



2021 *Christmas & Edition*



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

For unto you is born
a Savior
who is Christ the Lord.

Petersburg Bible Church

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You are cordially invited to join us for a
Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 4pm.

If you have any questions, please call the church.

Everyone is Welcome



*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*

- Luke 2:14

We are so blessed to live in a
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

For christmas I would like a S.h monster art's shin GODZILLA and if you have time a neca HALLOWEEN kilis michael myers.

Liam Jackson (age 8)
(grade 3rd)

skatse, Please, Hippo, thank you
Brenda Gudgel (Bg)

To: Santa

I Am Asking for the Lego marvel set with the big thanos and Pokemon Please

from Emmett

To: Santa

LOL a Penguin BABY Alive Stuffy DIARY snow GLOBE HIPPO cAMRA FILM

Natalie Gudgel,
Charlie Gudgel

To: Santa

I am Asking for a Playmobile castle set please

Love, Conner

To: Santa

a unicorn coloring Book, new clothes, a BaBy alive, film dobbers, More stuffys, a SNOW globe, ice

Dear Santa,

This year i would like... the comfy sweater, pogo stick, New headphones, a snowboard, and Sloth sweater from lee's

Love, Daisy M.

Brightest Wishes & Big Thanks



At the holidays and all year, we're proud to serve this community. Thanks for your continued support and trust in us.

We wish everyone a delightful holiday season and a happy, healthy year!

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Here's our best wishes to you and yours, for a happy, healthy and prosperous Holiday Season.

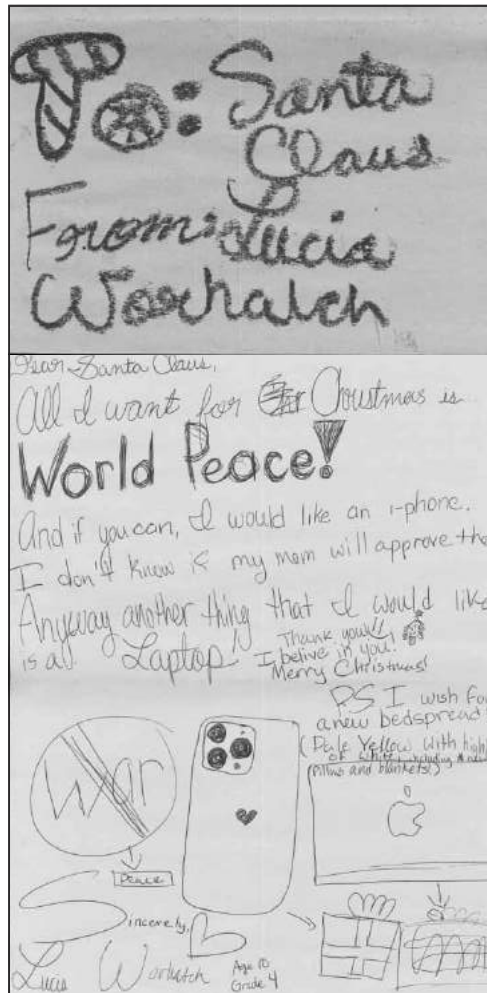
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AIRLINES

FROM THE CREW IN PETERSBURG:
Darcey, Gayle, Eunice, Jody, Skyler, Laura, Mali, Scott, Angel, J.C.



OLA RICHARDS / Petersburg Pilot

Mrs. Eddy looks on as Lily Haerling drops in her Santa letter.



Dear Santa,

I would like a new pair of rollerskates and snow shoes and a dress coat, please. I have three wiggle teeth now. My dogs love the snow. What is your favorite kind of cookies?

Merry Christmas!

Tula (6)

Dear Santa,

I wot a BaBy Setup with a Botl and a CriB and a Char Ples Santa! FRome Rosie and we are Going to be in Meksko Santa! LOVE CrisMis!!!! I So you At the ckrMis Chree Liting Sata!

Rosie Luhr

Deerer Santa

I wont a baby reindeer please a umaginex Pleas and mistlowe lostovit Please I will make you a Jinjer Bered man.

James, 7

Dear Santa,

May I please hav a new watch

Love, Oskar

Dear Santa,

Can I Please hav a pair of wireless headphones for Christmas Pleas. I hav a few

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Cover Photo:

Two tall Christmas trees shine brightly at the entrance to Stedman Elementary thanks to the efforts of Joe Willis, Aaron Buller, Kevin Hess and Sam Caulum. Hammer and Wikan donates the lights and upgrades them each year.

Photo by Ola Richards



Rader clutches an oversized candy cane before telling Santa what he wants for Christmas.

CHRIS BASINGER / Petersburg Pilot

Dear Santa...



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Holiday
Is a Slice
of Heaven!**

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**Thank you
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papabearspizza.com and
our facebook page



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Questions for you. 1. How are the rain deer 2. How are the elves. 3. How do you get around the earth in one night. Please

Love Declan

Dear Santa Claus.

This year, I hope I have been good, good enough to deserve the presents that I want:

1. First new fidgets please
2. Second the LOLOMG winter disco chale!
3. OOnies
4. World peace
5. A teacup pug, and if you cannot do that I would like a mouse!

I would also like Magic Mixies

Sincerely,

Ivy Worhatch, Grade 3.
Age 8

P.S. The OMG Doll royal B-

Dear Santa Claus,

All I want for Christmas is WORLD PEACE! And if you can, I would like an i-phone. I don't know if my mom will approve tho. Anyway another thing that I would like is a

Laptop! Thank you! I believe in you! Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Lucia Worhatch,
Age 10, Grade 4

P.S. I wish for a new bedspread! (Pale Yellow with highlight of white, including new pillows and blankets!)

Dear Santa,

I want Mario for Christmas. My brother Miles wants a stuffed horse. I also want police lego set, and a water gun.

Love you,

Silas (Streuli) Muse,
3.5 yrs old

P.S. I will be in Maui for Christmas, bring my presents there.

Dear Santa,

- Nintendo switch - ryan's world mystery case

- AideN Torres

Dear Santa

I would like a American Girl Doll, Rainbow high Doll,

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Thanks a ton for choosing us.

Merry Christmas, Friends!





OLA RICHARDS / Petersburg Pilot

Miss Curtiss brought her class to Santa's mailbox to send off their letters. The others wait their turn while Kaliyah Morales drops in her envelope.

Dear Santa...

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LOL hair salon, LOL, Doll christmas tree, American girl Doll house, American girl doll kitchen, American girl doll clothes, American girl doll bath room, American girl doll car, watch

Merry Christmas!

From: Adriana

Dear Santa

My wish list for Christmas I would like to give you a wish list and hear it is. popit's, sqismallows, Japan pokemon plush. Books. chisiries, wings of Fire graphic novel. speshell wishes!!! Toad iroki pillowcase. other wishes. American girl outback set - noli-dassier sugar plum 2021 winter doll. And one more time Toad iroki pillowcase!!! Thank you so much santa! Also Toadiroki pop doll.



Dear Santa Clause,

My name is Nolan Durst. I am 4 years old. I want a Optimus Transformer for Christmas. A big one!

Nolan Durst, age 4

To Santa,

And I what a play station 5 if you bont giv me a Play station 5 a then I whot a ninienblo swish.

From Duncan, 8

Dear Santa,

I've been really good. I really like all your deers names. I want a kitty, puppy, bunny, barbie, and finger puppet-Book. I made a ginger Bread House and got presents for my family this week. I decorated the tree and got to put the star on! My dog wants a bone, toy, and dog Bed. m+m cookies are my favorite. I'll be leaving them out for you. Mommy says I'll get one thing I want, but I want all of them

from: Johanna age: 3 grade: pre-

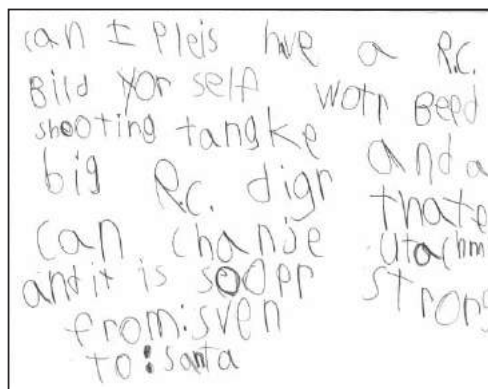
Dear Santa

My name is Sophie. I am 2 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. Can you please bring me some paw patrol and books.

Thanks.

Love, Sophie Morin

P.S. Please bring bones for my doggies and a toy for my kitty.



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Dear Santa...

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Santa,
I love you and how have you been? What kind of toys have you made? How are your reindeer doing? What can your magic do? I would like to have a golden cat someday, but I know my mom is not ready for one of them. So, be ready to do that someday. I want a golden striped cat with white stripes and a gold leash and collar. This year, I'd like a giant LEGO packet and some little LEGO packets. I've been a little bit bad and a little bit good this year. I'm trying to do my best.

Merry Christmas, LOVE,
ERIK, age 5

To: Santa
can I Pleis have a R.C. Bild
yor self wotr Beed shoOting
tangke and a big R.C. digt thate
can chanje utachmits and its
soopr strong.

from: *sven*

Dear Santa,
I haven't been naughty. Only nice. Please bring me a little horse with a button you push then hop on. I also want a dog with a button... both should have another button to make them turn around so they don't run away (and come back). One more thing... Doggie wants a kitchen set and toy food to play with.

Thank you,
Annika Barosy Flor, age 4.5

Dear Santa,
I what a cat and a dog
Duncan Durst, age 8

Dear santa,
Can I please have one trillion dollars to help petersburg adn the world. I live on south nordic drive.

Love, *Jesse Jr.*

Dear santa.
Im Koven and Im 8 years old.
Can I have woody back please

Love, *Koven*

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OLA RICHARDS / Petersburg Pilot

Laura Allison's 1st grade (left to right) Future Tarquino, Wyatt Thomassen, Elyse Mumby, Thea Holmlund, Abigail Martin, Cooper Kandoll, Matthew Aloï, Carter Griss, Soren Eddy, Evie Wikan and Noelle Craig.

Peace & JOY
A great combination. Thanks, friends!

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PEACE
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HAPPINESS
& GOOD
FORTUNE**

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patronage and hope you have
a very Merry Christmas.
May 2022 be filled with good fishing,
good health & lots of adventures.*

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Wishing You Joy & Wonder

We're making a list of all the people we want to thank and your name is on it!

We hope you get everything you've wished for this Christmas, and we thank you for being so good to us this year.

Kinder Komfort

Linda, Mary & Sam

A Blessed Time

For to us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulders:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,
The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.

Isaiah 9: 6-7:

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Dear Santa...

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Dear Sanata,
Thank you for the amazing
gifts in the past year. This year
there is some thing dif rent I
want this time. Santa could
you and your elves make a
Pestol and morder Please. That
is what I want Please and
Thank you.

From: Devyn

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby alive, an
american girl doll, some high
heels, a toy dog, a suitcase, a
power wheels car, pop its,
fidget toys, and a baby alive
bed. I hope you are well, I have
been good mostly this year.

Merry Christmas,
Aubrianna Wright,
Age: 7, Grade: 2

Dear santa,
What I want for my favorite
day of the year, christmas! :)

243 hornady ammo,
winchester 30-30
lever action, Polar-
tech guy cottons
pants, gun safe,
brown leather
sheplers cowboy hat
and a ruger 22 six
shooter. Thank you!

Noah

P.S. please send
chrisopher Pop-In-
kins back again! :)

Dear Santa,

I really want you to come. I'd
like a new Batmobile with a
batman in it. A big one that can
open up at the top and Batman
can drive it.

I love you Santa,

Finny Bob Lohr

Dear santa,

I want for christmas is a big
bear. A colering set and a new



drone. A mermaid tail. A
budgie bird. A hoverboard.
And for my family to all be
happy! American girl doll
clothes + exssores. And mini
hatchemals!

Beatriz Gallardo, age 9

Dear santa,

Truck please. How R the
rendear?

Thank you,

Raymond Gillen,
age 4

Dear Sanata,

12-17-21 Friday

thank you for the amazing gift
in the past year. This year there
is some thing dif rent I want
this time. Santa could you and your elvs
make a Pestol and morder Please.
That is what I want Please and
Thank you.



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Elf App

Name: Hayden, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Barbies
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Snowball PointyShoes

Name: Kaliyah, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Doll firy
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? No
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Name: Nathan Bubbly, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? transformeys
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Nathan



Signature: Nathan

Name: Lily, Age: 7

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Stacking cups
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Lily



Signature: Lily

Name: Atlas, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Dragons
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Atlas

5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: sophia

Name: Elliott Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Everything
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes kiduv
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes kiduv

Signature: Elliott

Name: Sophia, Age: 7

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Cupcake surprise Princess
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes

Name: Dirk, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played

- with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Pokemon cards
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Dirk Severson

Name: Kaelynn, Age: 6

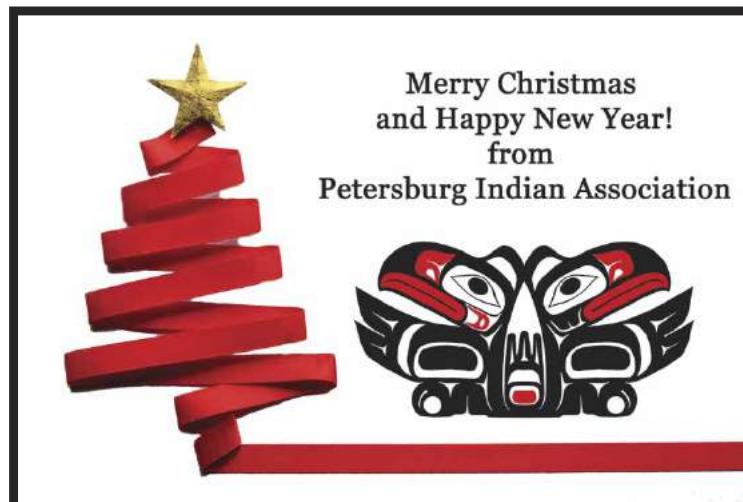
1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? My horse
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper

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Wishing a bright and Merry Christmas to all.



lication



at home? yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Snowball

Name: Dyan, Age: 7 2/3

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Legos
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Goofy Cupcake

Name: Sven, Age: 7

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Rr digger
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes

5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Sven

Name: Penny, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Dineusores
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Ziggy Pointyshoes

Name: Trygve, Age: 6 1/2

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? A stufy
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes

5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Sneaky cupcake

Name: Kayden, Age: 7

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? cars
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Snowball

Name: Amaiya, Age: 7

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? LOLS
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper

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Wishing You a Beautiful Season

May your holiday be happy
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Sam, Adam, Pam, Jed,
Alice, Sarah, David
and Kaleigh.

Elf Application

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- at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Gumball
Twinkletoes

Name: Taiaya, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Dress-up
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Sneaky Gumbdrop

Name: Bristol, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Squishy
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature:

Sparkle Candy Cane

Name: Trygve, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Hot wheels
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Tryve

Name: Harper, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? cats-dogs
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice music
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes I love you
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: M

Name: Olivia, Age: 7

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? LOL Surprise bollllhouse
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Olivia

Name: Brandt, Age: 7

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Arcetatar
3. Are you naughty or nice?



- Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: BrNDT

Name: Helmi, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Stuffed Animals
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes

5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: HELMI

Name: Rosie, Age: 6

1. Have you ever played with toys? Yes
2. What is your favorite toy? Poly Pockets
3. Are you naughty or nice? Nice
4. Are you a good helper at home? Yes
5. Do you like Christmas music? Yes

Signature: Rosie

So Much Merry

Here's hoping your holiday season holds all good things. We sure do appreciate the support of kind friends and customers like you. Thank you, and Merry Christmas!



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Evening Mass 10:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 25th
Christmas Day Mass 10:00 AM

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Joy to the World!



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Lighting up the town

Petersburg's holiday season kicked off with the parade of lights down mainstreet and the gathering for the lighting of the town Christmas tree. Every year a special person is selected from the community, and this year Joseph Tagaban was chosen to do the honors. He read out a heartfelt message thanking the community for their support during his battle with cancer this year. Then he flipped the big switch on stage and the festive crowd roared with appreciation.

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WINTER SOLSTICE

By CHELSEA TREMBLAY

The winter solstice is the longest night of the year. It generally comes around December 21st, though the exact moment, sometimes even the day, changes. Marking the moment, the spirit of it, is a common human theme. Something about staring into the dark and, to get through, reaching

for each other.

It was when the Romans celebrated Saturnalia, the gift-giving holiday honoring the god Saturn. In ancient Persia - now continued in Iran, neighboring countries, and Kurdish communities - families enjoy Yaldā Night, or Chelle Night with special foods, poetry and staying awake until dawn to celebrate the victory of light over dark. Old Norse solstice traditions included lighting fires to keep away spirits in the dark nights. The Dongzhi Festival is the Winter Solstice celebration in China, when families gather over special meals and the hope of spring. Learning about the world's traditions is part of the day's magic for me. A reminder of how many things we have in common.

This year the exact moment of winter solstice is Tuesday, December 21st, at around 7 am. In the past I've spent the day with a boisterous gathering of friends and family, alone with a candle and tea, or in a small circle around a fire. As I write this, all I know about my plans for that day are that I would like to spend time with people I love thinking about what a miracle it is. To be here. Now.

And all of it is because of something called axial tilt. The way our planet spins in relation to the sun, which is

around 23.4 degrees. As Sasha Sagan reminds in her book, "For Creatures Such as We," it's the reason we have seasons at all. It is part of the story of how we are even here. Seasons create the habitable temperatures that set the biological foundations of life.

My partner Bryan, an astronomy enthusiast, and I are reading Sagan's book together. When we got to the chapter that mentioned Earth's axial tilt he told me that in winter, we in the northern hemisphere are actually closer to the sun than we are in summer. It's the angle that gives us the colder weather, not our distance, because the direct sunlight makes all the difference.

He told me that it's actually a topic of debate about why we have that special tilt. That it could be because when the planet was being formed it collided with debris that became our moon, or some other possibility we don't have the evidence to begin considering yet. The exact degree of the tilt wobbles, Bryan told me, so even that changes.

Whatever the reason, and whatever makes it possible, it is my favorite day. Maybe it's the stubborn side of me, finding joy even in a single candle surrounded by the dark.



Dylan Allison inserts his letter in the Pilot Santa box.

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Mrs. Eddy's class take turns mailing off their letters to ol' Saint Nick. Olivia O'Neil sends off her letter.



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Lantern walk

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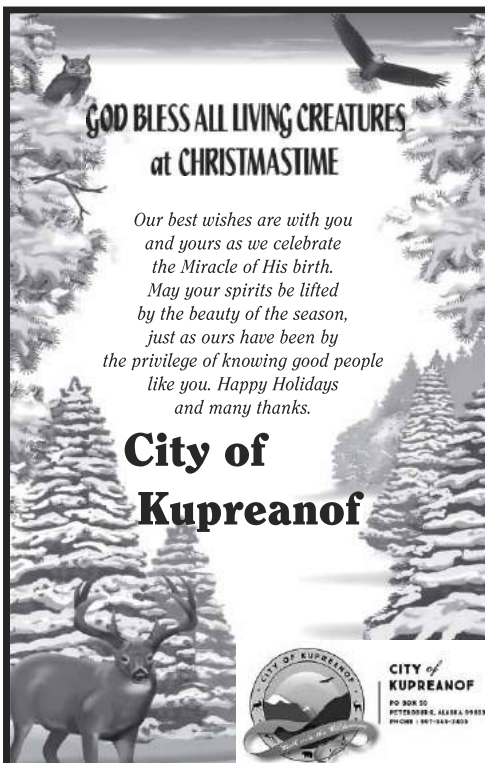
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Ruby Litster and Torey Fry greet people as they drive into the Winter Wonderland.



Ruby Litster hands a gift bag filled with toys and sweets to children inside a car.



The Grinch (Aaron Hankins) squares off against the Gingerbread Man, entertaining children in cars, as Sean Spigelmyre looks on.

Winter Wonderland

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Parks and Recreation lined the lot behind the aquatic center with brightly lit trees and volunteers giving presents to children. Holiday characters also greeted guests as they waited in line for a picture with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.



Mia sits between Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus with a giddy smile.

GREETINGS



of the Season

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Carolers brought Christmas cheer from business to business on Nordic Dr. last Monday. (Back row) Alice Merrill, Heidi Lombard and Denise Gubernick led the singers (front, left to right) Midori Hinde, Ivy Worhatch, Lora Lombard, Lucia Worhatch, Kendyl Lachapelle, Daphne Brantuas and Nikkole Etcher.



Caroling on Nordic Drive

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Lora Lombard keeps the beat with her bell jingling stick.

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**We wish you a Merry Christmas and the best for the coming New Year.
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From all of us:



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What does Christmas mean to us?

By PASTOR LLOYD THYNES
Bethesda Fellowship

Is it about a season of giving as we hear some say?

What's with the tree and decorations and all the sales of things that you "need" to buy for some family member or friend?

Have we lost or allowed the real purpose to be lost as if buried in a snowbank?

I grew up going to church and this time of year they would have been preparing a Christmas program which all of us kids were

the cast playing the parts of Joseph and Mary and the three wise men and so forth. Even with that our focus was the morning we could find presents under a tree all decorated in our living room. Yes, even then we had lost the real reason for Christmas.

At the time of Jesus birth there was no world wide celebration of that event taking place, no fat guy in a red suit, flying reindeer, because the real reason was isolated in a small almost insignificant location that even today draws awe towards God or

hatred and animosity; Israel and a small town called Bethlehem.

What was actually taking place was God's divine answer to a problem man in himself would never solve or be able to activate. What had separated us all from God, Adam's sin.

God had announced to satan (lucifer) in Genesis that "her seed" would bruise his head. Meaning that satan's hold over mankind would be broken.

It is through the nation of Israel that the savior of mankind came. He came as the lamb of God in the humblest of settings. Not in a palace, but in a cave which served to harbor livestock. He wasn't born in a clean sanitary setting but with sheep and livestock present.

I have found through studies that every detail of his birth had been prophesied through God's prophets in the Old Testament of the Bible, even the very location of his birth. Every minute detail is spoken by God by His

prophets.

What is this season truly about? Will I be dubbed a grinch if I tell the truth?

The true purpose of this season is the birth of Jesus, the son of God, born to the virgin Mary, the only savior of the world. Born in a stable placed in a food trough wrapped in clothes that would be used to protect a baby lamb, because he is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

I love what the Apostle Paul would later write concerning Him (Jesus) in the book of Romans 9:33; "behold I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a stone of offense, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed." I challenge you today don't be offended by the truth. Look to Jesus the lamb of God, the greatest gift of all.

As has been said and repeated many times, there would be no Christmas if there was no Christ.

Merry Christmas to all!

Wishing everyone in Petersburg a wonderful holiday and a heartfelt thank you for all your support & best wishes for the new year!

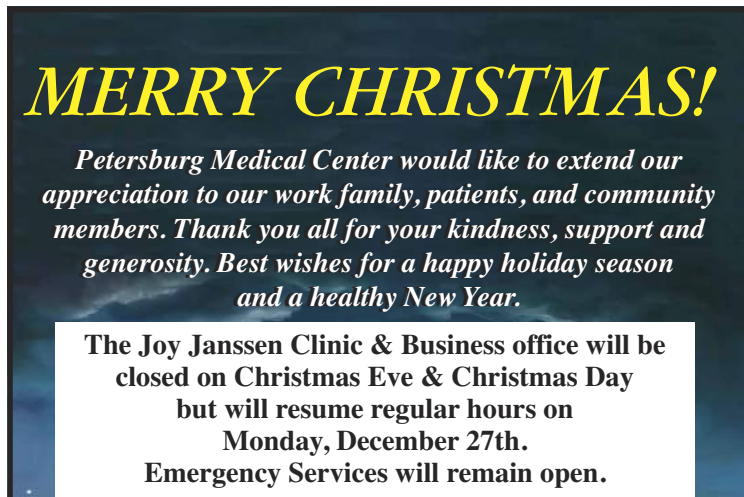
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Petersburg Medical Center would like to extend our appreciation to our work family, patients, and community members. Thank you all for your kindness, support and generosity. Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a healthy New Year.

The Joy Janssen Clinic & Business office will be closed on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day but will resume regular hours on Monday, December 27th. Emergency Services will remain open.



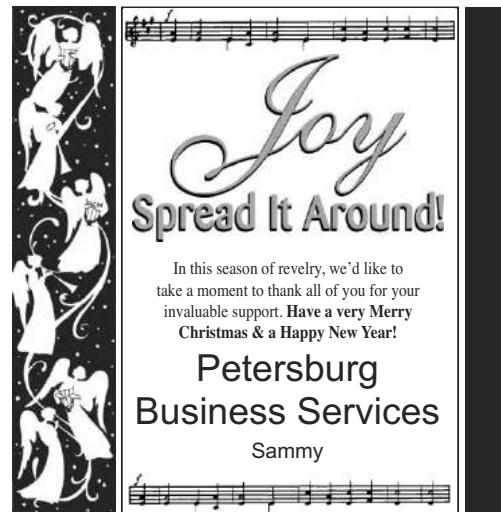
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Yes Virginia...

We take pleasure in answering at once thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

DEAR EDITOR:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'

Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.
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Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia's. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down,

what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thou-

sand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

(Editorial in the New York Sun, Sept. 21, 1897, by Francis P. Church)



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Sue Paulsen and Chris Weiss sing the 2021 Year in Review during the Winter Community Concert Sunday evening at the Petersburg Lutheran Church.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2021... HAPPY NEW YEAR!

by Sue Paulsen
(to the tune of God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

God rest us all in Petersburg, let's try not to dismay
We'll learn to use Yukon TV and keep the bears away
We'll pay for airport parking and for Crystal Lake...it's old
There's no fear of supply chains here we're told....

Take the Kake Access Road!
Though we must stay home, the ferries have been sold!

God rest ye lucky fishermen, this year did not dismay
With high priced dungeness and lots of pink salmon – hooray!
The halibut quota's going up, cod pots keep whales away
These tidings are great but here's our wish.....

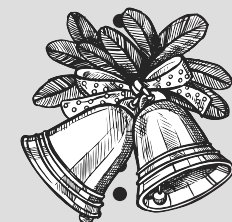
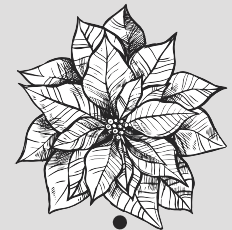
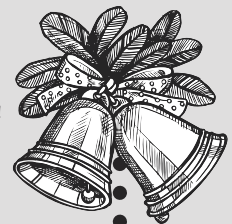
Just one little wish!
Give the fishermen some seats on Board of Fish!

God rest ye to us all, it's been a year in disarray
Let peace descend in politics, let Wilson's finger play
Put Cuomo and the Grinch Ted Cruz in quarantine today
Oh, tidings of infrastructure soon....

Who's going to pay?
Elon Musk and Jeffrey Bezos we must say.

God rest ye all around the world, for better times we pray
Launch Putin in Blue Origin if he won't stop today
Let's battle every virus and release travel delay
O Tidings of better news to come...

Don't know where from!
Let 2022 take it away!



Annual Ornament Auction at the Clausen Museum



The Clausen Museum held an auction of ornaments made and donated by the members of the community last week to help raise money for the museum. "Everybody chose something completely different and that's what's really fun about it too," said Museum Director Cindi Lagoudakis.



"Owl Be Home For Christmas II (brown)" by Chris Weiss.



This model of Santa Claus watches the entrance to the Clausen Museum with a sly gaze.

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CHRIS BASINGER / Petersburg Pilot

A divine hand to hold

By **BOBBI NEASON**
Interim Pastor,
First Presbyterian Church
of Petersburg

Pastor Matthew Rich (in A Week from Next Tuesday) tells the story of a little girl who was undergoing the standardized test to assess readiness for kindergarten. The teacher soon reported to the anxious parents that the child was certainly well-prepared to begin school. But she added, "I also want to share with you the answer she gave to one of the questions. I asked your daughter, 'If you are going into a room that is dark, what should you do?' The only acceptable answer according to the test is 'turn on the light.' However, your daughter said, 'If I was going into a room that is dark, I would hold hands.' I can't give her credit for a correct answer, but I think it is the truest answer I've ever heard."

Friends, as Christmas 2021 approaches, we are surrounded by a world of darkness, both literal and figurative. Some of us feel it only as general anxiety. Others know the darkness of illness, pain, treatment that seems worse than the disease, or a recovery taking too long. Still others know the darkness

of loneliness and the prospect of another, or a first, Christmas without one you deeply loved. Too many of us know the darkness of loved ones or friends at war, of conflict and violence much closer to home, and the fear of future catastrophe. Yes, we live in a world of darkness.

The prophet Isaiah told us, "A little child shall lead them." It seems to me that the aspiring kindergartener offers us wise leadership. She did not question or rail against the fact of the darkness; nor did she immediately presume that it was her responsibility to "fix it" and launch into repairman mode. In true sim-

licity of mind and heart, she thought only of the comfort and strength offered in the embrace of another.

And that is exactly what we celebrate this holy season. God knows that the darkness threatens to overwhelm us and so he draws near. To an unwed mother, in the midst of a stable full of animals, into a world that didn't need another king, God steps down from glorious divinity, and offers us a hand to hold—the sure and certain grasp of a tiny human baby, and an eternal, perfect Savior. May we each, in simple child-like faith, gratefully receive that divine embrace.



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Volunteering traditions

Ring the bell for the Salvation Army's red kettle is an annual community service tradition for many groups in Petersburg. Members of the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department—(left to right) Nick Espeseth, Caleb Tower, and Mike Etcher—were all smiles as they encouraged downtown shoppers to make their donations.

How to reduce risk of home fires this holiday season

Safety might not be the first thing people think of as the holiday season approaches. Faith, celebrations, decorations, and holiday dinners all come to mind when considering the holiday season. But that doesn't mean safety should be left out of holiday planning.

Fire safety bears special consideration during the holiday season, when the prevalence of fire hazards like Christmas trees, holiday lighting displays and other decorative items increase the risk for home fires. Such tragedies can be averted with a few simple safety measures.

- Tend to your tree. Live Christmas trees are awe-inspiring, but they also pose a significant fire risk. The National Fire Protection Association urges celebrants to choose only healthy trees with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Such trees are less likely to dry out, especially when well-watered throughout the season. Dry trees can catch fire more easily than healthy trees if embers from nearby fire-

places or candles drift in their direction.

- Recognize that location matters when decorating. The NFPA notes that Christmas trees should always be placed at least three feet away from any heat source, including fireplaces, space heaters, heat vents, candles, and even overhead lights. If decorating with candles, never place them on the tree or on tables where other flammable decorations have already been placed. Chanukah menorahs should never be placed near curtains or other decorations.

- Turn off all lights and extinguish all lit decorative items when leaving the home or going to bed. Lit candles and menorahs should never be left unattended. The NFPA recommends turning tree lights and exterior decorative lights off when leaving the home or going to bed.

- Utilize a fire screen on fireplaces. Embers can catch on trees, decorations or anything else that's flammable if they escape the fireplace. Fire screens prevent that from happening by ensuring embers from burning logs stay in the fireplace. Like candles and menorahs, fires burning in a fireplace should never be left unattended. Make sure all embers have been extinguished before leaving the home or going to bed.

- Keep discarded trees away from your home. A 2014 analysis from the NFPA found that none of the ten days with the largest share of Christmas tree fires were before Christmas. Dried out trees still pose a fire risk even after they've been removed from a home. When discarding a tree at the end of the holiday season, place it at the curb or keep it a safe distance away from your home and garage until you can.


With Our Gratitude At The Holiday Season

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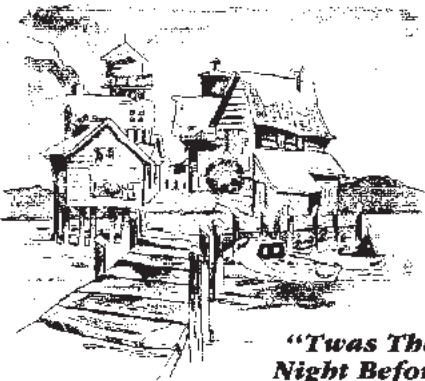
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*Down by the sea,
And all the gifts were wrapped and put 'neath the tree,
But the rule of the house was to wait until dawn,
When Santa had been there already and then gone.
Here's hoping that you find your most wanted toy,
And we send you our thanks and we wish you great joy!*

From Dave, Gene & the gang at




Photo courtesy of Sarah Hanson Hofstetter

The music students of Bearing Song, Quincy Rice, Nate Olson, Calder Hyer, Nick Hammer, Jozlyn Turland, Taylor Haily, Kendyl LaChapelle, Koven Strickland, Isabelle Hammer, and Vance Smith gather around their teacher, Sarah Hanson Hofstetter, last weekend on the night of their winter recital.



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Winter recital

The recital took place outdoors at Bearing Song. And though the temps were cold and the strings often needed re-tuning, a joyful noise was made by all. Pictured above, Jozlyn Turland, Taylor Haily & Isabelle Hammer play Clementine on their guitars.

Help isolated loved ones this holiday season

A phenomenon called "cabin fever" tends to set in around late autumn or in midwinter. Long hours of darkness coupled with cold, inclement weather often is a recipe for increased time spent indoors. For people who live alone, the effects of cabin fever might be more pronounced.

In addition to seasonal cabin fever, another factor comes into play: social distancing and quarantine as a result of COVID-19. Even those who may venture outside to socialize, particularly around the holiday season, may be hesitant or unable to do so to help prevent the spread of the virus. In these instances, friends and loved ones can mitigate feelings of isolation in various ways.

- Schedule video chats. Video conferencing apps have become

the communication vehicles of choice during the era of social distancing. Different applications and services continue to evolve and help people stay in touch. Plan regular chats, either once or twice per week with isolated or vulnerable people. Try to organize a large group chat on the holiday itself so no one has to spend Christmas or Chanukah alone.

- Drop off supplies. Even though supermarket shop-from-home and other delivery services have normalized somewhat since the start of the pandemic, treat individuals who may be isolated to some personalized attention. Put together care packages of supplies or holiday treats and deliver them in person so you can see the smiles that result

from being able to visit with someone familiar.

- Send uplifting messages. Children or even adults can make personalized cards and mail them to loved ones at home or those who may be in long-term care facilities. Send new mailings every week or two so that residents always have something to look forward to in the mail.

- Start a virtual club. A book club or another shared interest can be the catalyst for more frequent communication. A club puts everyone on the same page and enables them to come together, via phone or video chat, for a discussion.

- Ask for help learning a new skill. Along the same vein as a virtual club, lessons on everything from woodworking to crochet to making favorite holiday recipes can be conducted online. Give an isolated individual daily purpose and distraction by engaging him or her with online lessons.

Isolation and feelings of loneliness can affect anyone who normally suffers from cabin fever. However, this year it may be more pronounced, as it could be coupled with social distancing precautions that have already been in effect for some time.



Feliz Navidad
Merry Christmas

At this special time of year, we'd like to say thanks to all of the valued guests who have passed through our door this year.

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How helping others helps you

Personal growth is at the heart of many New Year's resolutions. Few paths to positive personal growth are more noble than resolving to help others through increased acts of generosity and kindness.

According to Psychology Today, doing good for others, no matter how big or small the deed, feels good but also provides reciprocal benefits. The link between volunteering and lower rates of depression has been well-documented, and there is neural evidence from MRI studies suggesting a link between being generous and signs of happiness in the brain.

The following are several ways to improve oneself by being more mindful of others.

- Be aware of social issues. Read your local newspaper to stay up-to-date on the pulse of your community as well as the world. Educate yourself about current issues that are affecting people from all walks of life. Understanding the needs or plights of others may boost

your willingness to get involved with nonprofit organizations. It also may make you more empathetic and compassionate toward other people.

- Volunteer at a charity. Find a charitable group with which you can volunteer your time. This is a great way to support a cause you believe in and makes it possible for you to collaborate with others who are like-minded, potentially helping you make new friends.

- Learn a new language. North America is a melting pot that's home to people from many different parts of the world. Learning a new language may facilitate interactions with fellow community members who might not speak English as a first language.

- Help someone you know. It's commendable to want to assist a charity or a global cause, but what about people close to you who may need a boost? Whether you're lugging boxes to help a friend move or babysitting a niece or nephew



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High School Day of Service

Leiah Kittams helps Tim Shumway organize donated food at the Salvation Army while Stacey Eilenberger carries another box to them before distributing it to people in need. Students from Petersburg High School participated in a day of service across town Friday where they also rang bells in front of stores, shoveled snow, and baked cookies for Monday meals.

so their parents can enjoy a much-needed night out, when you help someone, those good deeds will return to you in

time.

When making resolutions, people should consider goals that involve helping others. While this assistance can bene-

fit the people who are on the receiving end of the care and attention, those who are giving of themselves also reap considerable rewards.



Jesus spoke, saying

*"I am the Light of the world;
he who follows Me
will not walk in darkness,
but will have the Light of Life"*

- John 8:12

At Christmas and always, may your heart and faith in God lead you down the road to peace, joy and contentment. We feel blessed to be a part of this community, and we thank you for your friendship and support.

Rod Judy

**Wishing You
Happy Holidays**

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2021 saw the Kinder Skog Program grow and evolve. We could not have enriched the lives of children and supported families without the generous support of the Petersburg Lutheran Church, our families and the community of Petersburg.

It takes a village for us all to shine, so
Thank You Petersburg
for being our support, our encouragement and our village!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY ADVENTURING!
WITH GRATITUDE,

KATIE, BECCA, RIKKI AND
THE ENTIRE KINDER SKOG SQUAD