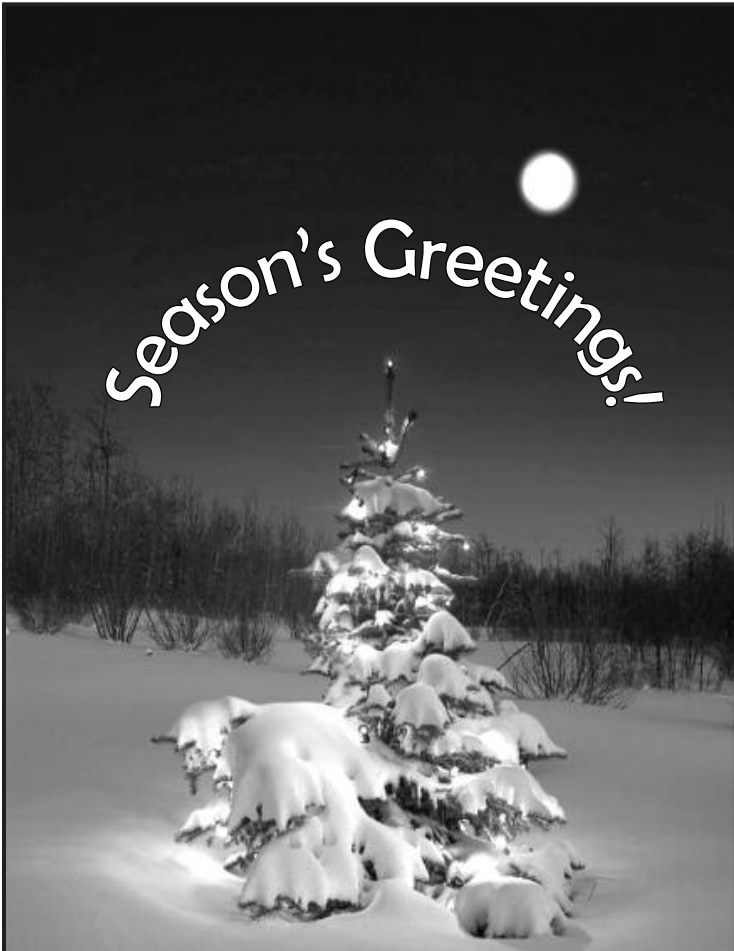
## Merry Christmas



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## Season's Greetings!



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Very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy, Healthy New Year



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# Mrs. Miller’s 3rd Graders are Thankful with many Holiday Wishes!

My wish is for everyone to have a great life. I hope people will be good to each other, and not bad. I am thankful for freedom, so I can go to school and learn all I can. I am thankful for my teacher because she’s the BEST! My family takes care of me and I am thankful for that. My wish is for everyone to have good friends, a good school, and a good family. I wish everyone in the world a very Merry Christmas!

by **Johnny Allen**

I am thankful for all of my family including my mom, dad, brother, grandmas, and all my cousins. They help take care of me, are fun, play with me, and they help raise me. I am thankful for my pet cat because she is nice and snuggly. My class is also something I am thankful for. We are all in the class and will be with each other for a long time. My teacher is cool. I like her oil diffuser she uses in the classroom. She helps me a lot on my work. My wish for the world is that all the bad people not being bad, but good. Merry Christmas!

by **Elizabeth Kissinger**

My wishes for the world are for everyone to have shelter, food, and loved ones around them on Christmas and always. I am thankful for my grandparents, my mother, and my father. They all do so much for us and I want to thank them for it. I am thankful for my teacher because she teaches us a bunch of new things that we didn’t even know, she helps me on my goals, and she reads to us. I wish everyone in the world a Happy and Merry Christmas.

by **Kayla Young**

I am thankful for the land we live on because the people on Wrangell Island are so nice. Also, because it is peaceful and no tornadoes happen here. I mostly like Wrangell because I’m not worried that anything bad will happen here. We are all lucky to live here with each other. I am thankful for my family who takes care of me and makes sure I have shelter. My school is a great place to learn. My wish for the world is for everyone to have a very Merry Christmas!

by **Trevyn Gillen**

I am thankful for my family, friends and educators. I have so many things to be thankful for. When teachers are helping me, I am thankful for it. When I am feeling down, my family makes me feel better and my friends make me feel silly and happy. When I am sad, my educators

help me feel smart! Sometimes I am not thankful, but I try to remember to take a deep breath and remember how good my life is. You can do that too. In the world, I wish everyone had a nice family or nice people to live with. I want war to stop so there’s peace in the whole world for everybody. Have a Merry Christmas!

by **Clara Waddington**

One of my wishes for the world is everyone having homes. Another is for everyone to make their own good choices. I would like all people to have good food and water. I am thankful for my school, because without my school I would not be as smart! I am thankful for my mom and dad because without them I would not be alive right now. I am thankful for firemen and policeman who help keep our community safe. I am thankful for our hospitals that take care of us. Merry Christmas!

by **Rhiannon Wenzel**

I wish that the whole world was in peace. I’m thankful for everybody in my community because most of them are nice to me and I want everyone to be nice to everyone. I am thankful for the people who make the school a better place. My family is something I am very thankful for because they provide food for me, my mom does laundry, and lots of other stuff. My wish for everyone is to have a great Christmas!

by **CharLee Seimears**

I am thankful for having a

mom, dad, three awesome brothers, and my dog. I am happy for living in Wrangell and my family taking care of me here. My wish for the world is for everyone to have a home so they all will be safe. I hope everyone has food to be healthy and strong and water so no ones throat is dry. I hope everyone has friends so no one feels left out. I am thankful for my teacher. She is my favorite teacher because she helps everyone with their work and helps the other grown ups too and she is so nice. She has us do work first and no dilly-dallying. My wish for school is for everyone to eat healthy lunches. I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all! Make good snowmen!

by **Della Churchill**

What I am thankful for is having a great home, great parents, and a great brother. It makes me thankful when people are nice and when people are helpful. I am thankful to have food, clean water, and clothing because not all people do. We are lucky to all live in Wrangell because there’s no traffic, no burglars, and it is small. I like that I go to a great school with all of my friends. They are all nice there. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

by **Aubrey Travers**

One wish I have for the world is for everyone to have a family. Families provide company, help when you are hurt, and food. Another wish is for all people to have a home. Homes



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## Felt tines and tinsel

Trinity and Sierra Glaser sport festive antlers during the Wrangell Cooperative Association's Christmas party on Dec. 5. The evening featured carols, crafts and games for kids, and a full dinner at the SNO Building. The party was co-hosted with the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Tlingit-Haida Central Council and SEARHC.

provide a place to sleep, be warm, and safety. I am thankful for friends because we can work together on math problems, we have fun together, and they are funny! I am thankful to live in Wrangell because we do not have any tornadoes, hurricanes, or bad

floods. I am also thankful for our school and for my teacher, Mrs. Miller because we do so many fun activities and we learn so much! Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year!

by **Timothy Garcia**

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## SEASON’S GREETINGS



To all our customers and friends we wish you a Merry Christmas and New Year's holiday filled with much harmony, laughter and joy.



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# 3rd Graders

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One of my wishes for the world is to have no more war. Another wish is for everyone to have a good, warm home. A third wish for the world is for every child to have a good school to go to like we have in Wrangell. I am thankful for my family because they are nice and we do fun family activities. I am also thankful for my school because I have learned a lot since my first year here. I am very excited about all of the fun activities we do as a class this year. My wish is for everyone to have as much fun and learning as we do in our classroom. I wish Wrangell a wonderful New Year!

**by Ander Edens**

I am thankful for my family because they put a roof over my head, they work so we can have

money lunches and dinners and stuff, and they buy me school clothes. They love me so much. I am thankful for Wrangell because it's a nice place to live. I am thankful for our school because it is a place that helps the kids learn. I am thankful for my teacher because she helps us learn lots every single day, like she helped me learn multiplication and multiplication is fun! She taught me a little bit of division already too! My wish for the world is all the kids get a chance to learn multiplication and division in a good school too. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**by Amber Gifford**

I am thankful for my family because they take care of me. They all love me and I love them. I am thankful for my teacher and

my classmates because they help me learn and become smarter in so many ways. I am thankful for my house because it gives me shelter and a warm place to live. I am thankful for my school because it gives me a place to learn to read and so many other things. I love Wrangell because of all of its great wonders! I wish everybody a Merry Christmas!

**by Mara Stolley**

I am thankful for God and Jesus. My wish is for everyone to have food and water because not everyone has these things and they need them to be healthy. I hope everyone has a home to stay warm and safe in. We all need shelter. Not everyone has homes. I wish for everyone to have enough to money to buy the things they need. I hope everyone has a good job to earn good money. My wish is for everyone in my family, my school, and my community to have a good Christmas!

**by Lindee McIntyre**

I wish that everyone had a home. Homes keep us dry and safe. My wish for everyone is to have a car, a truck, or some vehicle to get around safely in. That way people don't have to get their feet tired or be out in the cold. I am thankful for family, food, and friends. Friends help us, family keeps us safe, and food makes it so we don't starve. I am also thankful for hospitals, policemen, and firefighters. Also, my teacher,

## Celebrate Christmas

Another Christmas is here along with the lights, shoppers and all the other festive activities. A festive Christmas seems to create false expectations that are impossible fill. Somebody will get sick, another cannot come home or that one of a kind special gift is nowhere to be found. All this to satisfy what has become a meaningless ritual that is placed on our VISA card.

The original purpose of Christmas is lost to Santa, Rudolph or some other fictitious tale. Please, don't take me wrong, my family continues to enjoy each of these festive things at a very special time of the year. However, when trouble shows up, it will not be Santa that I call on for help. Rudolph is a great story, but his red nose offers me no hope.

Jesus raised the dead and healed the sick. He fed the hungry and also gave sight to the blind. Most of all, He, is the real reason for Christmas. Jesus said that He came to seek and save the lost. Oh, He also is coming again. How do I know? He said he would come the first time and He did.

At Christmas one may miss the festive side of Christmas because of hardship, but still can rejoice because of the first Advent of Christ.

**Pastor Doug Shultz**  
**Wrangell Bible Baptist Church**

because she makes everything fun! My Christmas wish is for there to be no more war. Merry Christmas!

**by Adeline Andrews**

My wish for the world is for all people to treat all people equally because that will make God happy. I hope everyone in the world has a home so the world can be a happier place. It would be nice if everyone shared healthy, good foods. I am thankful for having a life in Wrangell because I have been in TONS of places. Wrangell is the best because I like the rain, weather, and I am thankful for my family,

friends, and pets. My family takes care of me. My dog, well, he just barks at people but I love him anyway. Friends are very nice to me most of the time. I am thankful for the whole world and I wish the whole world a Merry Christmas!

**by Hannah Bunes**

I wish everybody in the world had their own Triceratops. I'm thankful for Santa and the Polar Express and my new Pen Pal, Mason. I wish for a white Christmas, so everybody in town can go sledding and have snowball fights.

**by Mason Bunes**





# Season's Greetings

May the happiness of the holidays fill your home and heart with peace, love and joy throughout the season and the coming new year.



**BOBS'**



The Robbins Family:  
Bob & Bobbie  
Doug & Katie  
David & Brittani Roane  
Derek & Gabe  
Delilah & Chandler  
Terry Coblentz  
Christopher Freeman  
Brett Gentilly  
Bruce Levine  
Bill Manery  
Grover Mathis  
Eddie Rilatos

Damon Roher  
Shei Smith  
Andrea Till  
Luana Wellons  
Chris Wegener  
Brandon Whitake  
Elijah Comstock  
Chris Andresen  
Jasmine Clyburn  
Sarah Cowan  
Justin Crandall  
Krysta Gillen  
Jasmyn Wright





# What would you do if Santa was stuck in your chimney? *Ms. Jenkins* *Kindergarten class*

I would help him. I would try  
to pull him down the chimney.  
**Ellee Voltz**

Well, I would wake up. I  
would hide and sneak up on him,  
that way I could get a peek at him.  
**Haden Bunes**

I would wake up and help him.  
If I had a rope, I would throw it up  
to him and yank him down.  
**Braden Howard**

I would pull him down with a  
ladder.  
**Imani Johnson**

I would give him big hugs.  
**Breann Boon**

I would say, "I will help you  
Santa." I would help pull him out.  
Then I would be his little elf,  
since I have his list for him.  
**Mariah Mork**

I would get something heavy  
to pull him down a little, then I  
would get a rope and tie it on to  
him to get him all the way out.  
Then I would go back to bed.  
**Susan Neff**

I would wake up and look in  
the chimney. Then I would tell  
my Daddy. Then we would try to  
help him get out. Once we  
got him out, I would give him  
hugs!  
**Nathan Robinson**

I would help him. I would  
throw a toy to him, then I would  
get him a ladder to help him come  
down.  
**Sawyer Larrabee**

I would pull him out with my  
hands. I would go back to bed and  
Santa could try to go back up the  
chimney.  
**Bradley Eklund**



I would pull him out when I  
grab his hand. I would go back  
to bed then.  
**Stacey Doak**

I would help him and pull  
him out, then I would go back to  
sleep. He would put presents  
under my tree once I was asleep.  
**Lucas Stearns**

I would pull him out with my  
hands. I would grab his foot and  
pull. Then I would go to bed and  
go back to sleep. Santa could go  
back to the North Pole now that  
he is not stuck.  
**Devin Aleksiev**

He would give me a  
Christmas present.  
**Zander Bartlett**

I would help him. I  
would pull him out by grabbing  
his leg and pulling hard.  
Then I would go back to  
bed so he could give me pre-  
sents.  
**Kai Wigg**

I would help him.  
**Jadyn Weatherman**

I would help him. I would  
push on his head and push him  
down.  
**David Christensen**

I would help him by getting a  
broom and having him grab the  
other side and pulling really  
hard till he comes out. Then I  
would go back to bed so I get  
lots of presents.  
**Michael Cook**

I would go help him. I would  
pull him by his sides. Then I  
would sneak in my room so he  
would think I was still asleep.  
Then I would go and open all  
my presents.  
**Akenna Lewis**



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## Jazzing things up

Clarinetists play along with the fifth grade music class. This year's program was orchestrated by Tasha Morse, the school district's music director.





# Letters To Santa

## Ms. Brown’s Kindergarten/ First Grade Class

Dear Santa, Can you give my Dad a new Dell computer? He deserves it because he helps me on devices. He works hard for my family as a surveyor.

**Love, Andrei Siekawitch**

Dear Santa, Please bring my Mom a new bike, she never bike rides. I beg you! Why does she deserve it, because she makes me breakfast.

**Love, Natalia Ashton**

Dear Santa, Can you please give my Mom a new cane? Cause she helps me tie my shoes. And she’s my best Mom.

**Love, Dante Chambers**

Dear Santa, Can you please bring my Dad a new saw blade? He is the best Dad because he packs my lunch.

**Love, Kasey Whitaker**

Dear Santa, Will you please bring my Dad time with his whole family because he cleans house. He is the best Dad ever!

**Love, Lenna Degner**

Dear Santa, Please will you get my Mom a ring? Because she helps me on my homework. She is the best Mom!

**Love, Sawyer Rooney**

Dear Santa, Please give my



cousin new shoes because his shoes are broken. He deserves shoes because he plays with me.

**Love, Alona Sanchez**



SUBMITTED BY TAMMI MEISSNER

## Getting the goods from St. Nick

Addy Andrews sits on Santa's lap during the American Legion's fifth annual Christmas celebration on Dec. 19. Volunteers with the Legion Auxiliary put out treats and made sure every child walked away with a new toy over the course of the day.

Dear Santa, Can you please bring my sister a computer? I love my sister because she is the best sister, she gets me ice cream.

**Love, Alexis Easterly**

Dear Santa, Santa can you please bring my Dad a neck-lace? Because when my Mom is gone he takes good care of me.

**Love, Jacob Herman**

Dear Santa, Can you please give my Dad a car? Why, because he cooks food for us. He is the best!

**Love, Tiana McColloch**

Dear Santa, Can you get my Mom a phone because my Mom cooks me pizza all the time. My Mom is the best.

**Love, Greggry Gifford**

Dear Santa, Please bring my friend Jacob a choo choo train. Jacob is nice to me. He deserves a nice present.

**Love, Akira Lewis**

Dear Santa, Can you please give my Dad shoes because he gets groceries for us because he

loves me because he’s my Dad.  
**Love, Aadyn Gillen**

Dear Santa, Can you please, please, please bring my Nany some new glasses? Because she makes me dinner all the time when I stay the night.

**Love, Silje Morse**

Dear Santa, Santa can you bring my Mom a computer? She is the best Mom because she helps me clean my room.

**Love, Landen Ray Gillen**

Dear Santa, Can you bring Ayla a Barbie? Because when we play she never fights with me.

**Love, Jenna Eastaugh**

Dear Santa, Can you get Stephy a new coat and boots? She is an awesome sister because she lets me spend the night.

**Love, Elliana McIntyre**

Dear Santa, I want Mrs. Jensen to get a bigger microfiber dish mat, hers is too small.

**Love, Felix Allen**



*May God bless each of you  
and your beautiful families  
and grant you an  
abundance of the truly  
precious gifts of life:  
Love ~ Faith ~  
Health ~ Happiness ~  
and  
Enduring Friendships*

*Love,  
The McCandless Family*

# Christmas Greetings

May you rejoice in all the  
gifts of this splendid season  
with the ones you love.  
For the gift of your  
patronage, we are sincerely  
grateful.



From the Crew  
at  
**Ottesen’s**

BEHIND EVERY  
PROJECT IS A  
*True Value.*



*May you know True Joy  
and Good Health  
in this New Year.*

*Smith Chiropractic  
Dr. Smith and Dawn  
and Massage Therapist Susan Allen*





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## Scotch eggs: *a Rudy family holiday tradition*

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

Christmas was always one of the best times of the year for our family. Growing up on an Army base in Germany, the odds of having at least a few inches of snow in December were pretty good. School would be on hiatus for a few weeks, so my brother and I and our friends would make the most of the shortened days on the sled-ding hill behind our apartment block, a doubly sloping expanse with an enormous pear tree sticking out of it. The lot of us would trudge up and propel ourselves down again and again, until the hillsides were stripped bare of snow. As evening fell, my brother and I would head inside cold, wet and exhausted, but would always be met by a hot mug of cocoa or egg nog.

As Christmas Eve approached, the family would head off base – or “on the economy,” it was called – to nearby Trier or Idar-Oberstein to see the outdoor *Weihnachtsmarkt*. Kiosks and stalls would fill the city square, selling candles, blown glass decorations, Polish pottery, handmade toys and all sorts of sweets and baked goods. Cups of mulled Glühwein or a cone of roasted chestnuts held in mittened hands, we’d browse around and soak in the sounds and smells that were unique to this season.

In the German fashion, we’d open gifts on Christmas Eve after evening service at the base chapel. When we awoke early Christmas morning, my brother and I would have stockings filled with treats and a few small straggling gifts to surprise us. And while we tried not to break our teeth on a wedge of chocolate orange, our mum would fix herself some coffee before making our family her Scotch eggs.

More than any other part of the holiday season, that plate with a Scotch egg on it felt the most like Christmas in our household. The tree might be up for a few weeks and the reduced fat nog could be bought by the gallon well into February, but only one morning a year were we able to enjoy the egg – soft-boiled, wrapped in sausage and fried – while playing with some special new things and hanging around together, just the four of us.

It’s a tradition I still continue, and a one I don’t mind sharing. To make your own, you will need...

- two pounds of pork sausage
- one cup of bread crumbs
- two eggs, whisked
- six eggs, soft-boiled for 3 or 4 minutes
- enough flour to dredge with
- seasonings

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees and have a baking sheet ready, but out of the way. To fry the eggs, have either a deep pan with oil or a deep fryer hot and ready, at around 300 degrees or so.

Season your sausage as you prefer; I like a tablespoon of mustard powder, some garlic and a dash of cloves. Divide the sausage into six parts and flatten into rounds. Lightly flour a peeled, boiled egg and pop one into the center of each sausage patty. Roll the sausage up over the egg, then dredge this with flour. Set up a couple of bowls with the whisked eggs and bread-crumbs in each. Coat each floury meatball in the egg before rolling it in breadcrumbs.

You now have half a dozen Scotch eggs, ready to fry. Once the oil is ready, fry your eggs one or two at a time – whichever seems safest according to the method you’re using – making sure to turn them as they brown. Once the sausage is a golden color, you may want to dry the excess oil from your eggs with a paper towel before transferring them to your baking sheet. Once all are done pop the lot of them into the oven for five or ten minutes.

Let them cool then serve with your favorite sauce or syrup.

# Holiday Recipes for Christmas or New Year’s

## COCKTAIL DATES

### *Ingredients*

- 12 large dried Medjool dates
- 1 4-ounce chunk Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 6 slices bacon, cut in half widthwise
- Preheat oven to 350 F.

### *Directions:*

Insert a bamboo skewer or a similar facsimile in the bottom of the date until the pointy tip rests on the bottom of the pit. Push the pit out of the stem side. Reserve dates.

Using your sharpest knife, cut Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese into 1/4-inch slices. Cut those slices into 1/4-x-1-inch pieces (the resulting 1-inch pieces should be approximately the same diameter as a pencil). Cut the tip of each piece at a 45-degree angle.

Leading with the pointy end, stuff a stick of Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese into the pit hole of each date.

Wrap each date with a slice of bacon. Set dates on a baking sheet, seam-sides down, and skewer each with a toothpick to hold bacon in place.

Bake for approximately 20 minutes, or until bacon is crispy. Caution: These cocktail dates are like molten lava when they come out of the oven. Let cool for a few minutes before serving.

## KING CRAB APPETIZERS

### *Ingredients*

- 2 (12 ounce) packages refrigerated biscuit dough
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (6 ounce) can crab meat, drained
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onion
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 pinch paprika

### *Directions*

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease 12 tartlet pans.

Divide rolls in half and press into the prepared tartlet pans. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, crab, mayonnaise, Parmesan cheese, Cheddar cheese, green onions and Worcestershire sauce. Spoon 1 teaspoon of mixture into tarts and garnish with paprika.

Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for 15 to 20 minutes, or until light brown. These freeze wonderfully. Just reheat before serving.

## SHRIMP SCAMPI CHEESECAKE APPETIZER

### *Ingredients*

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion
- 6 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 pound fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 12 shells puff pastry, baked
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 3 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 16 ounces smoked Gouda, grated
- 2 teaspoons salt

### *Directions*

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). In a large skillet over medium-low heat, warm oil and saute onions and garlic until onions are translucent; set aside to cool. When cool, pour off liquid reserving garlic.

Cut shrimp into 1/2 inch pieces, reserving 12 uncut for garnish. In a large skillet over medium-low heat, melt butter and add reserved garlic and all shrimp; cook shrimp for 2 to 4 minutes or until



done.

Remove center circle and a small portion of inside of cooled puff pastry shells.

In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese until creamy; add one egg at a time and beat until well mixed. Add cream, Gouda, onions, shrimp and salt.

Spoon filling into puff pastry shells.

Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until filling is browned on top. Garnish with whole shrimp and chopped chives; serve.

## CHOCOLATE BUTTERMILK PIE

By Sheila Senghas

### *Ingredients*

- 2 unbaked pie shells (9 in. or larger)
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, room temp
- 3 3/4 c sugar
- 1/2 c all-purpose flour
- 1/3 c cocoa powder
- 6 eggs
- 1/4 tsp salt (optional)
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 c plus 2 oz. buttermilk

### *Directions*

Combine sugar, butter and mix until well blended. Beat in the eggs and mix well. In a separate bowl, combine flour, cocoa and salt. Whisk until mixed. Add to the butter mixture. Add buttermilk, vanilla and stir until well mixed. Pour into pie shells and bake at 350 for 45 minutes. Since oven temperatures vary, bake as long as it takes for the pie to be firm and not jiggle in the middle. Cool completely before cutting. Store leftover pie in refrigerator.

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## DECADENT CHEESY BACON POTATOES

By Christine Fernandez

### *Ingredients*

- 6 large potatoes; peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/2 c onion; chopped
- 2 c cheddar cheese; shredded
- 1 c bacon; cooked and crumbled
- 2 c milk
- 1/2 c half & half
- 4 tbsp flour
- 4 tbsp butter
- Salt and pepper

### *Directions*

Using a large pot, saute chopped onions in butter until soft but not browned. In a small bowl, combine flour, salt and pepper. Stir flour mixture into onion mixture. Add milk and half and half. Stir and cook over medium heat until mixture begins to thicken (about 3 minutes). Turn off heat. Add 1 1/2 cups cheese to the sauce and stir until melted and smooth. Add sliced potatoes, bacon and stir well to combine. Pour mixture into a casserole dish sprayed with non-stick spray. Cover with foil and bake at 350 for 35 minutes. Remove foil, sprinkle reserved cheese over top and return to oven. Bake another 30 minutes or until potatoes are soft, cheese is melted and edges begin to brown. Let stand a few minutes before serving to allow the sauce to thicken.

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## Ring in the season

Kindergarteners put on a show for parents during the opening act of Evergreen Elementary's annual Christmas concert Dec. 10. As with last year's concert, it was standing-room only at the school gymnasium.

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# God’s delight

Surprises are one of God’s delights for humankind. Throughout scripture we find that, when the People of Israel and the followers of Christ least expected something, God’s delight presented an opportunity to which they needed to respond. I imagine that it was no real surprise for Joseph and Mary to find no room for them to stay and birth their child. Yet where they end their journey must have taken them by surprise. Not just the accommodations but the rough, tough, rude shepherds suddenly appearing at the stable door. They told stories of lights and voices from the sky that announced a birth, about which they couldn’t and wouldn’t have known, was it not for God’s delight.

Imagine the shepherds sur-

prise when Holy noise filled the night! Legend, story, and myth lace the traditions that we have learned and passed on of that night: animals talking, or a cat in the manger for warmth of the Holy infant. Neither is beyond the power of God but God’s delight was in bringing salvation through a child destined to be the Savior by sacrifice.

God’s delight comes in a variety of forms in our modern lives. Most likely the night sky over the fishing ground will not break open to reveal a herald of angels announcing that universal peace has come to the world; however the divine delight makes itself know in that still quiet voice in the hearts of those who are ripe for the working of the Spirit within them. Watch out, you never

know when the power of God will break through all that you know as ordinary everyday life to

reveal a delight of the Almighty to which you will need to respond.

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## The Story of Christmas

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.,

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David

a saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying; Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came in haste, and found Mary, Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**Chapter 2, St. Luke**

## Let’s take a trip!

Wow, how things and times have changed!! Technology (which means what you just bought needs to be updated or replaced), what is considered safe, what is ‘acceptable’ or ‘politically correct’, or even travel on and off our small island, it’s all changed!! “I remember when...” seems to be a daily recognition, good and

bad, that we share constantly. Yet, while some (dare I say most) things change, it seems there are a few concrete, foundational, truths that remain unchanged.

Through all of the years of translating the original manuscripts and the various translations of the bible, (which at this very moment I have eight transla-

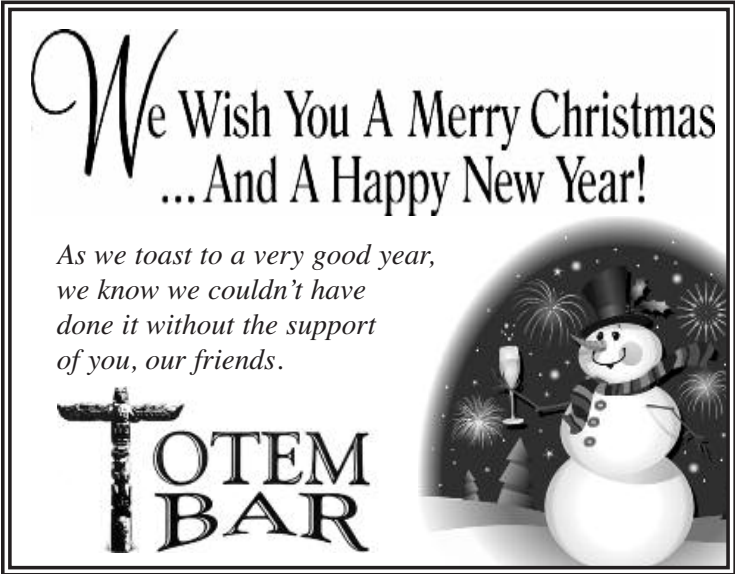
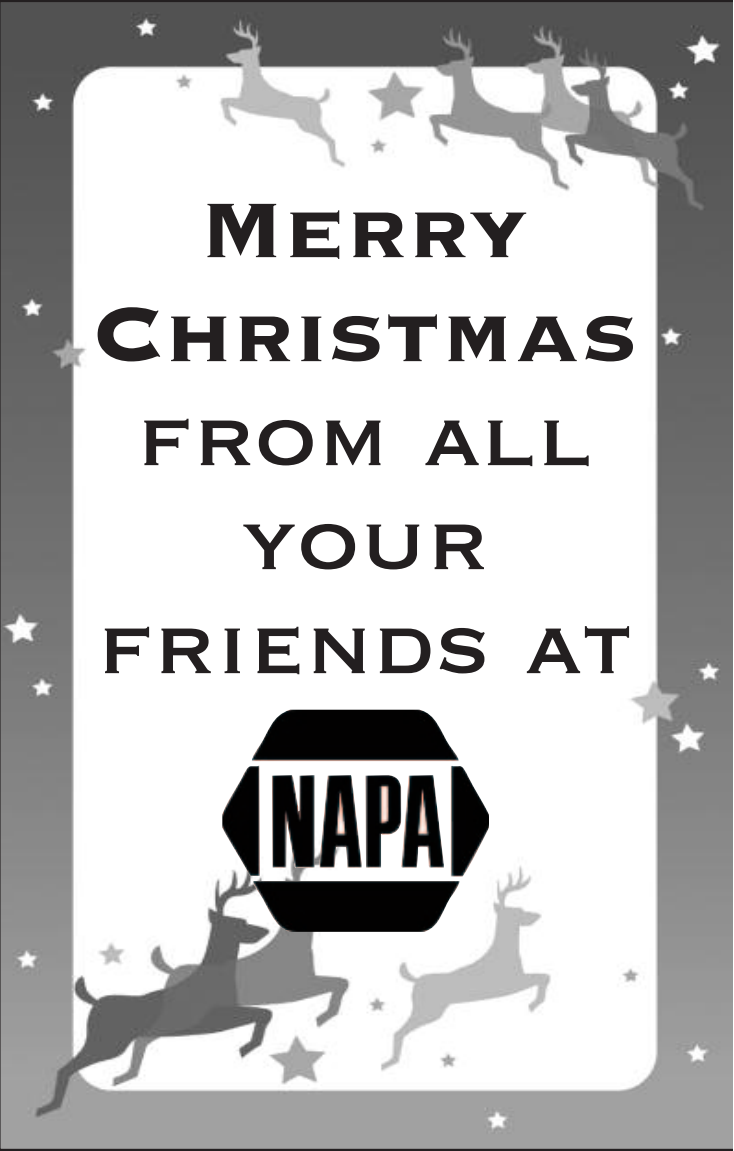
tions at my fingertips with the click of my bluetooth computer mouse), the meaning of the newborn child “Immanuel”, has remained the same, “God with us.”

King Herod and all of Jerusalem are described as “disturbed” at the news of a newborn king, “God with us.” And yet they never discovered “God with us”, though only miles away. They never made the trip!

While sometimes we may fail to “see” exactly where He is, and how He is working, GOD IS WITH US. We only need to take the time to look for Him. No expensive tickets, air miles, special PFD sales, or even winter ferry rates are needed to discover the hope, joy, love, and peace that “God with us” can provide. For those despising traveling, you need not venture out of your home, simply ask Him to reveal Himself to you.

Will YOU take a trip this year?

**Kem Haggard**  
**Pastor of Harbor Light**



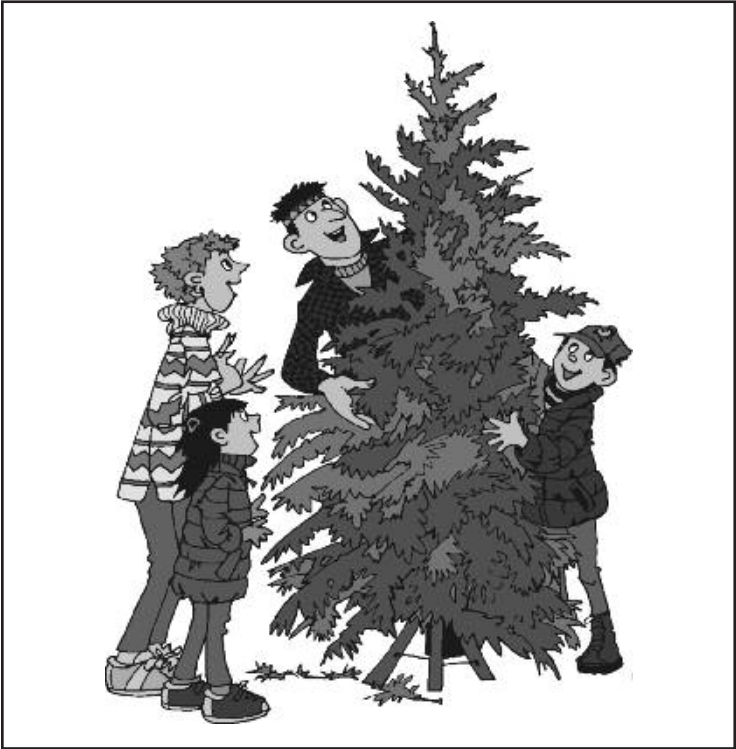


# How to clean-up Christmas tree sap

Wrestling with a Christmas tree can mean getting covered with sap. Decorating is one of the many traditions associated with the holiday season. The family Christmas tree is arguably the most prominent decoration. Having a live tree inside the home can be awe-inspiring, but it can also be quite messy. The idea of bringing a formerly live tree inside a home as a decoration may seem odd, especially when individuals are faced with the aftermath,

which is often a trail of pine needles and very sticky sap. A freshly cut pine tree will ooze sap, which tends to be quite sticky and messy and notoriously difficult to remove. Even a Christmas tree that is average in stature can generate a fair amount of sap, and it takes just a few drops of sap to make a mess. If sap has you stuck for clean-up ideas, consider these home remedies. **On clothing:** Use rubbing alcohol on the sap stain. Allow the alcohol to sit on the stain for 30

minutes and then wash as usual. Make a paste of laundry detergent and water and apply it to the stain. Ammonia also may remove a sap stain. Just test an inconspicuous part of the clothing to determine if applying ammonia changes its color. **On carpeting:** Freeze the sap with ice cubes and then carefully pick out the hardened pieces. Try vodka as an adhesive remover on the sap stain. Rubbing alcohol also may be able to break up sap in carpet fibers. **On hands:** Any greasy, oil-based product can work, such as olive oil or even vegetable shortening. Rub on the skin, and the sap should come right off. A lubricant like WD-40 has also been known to remove sap. Hand sanitizer, which is comprised mainly of alcohol, can help dissolve sap so it can be rinsed off. Make a paste of mineral oil (baby oil) and baking soda. This should help dissolve the sap and make your hands soft in the process. **In hair:** Sap can be notoriously difficult to get out of human hair or animal fur. Try coating the sap in natural peanut butter or mayonnaise, both of which have a high oil content. Allow to sit for a while and then comb out the sap with a fine-toothed comb. If tree sap cannot be removed, cutting it out may be the only option.



## Peace to you

I recently visited with a friend in the grocery store. She showed me a picture of something that was going around on Facebook. It was it seemed to be a life size Jesus, as an adult, in front of a house. Someone, it looked like, was trying for Christmas Decorations. Jesus, the statue, was way more zombie looking than I had imagined He would look like. I think that most of us in our decorating and preparing, and yes, buying for Christmas, we miss the mark. We kind of end up on the crazy end of things when all is said and done. As a society we are looking so close at the decorations, the gifts, the food, the activities that we have our backs to the real reason we are using for this season. There are even arguments on if it is really the day Christ was born (He was born,

that is what matters) and if it is Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas (why can't it be both). Then there is the race. Where we act as if nothing will go right without making sure our homes are perfect, we have purchased all the right gifts, cooked all the right foods. Basically the theory that the one with the best, most, greatest.... wins. But, isn't it in that winning that we lose? John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through

Him." I think that we would be happier if we truly remembered the "reason for the season". Pause, enjoy time with family and friends, help others instead of buying that "right" gift. Forget the monster dinner and all of its stress.....frozen pizza is a good option. Mostly focus and pause and thank God for the gift He gave the world. His one and only Son, because He loved us so. Merry Christmas AND Happy Holidays to all. **Pastor Nettie Covalt**  
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**Bradley**

Dear Santa  
Please May I haVe a SMall 4 Wheeler and Leeos  
**ELLee**

Santa I want a choker  
necklace, a new backpack, or a  
play kitchen please. I'm going  
to put out cookies because I  
really like you Santa! I'm excit-  
ed for Christmas and the pre-  
sents piled on my couch! I love  
you Santa!

**Breann Boon,  
Grade Kindergarten,  
Age 5**

My Christmas list  
A new bike with a new helmet, or a new barbie with a  
princess dress please Santa.. I love you Santa!

**Jayden Gillen,  
Age 2**

Dire Santa  
I wunt a keubord  
I ben good  
I like chrismis a lot  
because I git to Play in  
the snow and visit with  
my family.

**Kasey Whitaker,  
Age 6**

Deer Santa,  
My name is Shelton Eklun I  
am in seckent grade. I am 8  
yers old. and I want a elf on  
the shelf and a toy pteradack-  
tel for CHrisMas. How many  
rein deer doo you have.

**Love Shelton,  
Age 8**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would really  
love to get a new bike, or a Thor  
costume, or a stretchy guy action  
figure like from fantastic four.  
Your the best I can't wait until 23  
more days until Christmas! We will  
have cookies and milk for you!  
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and I love you!

**Landen Gillen,  
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# Holiday activities for adults and children alike

New Year’s Eve is one of the most festive nights of the year, when friends and families gather to count down the waning moments of the year as they anticipate the fun times ahead in the year to come. While adults tend to look forward to New Year’s Eve festivities more than children, there are ways parents can ring in the New Year with their kids.

Invite kids into the kitchen. New Year’s Eve festivities often include food, so why not invite youngsters into the kitchen to cook alongside you? Kids may not be interested in preparing the main course, but let youngsters get involved when baking the night’s more delectable treats, like cookies and cakes. Little ones can choose their favorite treats and then help Mom and Dad prepare those treats for guests coming over to join in the festivities. Decorate cakes and cookies with a New Year’s Eve theme.

Pick funny resolutions out of a hat. New Year’s resolutions are a

big part of the holiday, and families who want to add some fun to this tradition can sit down and write their own funny resolutions. Keep the resolutions you write down to yourself, place each person’s ideas in a hat and then pick them out before the kids go to bed or right after the clock strikes midnight, whichever happens to come first.

Make a New Year’s piñata. Many people love to watch the ball drop from Time’s Square in New York City on New Year’s Eve. Celebrants can bring a taste of this beloved tradition into their own homes come New Year’s Eve by creating a piñata that looks exactly like the ball in Time’s Square. Fill the ball with treats and games for youngsters, who can take chances trying to break the piñata once the clock strikes midnight or earlier if they aren’t likely to still be awake by the time the new year begins.

Make predictions for the year to come. Another fun and whole-

some New Year’s Eve activity parents can enjoy with their children is making predictions for the year to come. Ask young sports fans to predict which teams will

win championships in their respective leagues while encouraging other youngsters to share their predictions on awards shows or other popular social events for

the coming year. Younger kids might not be able to make such specific predictions, so ask them to write down what they hope to see happen in the new year.

## Did you know?



Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting

The first Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center was erected in 1931, two years before the opening of Rockefeller Plaza, where the tree now draws thousands of tourists each year. The tradition began when construction workers hard at work on building Rockefeller Center decorated a roughly 20-foot tall balsam fir tree on Christmas Eve in 1931. Strings of cranberries and tin cans were among the items used to decorate the tree.

While there was no tree in 1932, the first official tree was unveiled in 1933 in Rockefeller Plaza, and the lighting ceremony was broadcast over NBC Radio. The 1933 tree, at 50 feet tall,

dwarfed the 1931 tree. However, the 1933 tree paled in comparison to the 10-ton Norway Spruce erected in 1999, which measured 100-feet tall and remains the tallest tree ever erected at Rockefeller Center.

The tradition of the Rockefeller Center tree continues to evolve to this day, but the evergreen it is no longer lit with incandescent light bulbs. LED bulbs that consume a fraction of the energy of traditional bulbs are the bulbs of choice now. In addition, in 2007 Rockefeller Center partnered with Habitat for Humanity, who used the tree after it was taken down to furnish lumber for home construction.



*While we’re singing His praises, we’d like to throw in a note of gratitude for good folks like you! Noel!*

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# Christmas Traditions around the word: Mexico

BY OLA RICHARDS  
*Sentinel writer*

When you think about Christmas, you assume snow and cold, but not in Mexico. When it comes to Christmas down south the weather is warm and mild during the holiday season. Families decorate their homes with colorful flowers, moss, lanterns and evergreens.

From December 16 until Christmas Eve families participate in “*Las Pasadas*” for nine nights. The children are given candles and figures of Mary and Joseph. Many Mexican children receive gifts from Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

The children sing about Joseph and Mary asking for a room in the house, and when they are told that there is no room in the house, they have to go away. However, they are eventually told there is a room and are welcomed in. Each night a different house holds the Pasada party with food, games like piñata and fireworks. A piñata is a clay or box filled with sweets and hung from the ceiling, often decorated like a ball with seven peaks around it. The peaks or spikes represent the “seven deadly sins.” The blindfolded children are spun around and given a big stick, and they take turns trying to break open the piñata while the piñata is raised and lowered.

The ninth evening of Las Pasadas is Christmas Eve known as “*Buena Noche*,” and it is considered the most important day of the year to spend time with loved ones. A

manger and the figures are put on display. When the Pasada house has been found, a baby Jesus is put into the manger called “*Nacimiento*” and everyone attends Midnight Mass. After the church service, the church bells ring out and fireworks light up the sky.


Christmas Day is a time for church and family. After church services, Christmas dinner traditionally consists of oxtail soup with beans and hot chili, roasted turkey and a salad of fresh fruits and vegetables.

On Epiphany, or Twelfth Night which is January 5 some children get presents from the “*Los Reyes Magos*,” or the Three Kings who pass through on their way to Bethlehem. Children leave their

shoes on the windowsill and find them filled with a little gift the next morning. Christmas Trees are becoming more popular in Mexico, but the most important decoration is still the “*Nacimiento*.”

It’s also traditional to eat a special cake called “*Rosca de Reyes*” or Three Kings Cake on Epiphany. A figure of baby Jesus is hidden inside the cake and whoever has the baby Jesus in their piece of cake is the “Godparent” of Jesus for that year and has to give a tamale party on February 2, called “*Candlemas*.” The whole family helps prepare the tamales, which are a meat or chicken wrapped in corn dough. A religious service held on “*Candlemas*” marks the end of the Christmas season in Mexico.

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# Mrs. Wilson’s 1 and 2 Grade Class

Every year I go to Juneau for Christmas. I put my Christmas tree up. When I’m in Juneau, I open my Christmas stocking and presents on Christmas Day. My mom is going to make hot cocoa that I can drink while I open presents. Every Christmas I love going to Juneau.

By Presley Petticrew

Things I’m Grateful for at Christmas. I love my friends because they help me a lot. My family do the same as my friends. They help me also. I’m grateful for food and water because it helps us stay alive. For sure God and Jesus are important. If God did not send his son Jesus, we would not have Christmas.

By Jackson Carney

I have many Christmas traditions. My family and I put the Christmas tree up. We always open presents in pajamas. I go to my grandma and grandpa’s house. I am grateful for my family because they buy things for me. My family and I watch Christmas movies like frosty the snowmen. I love Christmas.

By Shailyn Nelson

My Christmas is Awesome! I have Christmas traditions. We wake up. We go down stairs. We open presents by little to big at my house. When we are done, we go to my Grandma’s house to eat breakfast. Afterwards we open presents. Christmas is awesome!

By Phebe Garcia

I Love Christmas Traditions. My Aunt Sue and I light the Christmas tree. I go to my Aunt Sue’s and open present’s. On Christmas I spend time with my family. Aunt Sue and I love to slide down the hill after school when it snows. On Christmas we have the day off. It will be fun. I love Christmas. Do you?

By Sophia

Christmas Traditions. At my house on Christmas my Dad makes cherry jubilee. On Christmas we also open our Christmas presents and we get stuffed animals, and earrings, and necklaces. On Christmas we eat our candy out of our stocking. We can spend the night at my grandma house we have so much fun. I love Christmas! Do you?

By Sydnie Young

Traditions for Christmas (10 traditions we must master)

1. I set up my Christmas tree.
2. We decorate the tree.
3. We wrap presents.
4. Make some Christmas cookies.
5. Watch Santa movies (kind of).
6. Have snowball fights (Maybe).
- 7 Drink hot chocolate.
8. Go Sledding (If snow).
9. Christmas dinner.
10. On Christmas morning we unwrap gifts.

By Lee Balansag

What we do at Christmas. My Family has some Christmas traditions. First we make cookies. We play Santa games like The Night Before Christmas. We go and see Santa. And we put elf on the shelf. I love Christmas a lot. Do you?

By Ariana Ellsworth

I like my Christmas traditions. Every year I go to see Santa Claus. All of our family opens presents. Building snowmen and going sledding are so much fun. We also eat a lot of food. I always get stuffed! I love the chicken. Christmas is my favorite time of year.

By Caiden Gillen

Hi. My name is Madelyn Davies. This year we are going to have a very special Christmas. Santa is coming to town. We are going to have a lot of fun. The one tradition we have every year at this season is that the Elf comes. You get to find the elf. He likes to hide where you can’t find

him. I love Christmas!

I love Christmas Traditions. I hang out with my family. We open presents. We get hot chocolate. We pray for Santa to come. We decorate our Christmas tree. We put the star up on the Christmas tree. I sleep with my grandma on Christmas Eve.

By Kiara Lyons

My family has lots of Christmas Traditions. We decorate the house and the tree to make the house nice. We write a letter to Santa to let him know what we want for Christmas. We go to the Legion to see Santa. Our Christmas stockings always have toys, candy, and pencils and magnifying glasses. Sometimes at night and daytime, we go sledding.

By Everett Meissner

Christmas Traditions! On Christmas Eve I get pajamas! We sing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve night. We open presents! We make Clara’s special peppermint bark and eat it all! We all have fun!

By Clara Edens

Christmas Tradition. Michael and I wake up and open presents that are under the tree. Michael, Lorn, Steph and I my dog Mily, and my cat Chloe have stockings. Michael, Lorne, Steph and I decorate the tree before Christmas. Michael and I go to our grandma

and grandpa’s to open lots of presents. Michael and I go have hot chocolate on Christmas. Michael and I go to Becky’s house at night to have a giant party. I love Christmas.

By Hailey Cook

Christmas Traditions. We always open presents at my grandmas house. We always eat Santa’s leftover cookies. We bake and eat cake. We sing Christmas carols too. We bake a lot of cookies for my friends and family.

By Elena Haines



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## Wrangell T&H Head Start Classroom

*What I am thankful for:*  
**Chrysalis Balansaag** “the snow, and I am thankful for my warm and toasty house.”  
**Hailey Bartlett** “Mom, Da, Bro”  
**Angus Booker** “snowflakes, they make me happy!”  
**Brogan Booker** “my Mom Dixie, my Dad Chris, my Baby Thoren.”  
**Stella Buness** “my Sissy, Mom & Dad, Auntie Loni, Gramma’s and Grampa.”  
**Carter Cummings** “I’m four.”  
**Emily Cummings** “peanut butter and graham crackers.”  
**Evylin Gadd** “clean up time with my Mom.”  
**Jayden Daugherty** “my family and my school.”  
**Madison Gillen** “my blanket and my cheese.”  
**Derek Heller** “John Wayne, and I’m thankful for school.”  
**Logan Jannsen** “Daddy, Mama, Baby Skyler and Sissy.”  
**Jenna Meissner** “I’m thankful for horses!”  
**Houston Natt** “Christmas!”  
**Charlie Nelson** “my family, and they come to visit me at school.”  
**Delilah Roane** “I’m thankful for my Grandpa’s store.”  
**Lillian Stearns** “my Mama, my Daddy, my Brother, my Gram, my puppy, my house and my friend Sawyer.”  
**Ethan Whitaker** “cars!”  
**Peyton Young** “I’m thankful for my Mom & Dad, my Grandma, and I’m thankful for my Ginger dog Zuesie.”

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