



2020 Holiday Greetings

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Ms. Odile Meister’ 5th Grade Class

HELP THE HOMELESS
Have you ever seen a homeless family? When I was in second grade, my class went to the homeless shelter and donated food. I want to help the homeless. First, I would donate a lot of money to a shelter in Juneau. Second, I would provide homes to the homeless at the apartments in Wrangell. Finally, I would provide jobs that are well paid. That’s how I would help the homeless if I could.
Written by Devin Aleksiev

A KIND DEED FOR MY BROTHER
If I could do one kind thing, I would choose to help my brother. When my brother leaves Wrangell and goes to military academy, I’ll write him letters. I’ll be so happy when he comes back to Wrangell. I’ll tell him everything that has happened. My brother is important to me because he is my only brother.
Written by Delaney Decker

THINGS I WOULD DO FOR MY DAD
My Name: Jonathan F. DeRouin.
My Dad’s Name: Jonathan W. DeRouin.
If I could choose one person in this world to help it would be my dad. The first thing I would do is bring my dad here to Wrangell and have him live



near me. I would give him the longest, biggest hug of all time! Then I would take him to J and W’s for lunch. After he gets situated, I would make him dinner every night. I would also get him a dog so he wouldn’t be lonely when nobody is at his house. I am so glad that I have my dad in my life. At the end of the day, I want to sum this all up to say I miss my dad so much and I hope to see him soon.
Written by Jonathan F. DeRouin.

MY SPECIAL GIFT
If I could do one kind thing for any person in the world it would be my grandma. First, I would surprise her and get her a present. The present would be two cat sweaters for her cats. Second, I would give her a big hug. Then, I would ask “How is your day going?” Last, I would help with dinner so it would go by quicker. Then we would eat dinner as a big family. My grandma does so much for us so that’s why I chose her to be the one person I could do something kind for.
Written by Jordan Hayes

A GIFT FOR MY DOG
If I could do one kind thing for anyone it would be my dog. I would go to the store and get him dog treats. I would pet him on his warm, furry back because he likes being it. He would sleep with me in my room. He would even get his own pillow. It would be more comfortable. These are three things I would do to be kind to my dog.
Written by Peter Houser

GIVING MY NANA AND GRANDPA A SPECIAL BLANKET
I want to give my nana and my grandpa a special blanket for taking care of me for 2 years when I was an infant. I want to get them a HUGE blanket with really cool designs! I want to thank my grandpa for getting me an Xbox, games, and for taking me on 4-wheel rides. I want to thank my nana who always gets me stuff and makes me cookies. That is why I want to get them a soft, very special blanket!
Written by Braden Howard

A SPECIAL GIFT FOR LUCY
I would be generous to my cat, Lucy. My cat Lucy is an 11- or 12-year-old Bombay cat and I spoil her rotten. When my parents adopted her, she was half feral. she still doesn’t really seek attention, but she still will enjoy getting petted. First, I would play with her laser pointer and use the bug attachment because it is her favorite. Then, I would feed her the special wet food because we rarely give her any. Finally, I would take her for a walk because she is mostly an outdoor cat. Lucy is very special to me.
Written by Silje R. Morse

A GIFT FOR MY DOG
If I could do one thing kind to somebody it would be my dog. First, I would let him choose any toys he likes and I would give him all the furniture he wants. Second, I would give him a ton of treats until he was full. Third, I would play with him any time he wanted until he couldn’t play anymore. That is one thing I would do for my dog named Apollo.
Written by Triston Schneider

A GIFT FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL
If I could do something spe-

cial to one person in the world, it would be my sister Dora. First, I would help her around the house, for example by cleaning up the little kid space she uses for babysitting kids. I would also help organize the extra bedroom. I would help clear it out because it has some clothes and toys in it. Finally, I would help her paint the downstairs bathroom because I know she wants to finish it. Dora is really special to me because she is sweet and funny. I’m lucky to have her in my life.
Written by Ellee Voltz

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Wagon raffle

Wrangell’s American Legion Auxiliary held a Christmas wagon raffle over the holiday season, to provide a wagonload of toys and gifts to a lucky winner. According to Heidi Armstrong, JC Gillen won the raffle this year.



Merry Christmas to all the people who have helped Hospice of Wrangell this year. We especially thank those who have generously given their time, money and items to our Loan Closet. Without your donations we would not be able to help those in need.

We wish you all the best for 2021!!



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Christmas 2020

There were times this year I was not sure that we would arrive to one of the most special occasions of the year.

But one may say, (Oh Ye of little faith.) Yes we all have times when we wonder what the future may hold for us individually or as a Nation, and World.

Each morning we awake to a new day each day will hold new adventures and normal routine chores. Mom I can't find my shoes, Johnny hurry up your going to miss the Bus, Honey I think your new Stove will be in today. Each event brings to us a different feeling but we somehow make it thru another day. Just how do we do this?

We each and every one of us are just regular folk, we have no Special Power or do we?

The Bible tells us; we are children of the Father in Heaven. He molded us and watches over us. He guides our coming in and our going out, all we need to do is to accept His never ending Love and yes that gives us our Special Power. At this time of year our Lord is with us as He is all year long. Put your trust in Him and you will hold the power to face each and every day

God Bless each and everyone and May you have the Merriest of Christmases.

Don McConachie
St. Philips Episcopal Church



Right on time...another Christmas season,
and we want to deliver our best wishes to all of you.
Thank you for calling on us this year.



Fun facts about Three Kings Day

The holiday season begins with Thanksgiving, and many people believe that the festivities come to a close after ringing in the new year. In fact, for the faithful, the Christmas season does not end until January 6 (January 12 in Eastern churches).

January 6 marks the celebration of the Epiphany, sometimes referred to as Three Kings Day, Little Christmas, the Baptism of Jesus, and Día de los Reyes. The Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after December 25. In fact, that is where the phrase the Twelve Days of Christmas, and the song

of the same name, originated.

Christians believe that the real celebration of the holiday season does not begin until December 24 and then continues through Three Kings Day. While the four weeks preceding Christmas, also known as Advent, are supposed to be times of reflection and prayer in anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ, the 12 days of Christmas are times of great celebration. On the Epiphany, children may leave their shoes out for presents in a similar fashion to the way stockings are hung. Gifts are exchanged, reminiscent of the three gifts the magi presented to the Christ child of gold, frankincense oil and a resin called myrrh. The gold represented Christ's royal standing. The frankincense marked Christ's divine birth. Finally, the myrrh stood for Christ's mortality.

Many celebrants will bake ring-shaped cakes in which they will hide plastic baby figurines that are meant to symbolize Jesus Christ. The cake is called The Kings Ring, or Rosca de Reyes.

In Latin America, the three magi are more prominent figures than Santa Claus and are greatly revered by children and adults alike. Until the 19th century, the Epiphany may have been considered more important than Christmas day. However, those tides have largely shifted outside of Latin America and areas dominated by large populations of people who have Latin American heritage.

Christmas and New Year's garner considerable attention during holiday celebrations, but Three Kings Day also is an important date on the calendar for faithful Christians.



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observance of the Christmas holiday.

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Dear Santa,
I’m wondering how the reindeer fly? For Christmas I want a brown puppy and a stuffed reindeer. I need a new pair of crocks. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Verity Waddington

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I want an American girl doll and a Rudolf toy. I need to help my mom out more. I have a question, how is Clyde the elf?
Love, Violet Allen

Dear Santa,
I was wondering how does your sleigh fly? I have been good this year! Also, I want a phone this year and a baby kit-ten. I need winter socks, please?
Love you, Ava Lawrence

Dear Santa,
Santa I have a questions for you! Do you like chocolate milk or plain milk? And I really want a robe and some slippers for Christmas. I need some clothes for Christmas! I have been really nice. Please, Santa!
Love, Tymber Haslip

Dear Santa,
I am wondering if Parewin-
kle has been nice this year? Hey Santa, can you get me a toy horse and can you get me a baby doll? Santa can your rein-
deer actually fly?
Love, Madison Gillen

Dear Santa,
I am wondering if you actu-
ally go all over the whole world in one night? For Christ-
mas this year I want an Ipod and music box. Please Santa, I have been really nice. I also have something I need, a new water bottle. Enjoy your cook-
ies and milk.
Love, Mariah Carney

Dear Santa,
In the whole entire world how many presents are there being delivered this year? This year I want to see my cousin Morgan. I want to have a pet cat. I need new clothes. I got you a present too! Merry Christmas!
Love, Ryleigh Franks

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I really want a new pair of head-
phones and a phone for Christ-
mas and a growing set. Merry Christmas Santa!
From, Annika Gillen

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I really want an x-box and a beyblade set. I also need a technology kit. By the way, what is the coordinates of your workshop?
Love, Duncan Scambler

Dear Santa,
So I was wondering where buddy was? I want a giant gummy bear and another thing

I want is a Twilight Zenda game card. What I need is an alarm clock.
Love, Kyler Angerman
Hi Santa,
I have a question, will I get a present from a reindeer? I re-
ally want a present from Prancer! I need a new house. I want a new water bottle and a cheerleader American girl with
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Wishing You a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!


From Sunrise Aviation

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May the greatest gifts be yours this season and always.


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- Benn Curtis



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Mrs. Hagelman & Ms. Jenkins’
2nd grade class



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a camper.
Love, Sophie Andrews

Dear Santa,
I have a question Santa are you going to get more reindeer? Santa, can I tell you two things I want for Christmas? The first thing I want is a Nintendo switch and the second thing I want is an action figure. There is one thing I need, the thing I need is a new pair of socks. Please Santa, I have been a good boy this year!
From your friend Malachi Harrison

Dear Santa,
I am wondering how does your sleigh fly? For this year I want a toy unicorn and a lunch pale. I need clothes and I was nice this year. Have fun delivering presents this year.
Love, Hailey Bartlett

Dear Santa,
I have been wondering if Twinkles has been helping you? What I want for Christmas is a new American girl doll. What I also want is a glow in the dark slime. I have been really good this year. Also what I need is a new lunch box for school.
Love, Tegan Kuntz

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite reindeer? I want a fish for Christmas and a lizard. I need a fly swatter. Who is your favorite elf? Who is the best toy maker? Have a nice time.
Clay Howe

Dear Santa,
I am wondering if Doner has been good this year? I hope you didn't have a rough time this year. I also want a Nintendo switch lite. Ive been good this year. I also hope you have a great Christmas. I also want a rainbow air head box. I need a auto tooth brush, please!
Love, Griffey Angerman

Dear Santa,
I want a dragon with sequins from the tail to the head and it is black and rainbow. I also want a dragon with sequins from the tail to the head that is sapphire blue and gold. I need a swim suite. Are the elves naughty or nice this year?
Love, Piper Bunn



Happy Holidays!

This holiday season we're serving up some heartfelt thanks to all our good neighbors, for it's people like you who make it all worthwhile for us. Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season, from all of us at Wrangell IGA.



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Neighbor to Neighbor



About this time of year, I begin searching for a few words of inspiration that can be shared with the community. Perhaps due to the complexity of the past several months, I am finding deep wisdom in cartoons, quips, brief quotes, and simple conversations.

One that I especially like shows “Big Panda” and “Tiny Dragon” walking through a bamboo forest (dragon is on the back of panda). “Which is more important,” asks Big Panda, “the journey or the des-

tinuation?” To which Tiny Dragon replies, “The company.”

While this may not be the whole truth, it makes me think about how I relate with my neighbors (not just the lovely families on all sides of me). If I have learned one thing this past year, it is the importance of relationships and the understanding that we are all, in some way, connected to one another. So much so that my greeting card this season will feature a picture of our planet

against a starry sky, titled “FAMILY PORTRAIT”.

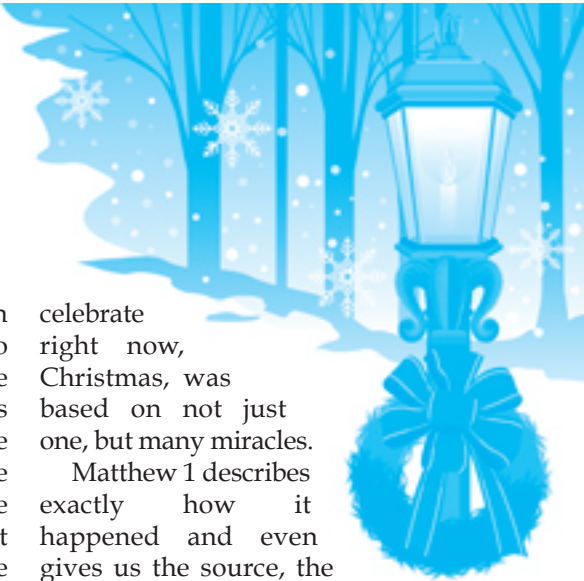
This is not to dismiss or overlook my own close and loving family - biological children, their kids, their spouses, and the precious great grand-kids. It is to remind me that every person on earth is a child of God and part of one family of humankind. Members of each faith community, or no faith community, celebrate this season of joy in many different ways. Where is our common ground? What are the things

that bring us together? If I can see in each person a sister or a brother, an auntie or uncle and act accordingly, many of my problems will disappear. It is

definitely a work in progress.

*Kay Larson,
Member of the Wrangell
Baha’i community*

Wrangell Buy, Sell, Trade: ISO a Miracle?!



I love our community! When I share with “you aren’t from here” individuals, I love to describe “us.” I love to see the faces as people try and grasp the concept of “we are all in this together!” One of those admirable, enviable characteristics, is the way we all share what we have. Whether it’s with each other, with those who visit, or even with our newbies. Oh, don’t get me wrong. Like any other family, we have our fights and faults, but deep down, there is love. It is so refreshing to see a Facebook post labeled ISO, which is the shortened version of, In Search Of, and then the many responses and suggestions of where that item, service, or even the answer, can be found...that’s Wrangell!!

As 2020 comes to a close, you may be ISO a miracle. Once again, you have come to the right place. We have those here in Wrangell! It seems this very time of year that we pause to

celebrate right now, Christmas, was based on not just one, but many miracles.

Matthew 1 describes exactly how it happened and even gives us the source, the location, and where you and I can find exactly what we need. Not just at this time of year, but throughout the year. The answer is “through the Holy Spirit.” I invite you, to invite God, through His Spirit, into your life, and allow the Holy Spirit to bring about the miracle you are in search of. URLoved!

*Kem Haggard
Pastor @ Harbor Light*

Santa Letters From K-1 Corner

Dear Santa,

My name is Sayler. I am 5 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year, because I was friends outside with the new girl in our K-1 Corner. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give shoes to Sienna, because I’m friends with her. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a big Lama.

Thank you Santa!!

P.S. How do you make elves?

Dear Santa,

My name is Dima. I am 7 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I folded everyone’s clothes for my mom. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give my grandma a Christmas letter, because I never get to see her. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a pet dog.

Thank you Santa!!

P.S. What are some of the reindeer’s names?

Dear Santa,

My name Hailey. I am 6 ½ years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I’m kind to everyone. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give Lilly a emoji heart that’s a pillow and Dima a giant stuffy, because they play with me on the playground.. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is an Easy Bake Oven.

Thank you Santa!!

P.S. How are the Elf on the Shelves doing at the North Pole?

Dear Santa,

My name is Fiona. I am 5 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I helped my brother find his remote control car. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give Rosslyn one of my Barbie dolls, because I already have enough Barbies. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a new comb.

Thank you Santa!!

P.S. How do you deliver all the gifts in one night?

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Pizza on Earth

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From the Crew at **Ottesen’s**

Santa Letters From K-1 Corner

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Dear Santa,
My name is Hudsyn. I am 6 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I shared my glue stick with Thorin. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give Thorin one of my Blasters, because I have 52. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is Fort Night Silent Blaster.
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. How do you make the North Pole, and how do you

make the snow go down?
Dear Santa,
My name is Justice. I am 6 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I play Legos with my brother. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give Waylin a cool guitar, because I know he’d like it. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a bumble bee that turns into a car and a robot.
Thank you Santa!!

P.S. How long is your beard?
Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica. I am 6 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I played with Fiona very nicely. I didn’t step on her toe. We were sliding like penguins. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give Fiona a new jacket and boots, because she really needs a new jacket and boots because it might be cold outside. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a doll that has a little van and doors, guitars, little thingies, and a little stuffed unicorn.
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. How have the elves been?

Dear Santa,
My name is Rosslyn. I am 5 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I did a lot of nice things. I picked up a pencil today, let Dima go first when we read together. I picked up a pencil off the ground. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give my sister a stuffed animal, because when it was her birthday, I gave her one. She really liked it. It was huge. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a chihuahua puppy.
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. Who is the real Santa? Every year there are santas with no beards, are they not Santas? I know you are the real Santa hiding in the North Pole in disguise so you can get all your presents done.

Dear Santa,
My name is Thorin. I am 5 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I comforted Rosslyn when she scraped her knee. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give my sister Robyn a turtle, because I love her and I don’t want her to forget me when she goes to college. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a Hot Wheel set! I’ve always wanted it and I’ve never gotten it!
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. How did the elves be made in the first place? Did you make them Santa or the elves?

Dear Santa,
My name is Millie Howe. I am 5 years old. I hope that I am

on the nice list this year because I help my mom sometimes. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give Ellie a jewel because she is special to me. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get this year is a giant stuffed unicorn!
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. I know everything about you!!

Dear Santa,
My name is Lilly Eve Edens. I am 6 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I’ve been helping mom with the dishes. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give my dad a Christmas card because I love him so much. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get this year is a makeup set. I’ve been wishing for that all day!
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. What do you do at work Santa?

Dear Santa,
My name is Jason Gellatly. I am 6 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I’ve been kind to my friend Gretchen and I play nice with my dog and cat. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give my mom a decoration of a moose and a bear sharing a fire because it’s beautiful like my mom. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is one of those things that you flick and it sticks to the ceiling.
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. Merry Christmas to you Santa and Happy Holidays!

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason Rushmore. I am 6 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I gave flowers to my mommy and daddy and Uncle Bug. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give my friend Chase a new teddy bear because Chase is always happy. I also want to give him a new water bottle. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a dump truck.
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. How are the reindeer?

Dear Santa,
My name is Titan Churchill. I am 7 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I open the doors for humans to go in, and play with my cousins really nicely and I always say thank you. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give Gretchen a remote control airplane because I love her really much! If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get a little air hockey game.
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. Santa I really want to see your cafeteria!

Dear Santa,
My name is Gretchen Powell. I am 5 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I am kind to my grandma. Sometimes when me and my brother stay the night at

grandmas and grandpas I help with my brother. I help my mommy and daddy too. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give my grandma Lois a new vase with flowers in it because she’s my grandma and I love her. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a nintendo switch.
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. I’ve been wondering, how do you get your sleigh to go?

Dear Santa,
My name is Sienna Kiesler. I am 5 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I’ve been good at sharing my tablet with my sister. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give Lilly a little stuffed bear because I have a little stuffed bear too. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is another little stuffed bear that smells good.
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. Travel safe on Christmas!!

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase Meissner. I am 6 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I’ve been really nice to my friends and I’ve been helping my mom clean up and I’ve been helping my sisters and my brother building stuff. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give Bubba cars because he really likes cars and I’d like to give my mom glass candles and I’d like to give my dad knives. Then I’d like to give Mindy and Jenna a horse because they love horses and Jenna goes out to ride them. I’d like to give Everett a pocket knife. He loves pocket knives. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a RC lamborghini.
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. I was wondering if you had a dog like the Grinch?

Dear Santa,
My name is Alivia Powell. I am 5 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I’ve made a project that is super fun. I’ve helped my mom. She asked for a juice box and I said “yes, here is a juice box.” I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give my mom some flowers because I love her so much. I’d like to give my dad compellers hat, because it regrows your hair.
If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get is a Barbie dream house. I’ve always wanted one!!
Thank you Santa!!
P.S. We will also leave a plate of cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer!!

Dear Santa,
My name is Helena Fiske. I am 5 years old. I hope that I am on the nice list this year because I tell my mom to have a nice day every morning when I leave for school. I’ve also been thinking a lot about how I can be giving. I would really like to give Mr. Howe a new book. If I am on the nice list this year, one thing I would love to get this year is a new toy.
Thank you Santa!!

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Wishlist for Christmas from Mrs. Crowley's 4/5 Class

I would wish for my grandpa to get this gift for christmas a new boat motor cause he could do lots with a new motor he could put it one of his boats and it could be helpful.he could also use it for his sale boat and I also want this person that’s my mom i would wish for my mom to get this for Christmas a thermos cause she could use it to go places like her work. This is what I would like my mom and grandpa to get for Christmas.

By Jenna M.

If I could wish for any gift for someone I would wish for my mom to have a break from me and my sister to take a Vacationing at Oregon to spend time with her mom.she can Olson to go shopping.I wish we could get a new pet because I miss baer too much.

By Z. B.

I would wish for my mom to get a vacation. I wish my mom this because she works very hard at work and at home. I wish my mom could go to a nice sunny beach and then she can relax. I also wish my dog could go on a dog vacation. On the vacation, she can play in the water, play catch, and she could make friends. This is what I would wish for my mom and dog.

By Jacob H.

If I could wish for any gift for someone I would wish for my grandfather to be able to get a lot and build his dream house on it. I would also wish for my dad to get his dream job. Next I would wish for my little brother to open his own restaurant when he gets older and to have an arcade in his restaurant. This is. What I would wish for my grandfather, my dad, and my little brother to have for Christmas.

By Miah M.

If I could wish for any gift for someone else I would wish for my mom to get 400k so she could move into a nice house . I would also wish for my cousin KC to get a new chicken because a barn owl killed the chicken. I wish for Michelle to feel better. Last but not least I wish for my dad to get a vacation because he works so hard.

By Delilah C.

If I could wish for any gift for someone, I would wish for my mom to get a car because she is always spending her money on cabs. If she had a car she wouldn’t need to spend her money on cabs. I also would wish for my little brother Daniel a new pair of Nike shoes because his Nikes are ripped up. I would also wish for my little cousin to have toy horses because she always wanted some. This is



what I want for my mom, dad, and brother.

By Tiana M.

I would wish my dad a New Jersey. He will wear it when he watches football. I would wish for my dad to get a Call of Duty Cold War game. I would wish this because both of us like Call of Duty. This is what I would wish for my dad for Christmas. I would wish for a new kitchen set for my Papa. My papa is the one that cooks. I would also get him some things for his boat. He needs stuff for his boat. This is what I would wish for my papa.

By Susan N.

If I could wish for any gift for anybody, I would wish for my friend Issac to have a depth finding fishing pole. I would wish this because he is always getting a super bad one cause he is the youngest and that leaves him with a bad one. The reason I want to get him one is because he needs one. So he



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Candy Cane

Marina Fitzgerald showing off some candy canes she found during last Sunday’s candy cane hunt along the Volunteer Park Trail.

can attract fish with it and he can pull up halibut easier. This is why I would wish for a fishing pole for Issac.

By Asher H.

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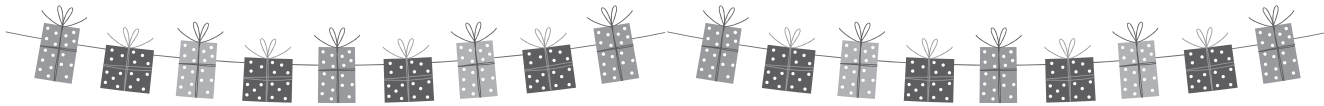
Guided by the Star of the East, three wise men traveled far to see the newborn child, bringing their precious gifts.

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Dear Santa,
I have some wishes for you.

The first wish is for the world. I wish that everyone can be free

and safe. Now, I have a wish for my family that live in Petersburg. My wish for them is that I could see them more often. I have one more wish, and this wish is for me. I wish that I could have some really good books, but that's ok if you can't get me that. The last thing is a question for you. How do you get in people's houses if some people do not have a chimney and peoples windows and doors are locked? Thank you Santa for the way you care and give stuff to us, you are very special. I hope you have a merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Erika Jabusch

Dear Santa,
Does your reindeer have magic yes or no? One wish for the word is to have several trees. One wish for someone else is for my little cousin Bow to have a baby shark toy. I have four wishes. I want an xbox one, Xbox one controllers, Minecraft and a computer set up.

From, Daniel Mccolloch

Dear Santa,
I have three questions. What are all the reindeer names? I WISH this COVID-19 would stop. I WANT Daniel to have a good Christmas too. I want a robux card for roblox. I want the magic treehouse collection. I want lego city and some sticker sets like the speech teacher does.

From, Jonathan Powell

Dear Santa,
I have a question for you. How do you give all the kids in the world presents in only one night? I will let you answer that. Anyway on to the wishes. One of my wishes is that my best friend Saylor gets what she wants for Christmas. Another one of my wishes is that I want an acoustic guitar. My last wish is that everyone in the world has a great Christmas!

LOVE Jovie Kiesler

Dear Santa,
I am going to ask a question. What do you do in the summer? I have one wish for my family. I wish my family has a Break. I have a wish for the world. I wish



there is no covid 19. I have a wish to make for me. I wish to have all of jojo sewa clothes, Descendants dolls, and all of lol Surprise omg dolls.

From Kailee Roundtree

Dear Santa,
I wish for a four wheeler and a shot gun please. My wish for the world is for the Coronavirus and the killing to stop. This is the wish for someone else. I wish for my Mom and Dad to have a jump in their work. Santa how do you get all around the world in one night?

From Cadence Nelson-James

Dear Santa,
I have the best friend ever. Her name is jovie. Santa can you get her what she want Oh ya for tips she wants a guitar. Also the wish that I want for the world is for corona to end! Now my turn. All that I really want is a cat. My question for you is how do you get down the chimney? Also how do you get here in time to drop off the presents? MERRY Christmas

Love, Saylor Welch

Dear Santa,
How do you fit in a small chimney? I wish that the world is a nice, kind, and joyful world. I wish that my grampa is happy, joyful, and kind. I wish for a new toy to play with.

From, Jamison Massin

Dear Santa,
I have one question. How do you make it on time and how do you know where people live? I have a wish for the world. I wish

that everyone will have an awesome Christmas. I have a wish for my friend Maddie. I wish she could see me and she might make the same wish. Here's my wish. I wish I get a new blanket to cuddle.

From Jocelyn Smith

Dear Santa,
I wish for the word to get over the pandemic. I wish for my dad to get a Bow Thruster. I want an ocean lego set for Christmas. What are the reindeer names Santa?

From Quinton Davies

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I wish that Covid 19 can go away so we don't have to wear a mask anymore. I wish my family can have a vacation for a week to have fun. I wish for a lego set. I wish for a great Christmas.

LOVE CLAIRE ROONEY

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm excited for Christmas. What are the elves doing? I wish COVID-19 would stop. I want a lego set, a dirt bike, an RC car, and a football and slime. What are the reindeer name.

From, Connor Blake

Dear Santa,
How's Mrs Claus? I was being good this year. I wish that everyone would have a nice Christmas with their families. I want a Batman Lego game for Christmas, please.

Merry Christmas,
Waylin Grey

Season's Greetings

We hope your Christmas holiday is simply perfect in every way. Best wishes!



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spend time telling a crowd a parable. He then spends time explaining that parable better for His disciples. Then spends more time with people to the point that He becomes exhausted enough to sleep through a storm. He then wakes up to calm the storm, heals a demon possessed man and then returns across the same sea he had just calmed hours earlier.

Jesus took time out of the BUSY-ness to take care of true business, His people. The wise

men took years out of their lives for their true business, God’s love and wisdom..

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Christmas carols

Lt. Jon Tollerud of the Salvation Army playing Christmas carols outside of Wrangell IGA.

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The Season of Rebirth

Hundreds of years ago, the medieval theologian and philosopher Meister Eckhart (1260–1327) wrote, “As a man who has taken a vow of celibacy, I will never know what it is like to physically give birth, nor have I ever held the hand of a woman I love in labor—neither sister nor friend. However, I have experienced the birth of Christ in the world many times throughout my life—in big ways and small, sometimes through grand gestures, but more often through simple acts of patience, love, and mercy. To incarnate the Christ is to live out the Gospel with our lives, as faithfully and fearlessly as a woman in labor who holds nothing back in order to bring new life into the world.”

In many religious communities, the tenor of the Christmas season is the reflection that God may act in us and through us to become better curators of that new life within ourselves, our community and the world. In order to accomplish this, we have to choose our life-giving powers over our old, destructive habits. We need to choose generosity over greed, compassion over judgment and defensiveness, patience

over anger, calm over fear and anxiety, compromise over division, healing and forgiveness over alienation. That’s a ‘tall order’ but choosing life-giving powers improves our personal health and the

health of our community. Whether we are Christian/spiritual/religious or not, renewing our commitment to using our life-giving powers will guide us into 2021 with hope and joy.

The congregation of Island of Faith Lutheran Church wish you a cheerful and peaceful Christmas season.

Joan Sargent

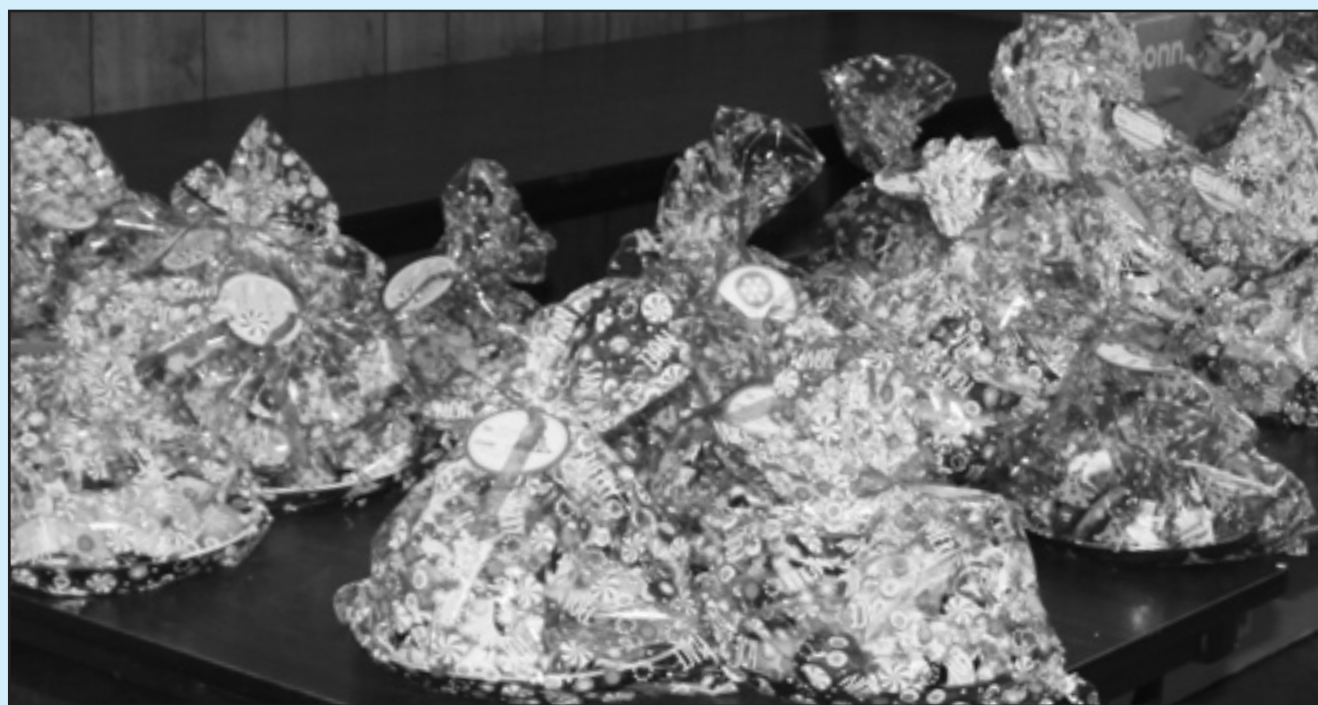


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Veterans’ cookies

Trays of cookies to be delivered to Wrangell’s veterans. This is the seventh year for the American Legion Auxiliary here in Wrangell to prepare cookies for veterans, making 50 trays every year.



How to plan virtual office parties this holiday season

Holiday parties are a tradition at many businesses. A 2019 survey from the outplacement services firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas found that 76 percent of companies planned to hold holiday parties in 2019.

As popular as holiday office parties may be, few businesses are likely to gather in person this holiday season as the world continues to confront the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Social distancing guidelines may put many holiday office parties on indefinite hold,

but there are still ways for employees to gather this holiday season.

Virtual meeting apps like Zoom have helped many businesses stay connected during the pandemic, and there’s no reason why the same platform cannot be utilized when hosting virtual office parties this holiday season. While it might not be the same as planning in person holiday office parties, planning a virtual office get-together can still capture the spirit of the holiday season.

- Encourage festive back-

grounds. Backgrounds have taken on special meaning as people limit their interactions to video calls. Virtual holiday party organizers can encourage employees to decorate their backgrounds in traditional holiday colors to give the virtual party an authentic holiday feel.

- Send special care packages to employees. Various companies have helped make virtual happy hours more unique by offering virtual happy hour kits, and such kits can be

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Wrangell’s American Legion Auxiliary

Members of Wrangell’s American Legion Auxiliary prepare to deliver Christmas gifts to senior citizens and cookies to local veterans. Pictured left to right are Lori Meuli, Marylin Mork, Hannah Armstrong, Pearl Baker, Heidi Armstrong, Zona Gregg, and Rebecca Mork. About 130 gifts were gathered by the legion for Wrangell’s elders, and 50 trays of cookies for veterans.

Virtual office parties

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created and shipped to employees with a holiday theme in mind. Such kits may include snacks, the ingredients necessary to whip up special beverages like eggnog and even some party favors. Company presidents can then propose a toast during the party and express their appreciation to all the hard work employees have put in during what’s proven to be a very challenging year.

- Take the day off. Holiday office parties often take place after office hours. Since that might not be doable when everyone is working from home, host the virtual holiday party on a company-wide off day. Schedule the party for midday and then encourage everyone to hang around on the video call and chat for as long as they’d like. Such calls can be a great time for everyone to catch up and unwind without having to worry

about going back to work once the call ends.

- Cater the party. Dinner is often served at traditional holiday office parties, and while it may require some logistical maneuvering, employers can still provide employees with meals. If employees all live in the same general vicinity, arrange for individually prepared meals to be delivered to

their homes. If employees are more spread out, employers can offer to reimburse them for meals they eat during the virtual get-together.

Office holiday parties will likely go virtual this year. While that might not be how employees prefer to get together and celebrate, there are many ways to make such gatherings memorable and festive.



Season’s Readings!

As we turn the page to another holiday season, we’d like to take a moment to thank you, our loyal readers, for your trust and support. We hope this Christmas delivers all the good news you’ve been hoping for and more. Happy Holidays!

*Anne, Ron, Caleb,
Trisha, and Ola*

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