

# 2022 Christmas Edition



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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

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Christmas  
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And To All A  
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**Merry  
Christmas**

From the Crew  
at

**Coastal Cold  
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# Letters To Santa



Photo courtesy of Hayley Short  
Along with her class at Good Beginnings Preschool, Adalynd Birchell tucks her letter into Santa's mailbox in downtown Petersburg.

To Santa,

My name is Keighin. For Christmas I want a bunny rabbit. My dad can make it a cage. Thanks Santa for thinking about a bunny. I will put out a pizza for you on Christmas night.  
Love, KEIGHIN

Dear Santa,

My name is Rader and I am five. I really want a robot for Christmas. I've always wanted a snowman robot. I hope it has presents in his hand. I also want it to dance. Thank you Santa and thanks to the reindeers.  
Love, RADER

To Santa

I love you and you're so nice. My name is Libby and I'm four years old. For Christmas, I want Polly Pockets and a mini trampoline for my brother. His name is Beckett. Thank you Santa and Rudolph. I wish you guys lots of cookies on Christmas.  
Love, LIBBY

TO: Santa

Brenda's List  
1. dresses.  
2. Sweat Shirt.  
3. craft things tape, markers  
4 BarBie mermaid under water.  
5 glow SticK'S  
6 colering Book  
from: Brenda Gudgel 8 yrs Old

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# Letters To Santa

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**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a good girl I would like a toy car, a toy owl, I have a toy dog, can I have a toy cat? a baby live doll that grows. and Star Belly dream light  
Love Natalie Gudgel

**DeAR SANTA**  
caN I have a:  
A Dinosaur  
A BaBy Doll and  
A Star Belly dreamlight  
Love CHArLiE

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Gigi and I am four. For Christmas, I want a baby Stroller for my dollies. My best colors are pink and purple. Thank you Santa, I want to give you a Christmas tree!  
Love, GiGi



**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Wren and I like unicorns. I know that you remember me from last Christmas. I like you Santa because you bring me presents. I want a unicorn cookie and a pretty unicorn toy. I will leave out some cookies, milk, and carrots.  
From, WREN

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Cameron. It's almost Christmas and my birthday. I helped my mom decorate the Christmas tree. I want a cute little doll with a lamp and a chair and bed. How is Rudolph? I love you Santa.  
CAMERON

**To Santa**  
Happy Holiday Santa! My name is Nolan burst. For Christmas I want a train. I also want a train track. Thank you reindeer, I hope you get some yummy carrots.  
Love, NOLAN

**To Santa,**  
My name is Tess. I want a mermaid doll. I want her to have blue hair. I also want an Ameri-

can Girl Doll Jeep. Santa, I will leave some milk and cookies out for you. Oh, I also want a rainbow cake doll.  
From, TEZZ (Tess)

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Sophie. I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like paw patrol big trucks, shimmer and shine and a couple of bones for my doggies.  
Love, Sophie Morin  
P.S. cookies are for you and carrots are for your reindeer

**Wish list!!**  
1 wrangler jeans 2 orange dirt bike 3 jewlery 4 Roblox gift card 5 clothes 6 a cat Sweat Shirt 7 Takis 8 Skin care 9 Nike Airforce 1 Merry Chrriestas  
Love, Jaycee Coil

**Dear Santa,**  
this Christmas All I want for Christmas is a 3D printer, a hover board, or a surf board. And I hope you and Mrs. clous and the reindeer are doing well.  
Love Jackson Merry Christmas

**Dear santa,**  
All I want this Christmas

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and great  
joy of this  
holiday  
season.



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*Merry Christmas &  
a wonderful New Year  
from Sarah, George, Jalyn & Karna*






## Festive fundraising

Young Leland Espeseth joins his firefighter father Nick Espeseth and fellow PVFD volunteer Taylor Norheim for some holiday bell ringing in front of Hammer and Wikan Hardware as they help raise funds for the Salvation Army.

PILOT PHOTO

# Petersburg Police • Department invites to S'MORES WITH THE COPS



Friday, December 23  
4pm - 6 pm  
at Sandy Beach





Wren Swanson investigates the holiday mystery of Santa’s Mailbox

Photo courtesy of Hayley Short

# Letters To Santa

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is: dolls that are my family with mr. + mrs. Claus with presents or a hopping bunny stuffy. Hope you are doing well.  
Love,  
Maisy


Dear santa,  
after thinking for 365 days I think I know what I want a Batman Chest Plate and utility Belt with a Bat-man mask now last ... a cape  
from, Liam Jackson age: 9  
PS thank you santa!

To Santa  
Hi Santa, my name is Addie. For Christmas I want a tablet. I hope it can be yellow. I also want a yellow Skateboard. I made you Santa and gingerbread cookies so you don't get

hungry.  
From, ADDIE  
  
Dear Santa  
I would a Giant Dinosaur Egg with OK Bye  
Branson McIntosh

dear Santa.  
cristmis is my Favrit! HolidaY. Pleas Send this back tomy home. i just wanten to ask you something. Whate is you’r favrit tipe of cookeis. Wite it here.  
  
My cristmis list.  
1 hell fire Shirt  
2 Eddi Shirt  
3 handycap  
4 hover board  
5 Sketch book  
6 amaricin girl doll hos-pitl kit  
Fome: Leonah.

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**All  
Aboard!**  
for a  
**Merry Christmas!**





Hope you have a wonderful, happy season with all the trimmings.  
**OBI SEAFOODS**



# Christmas in Petersburg... 100 Years ago

By Sue Paulsen

In 1920s Petersburg the streets were made of wood and the pioneers were made of iron. This imaginary encounter takes place on Main Street in 1922.

Cub Reporter for the Petersburg Herald, John Johnson, makes his way through the crowd and greets a local matron with pad and pencil poised.

**John:** Excuse me, madam, but have you time for an interview for the Christmas column in the Petersburg Herald?

**Ragna:** Why, yes, I do. In fact, I have been compiling a list of Petersburg Yuletide events which I plan to include in a letter to my niece back in Norway. Who are you, young man? Where are you from?

**John:** I am John Johnson, new reporter for the Petersburg Herald! The editor sent me to find out what is going on in the way of Christmas celebrations here. I am from Ballard.

**Ragna:** I am Ragna Severson. Welcome to Petersburg, Mr. Johnson. Even though we are a town with boardwalks for streets, it is the 1920s and we

now have 879 residents and 97 documented vessels so Christmas celebrations will be very big.

**John:** Yes, I have found the town hardly as cosmopolitan as Ballard, but there are things to do. I do enjoy a game at Brennan's Pool Room.

**Ragna:** (SHOCKED) Brennan's Bucket of Blood Saloon, you mean! I hope you are not doing anything there but playing pool! .

**John:** Well...this is not Wrangell. But a few questions about Christmas. Do you get into the spirit with Christmas shopping here on the wooden Main Street?

**Ragna:** Of course. Our stores will be well stocked. I am hoping for a new umbrella from Hogue and Tveten, and now that we have electricity in Petersburg I would love to get the family a radio from Swanson and Dahl or an Orthophonic Victorola from Wheeler's Drug. Every store is bursting with special gifts.

**John:** What about charitable gestures?

**Ragna:** Oh, yes! For exam-



Submitted photo

At the Clausen Museum holiday celebration Cathy Cronlund as Ragna Severson and Orin Pierson as Petersburg Herald reporter John Johnson performed Paulsen's historical skit about all the holiday happenings in Petersburg one hundred years ago.

ple, Neil MacGregor and Rognvald Stenslid are selling Christmas trees they chop down and will use the money to buy toys for children in need. And Rasmus Enge at the Variety Theater is staging a special showing of Hoot Gibson in Rodeo King as a benefit for the old men at the Sitka Pioneers Home.

**John:** What about holiday music and special programs?

**Ragna:** The Lutheran, Salvation Army and Presbyterian Churches will be having services with Christmas music, and the annual Sons of Norway Christmas party invites all of the children of Petersburg to

the Hall. Everyone will receive a bag of candy and enjoy the tree and Christmas music with Santa Claus.

**John:** Where do you shop for holiday provisions?

**Ragna:** The Sanitary Market has oysters, and of course fruitcakes at the Star Bakery, and almost everything else at Trading Union. But perhaps you young people will try the new store, Hammer and Wikan.

**John:** Nothing beats a good Christmas party. Will you be attending any?

**Ragna:** Young man, I must now introduce a new word to your vocabulary: JULEBUKKING! Just as in old Norway, Petersburg enjoys Christmas visiting and sharing the specialties of the season! Get ready to go everywhere and in good company! Try the lefsa, the kringla, the rollapolsa, pickled herring, fish cakes, krumkaka, fatimand, vafler...

...I COULD GO ON! I must advise you, however, to beware of the lutefisk.

**John:** (backing off). That's all right, I get the picture. So...anything else you can think of going on?

**Ragna:** For the first time, we are going to have a big community Christmas tree. We have ELECTRICITY now and the city crew will light up the tree downtown as the children come from school, singing the carols we love.

**John:** So it will be a real community celebration with food, music, charity, and festivities of all kinds! What do you think it will be like in Petersburg 100 years from now.....say in 2022.

**Ragna:** I think that whatever the Christmas activities will be in 100 years, they will be full of a powerful spirit of community. This little town is built to last!

Out with the old, in with the new,  
and very best wishes to each one of you!



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# Letters To Santa

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Dear Santa,  
This year I have been very good, but a tad bit naughty, but good enough not to get coal in my stocking. For Christmas I would like some Cabbage Patch

kids, a 3D pen, an alarm clock that is digital, nike shoes, Tori Amos poster – Ocean to Ocean cover, a blanket, and a zodiac sign necklace (Gemini). And in my stocking I would like P.E.Z. and in Raya’s stock-

ing she wants a big bone and a bandana.  
Love, Libby Taiber 3 grade :) Age, 8 :)

Dear Santa,  
Hi Snata I think I ben a good boy. I would like a Tomagach. Thank you. wut is your favorite cooie.  
From Mason.

Hi Santa,  
I like the reindeer, I woulb like sum Jewelry.  
<3 madilynn

Dear Santa,  
What do you pigkac a whith no ears? I cAn’t Hear you!  
IOve OsKAr  
What do you like to do? I think that you sing Christ-mas carols! May I plees have a roBote? thank you for all of the a mazing presints  
Love OSKAr

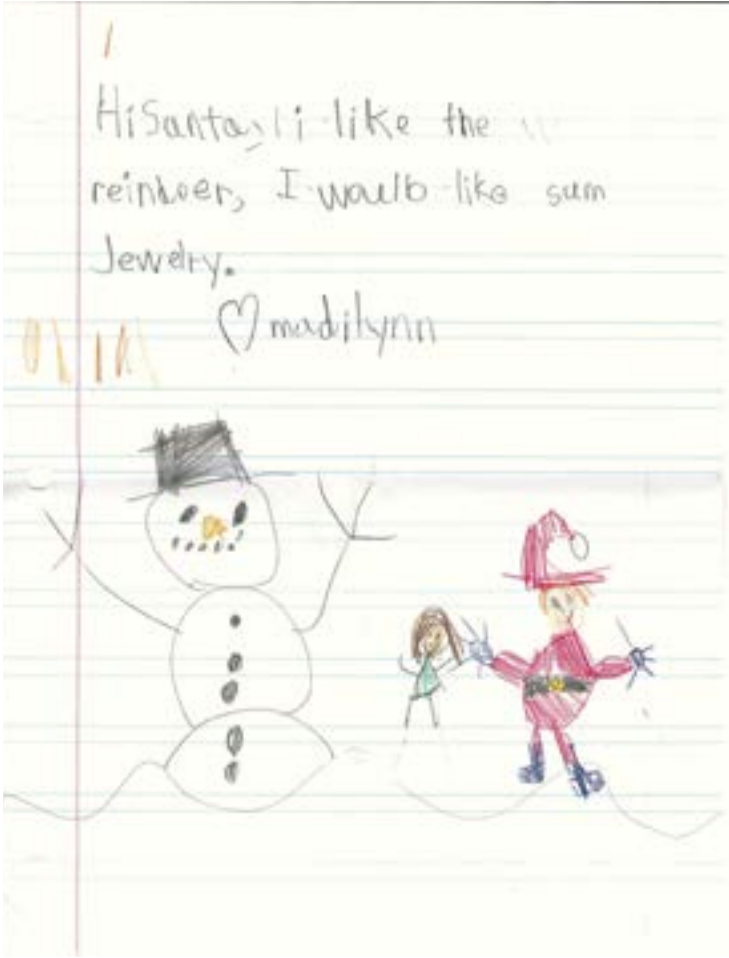
Dear santa claus  
do you want to hear a joke, OK. What do you call a cow that is laying on the ground. to hear the answer turn the Page  
Ha Ha Ha ground beaf  
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha  
I have a Question: how do you diliver all the presints in one night. can you Please rite me back Please  
What I would like for christmas this year is: an omax it’s a microscop that can see bacteria  
sincerely Declan

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a re-mote control boat for christ-mas. And tomagachi. Merry

Christmas  
<3 Leu  
Dear Santa,  
It’s been a while since I wrote, but I BET you missed me. NOW, here some thing’s that I want/need  
What I need/want  
Phone  
Chothes  
bedside lamp  
desk lamp  
face masks  
mushroom  
Squishmellow  
lotion  
\*Mrs Claus makes the best cookies\* tell the elf’s I said Hi!  
Sincerely, the best kid ever  
(Daisy rain morrow)

I HoPe you HaD a gooD SummeR. I Would like a 100 Piece Shopkin Set and a Shopkin World Vacation (Europe) Shopies Doll.  
PS. Can I get eLf on a shelf  
Say hi to the eles from me.  
Love Midori  
Write Back!!!  
What’s your BirthDay! Because I want to give you a gift.  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Levi. I have ducks in my bathtub. I want a red tractor for Christmas. I want a duck sail boat.  
Thank you Santa. Levi.

Dear Santa and the elves, Continued on page 9



## So Much Merry

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# Elf Application



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**Elf Application:**  
**Dear Santa,**  
I will make a good elf be-  
cause I make good cooes.  
love you.  
Name: Natalie

**Elf Application:**  
**Dear Santa,**  
i will meke a good elf be-  
cause I can build.  
Name: Odin

**Elf application:**

**Dear Santa,**  
I will make a good elf be-  
cause I can work hard and  
build bikes.  
Love, Christopher Cook

**Elf application:**  
**Dear Santa,**  
I will make a good elf be-  
cause I am kind and very  
ars and crafce have a grate  
crismis  
Name: Margo Santin

**Dear Santa,**  
You are very kind for giv-  
ing presents out to kids for  
Christmas. I would like di-  
nosaurs and transformers  
and nerf guns and nerf bul-  
lets. Some day I hope to see  
your reindeer. Merry christ-  
mas - Nathan B 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**Elf:**  
**Dear Santta,**  
I will make a good elf be-  
cause I can make pizza.  
Name: Torin

**Elf:**  
I would make a  
good elf because I am a  
good friend.  
Name: Lucas

**Elf:**  
**Dear Santa,**  
I will make a good elf be-  
cause i AM A good HelPeR.  
Name: Aiden

**Elf:**  
**Dear santa,**  
I will mked good elf  
Becadse I am mdke clooces  
Name: BeN

**Elf:**  
**Dear Santa,**  
I will make a good elf be-  
cose I Will make Cookies  
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Gumball-Garland




## HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish you all the best on this happy occasion and always.

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Karl, Kevin, Adam,  
Jed, Sam, David,  
Joe, Sarah,  
Pam & Savann.



## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

from  
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Association**





# Elf Application

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when you wenot.  
Name: CORA

Elf:  
Dear Santa,  
I would make a good elf  
because I would be good at  
makeing presnts.  
Name: Julia

Elf:  
I am a good elf because I  
am good at mak-ing cat  
christmas cards.  
Name: Abby-cat.

Elf:  
dear Santa,  
I Wll Ma gOOd ELF I  
Mac OL fo LUPreZis  
Mar Crimis  
Name: Nick

Elf:  
I WoUld MaKe a good elf

becauce I im good bocer.  
Name: Rory

Elf:  
I would make a good elf  
because I'm a good crafter.  
Name: Thora

Elf:  
Dear Santa,  
I Will MaKe a good elf  
because I can help  
Name: Jax

Elf:  
DeaR Santa I would be a  
good elf because I will help  
the elf and I will make food.  
Name: Wilder

Elf:  
Dear Santa,  
I will make a good elf be-  
cause I will fix everything!

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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, Katie, and Sam



*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*  
- Luke 2:14

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!  
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We wish you all a very Merry Holiday season full of adventure and love.

With Respect the Kinder Skog Squad



### Joyful noise

Petersburg's Girl Scouts made the rounds caroling through downtown businesses last week.

ORIN PIERSON / Petersburg Pilot

# A Humanist's Winter Meditation

By Chelsea Tremblay

It's that time when winter solstice comes, and with it a bevy of celebrations across the Northern Hemisphere. Whether it's a full family gathering, filling a pew for worship, or a solitary cup of tea in front of a fire. Everyone has a different way to mark the moment.

This year I am finding myself spending time sifting through memories of years past. After all, these are the storytelling times. When we're doing our best to huddle around a heart source, looking forward to dawn, letting our minds wander through memories and possibilities.

It can be the little, even silly things that spark a fun memory. Sometimes it's a Christmas ornament. The smell of a candle, a stocking someone made that is all the more precious in the imperfections. It can be a time to remember those no longer with us, bringing out photo albums or asking for stories from others who were around when something happened.

For some the memories of this time of year come with a sharper edge. There are a lot of good reasons why the darkest time of year can be the hardest. Having grace with yourself in those moments, and looking for light wherever you find it, is a way to eventually get through the dark to the dawn.

My family has had its share of grief lately, with the loss of my dad's older brother and my Grandma Jo. So this year I'm taking care to celebrate the little moments. Laughing with a friend, hugging someone who could use it, handing out spiced apple butter made from the bookstore's apple tree. On my day of rest we'll have one set of my parents over to help us make my better half's family tradition, buttermilk-potato balls called *kumla* in the Norwegian-North Dakotan corner of his maternal grandmother's tradition, and *æbleskiver*, a spherical pancake-type treat from Denmark, my Grandma Jo's parents home country. In the evening we'll go to the home of friends-like-family with my other set of parents where I hope to laugh, and maybe even cry, because letting it out is sometimes the only way through.

Whatever these moments bring for you this week, I hope the light finds you and brings warmth where you need it. That you share where you can. And you find your way to soft places in hard times.



## Feliz Navidad

Merry Christmas

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# Elf Application

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Name: Ali'itoa

**Elf:**

I would make a good elf because I care about my sister.

Name: Gavin

Elf:

I would make a good elf  
because I make good lego  
sets.

Name: Nolan

**Elf:**

I will make a good elf be-  
cause I Build a Toys.

Name: Nadia

**Elf:**

I would make a good elf  
because I'm a goo baker.

Name: Maisy

**Elf:**

I would make a good elf because I'm good at making toys.

Name: Greyson

**Elf:**

I would make a good elf  
because I would give kids  
the toys they want.

Name: Blayre



Dear Santa,

My name is Aubrianna and I am 8 years old. I live in Petersburg, Alaska. I've been trying my best to be super good this year. Hoping I made your nice list. I would like a Barbie 3- in 1 camper. Magic Mixies. My Generation Doll. More

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## A Message to Our Valued Customers

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MERRY  
*Christmas*

Wishing everyone a warm and  
bright holiday season!

We are thankful for our beautiful town  
and for all the wonderful people who love it.  
Here's to a safe and prosperous 2023!

# Go Vikings!

*Petersburg Borough Assembly  
and Employees*



Have A  
Wonderful  
Holiday  
Season!



Christmas greetings from our crew to yours.

We'd be lost at sea without friends like you.

We appreciate your cooperation this past year!

# Petersburg Port Authority

## Advisory Board & Harbor Crew





In keeping with a modern tradition, Chris Weiss, Sue Paulsen, and Nicole McMurren performed Paulsen's always rousing Year in Review at last weekend's community Christmas concert in the Petersburg Lutheran Church.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, 2022

by Sue Paulsen  
(to the tune of Jingle Bells)

Dashing through the town, pursued by garbage bears  
We'll greet the new year now but ferry schedules need our prayers  
We'll build some more boardwalks, ADUs of every sort  
We need to find someone who can make Yukon TV work!  
Oh, bigger jets, and dredgers and those lawsuits everywhere..Oh My!  
Farewell to Chelan Produce, thanks for everything, Joan Mei!

Dashing to the dock, no king crab here this year  
we really do not know, when they will reappear  
The black cod have gained weight, the halibut quota up  
The salmon ranked their choices, Bristol Bay was where they jumped!  
Oh..Murkowski and Peltola, it was really quite a brawl!  
We lived through the election, Happy New Year to us all!

God Jul to USA, supply chains bring you gifts  
Respite from Elon Musk, tickets to Taylor Swift  
It's nice to work from home, but after all this time  
We'll take our covid tests and we will meet again inside!  
Inflation, nuclear fusion, infrastructure and the rest  
Just do your best and do not criticize that Johnny Depp!

Dashing round the world, big problems everywhere  
Go dancing with the Finnish Prime Minister some night, if you dare  
Cash in your bit coins now, get some I Bonds forthwith  
Don't underestimate Ukrainians, and have faith in Gino Smith!  
Oh Covid, RSV, and now the flu is here we fear  
So pass the acquavit around...they might just disappear!

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### Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

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residents  
&  
staff at  
**Mountain  
View Manor**





CHRIS BASINGER / Petersburg Pilot

# Winter Wonderland

Cadence Flint and Emi Anderson entertain cars with a candy cane dance. The line of cars at this year's Parks and Recreation Winter Wonderland was backed up all the way to Wrangell Avenue with eager children waiting to take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

## FILLED WITH OUR GRATITUDE

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON, WE BID YOU ALL THE BEST AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN, SOON.

THANKS, FRIENDS!



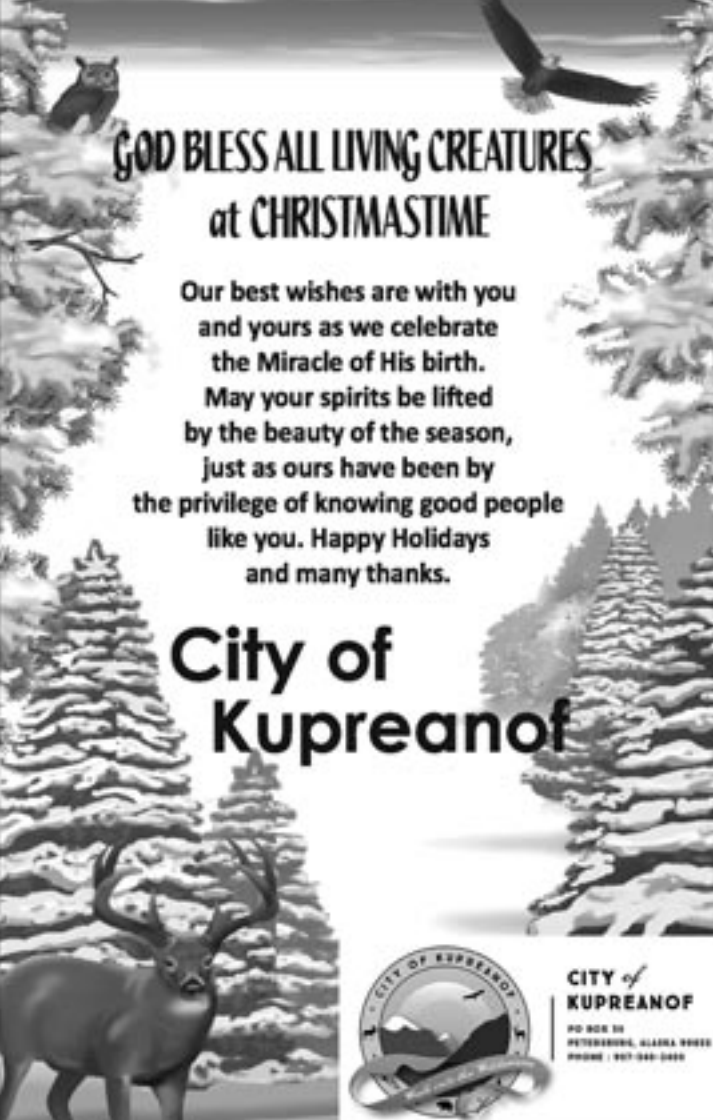
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Our best wishes are with you and yours as we celebrate the Miracle of His birth. May your spirits be lifted by the beauty of the season, just as ours have been by the privilege of knowing good people like you. Happy Holidays and many thanks.

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CITY of KUPREANOF  
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PETTERSVILLE, ALASKA 99840  
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## The Light of the World

“If you reflect on the essential teachings of Jesus you will realize that they are the light of the world. Nobody can question their truth. They are the very source of life and the cause of happiness to the human race.”

From the Bahá'í Sacred Writings

# the Bahá'í Faith



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## The holiday season fast approaches

As we gather with family and friends, may we take a moment to reflect on the blessings of another year. Thank you to our loyal customers for the opportunity to continue serving Petersburg.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

*from the Arrowhead LP Gas Crew*



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Arrowhead LP Gas



# Letters To Santa

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treats for my dog. Monster High Doll. Vanity. My own suitcase. Barbie cutie reveal. American Girl Doll.

<3 Aubrianna, Hi :) )

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the presents in the past years. I am very thankful for everything you have given. But this year I am asking for

something you would never guess. A ipad pro. I have seen a lot of adds about it. And I would please like it in space gray and a case for so I don't break it on the first day- Oh a by the way my parent's and sister have been really really nice this year so you should get them something very expensive. Please and thank you.

Sincerely, Devyn Flint

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CHRIS BASINGER / Petersburg Pilot

Libby Thain looks up at Santa Claus in wonder as he holds her sleeping baby brother Beckett at last Saturday's Winter Wonderland hosted by Petersburg Parks and Recreation.



**Many thanks and happiest wishes  
to all of our valued customers  
and friends!**



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## Wishing You a Beautiful Season

**May your holiday be happy  
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Thank you for being such a loyal customer!  
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**Have a  
Starfilled Holiday**

We're wishing our friends from far and wide  
all the best of the season.

## Scandia House

*Nancy & all the Staff*





## *Gloidy Night*

*For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour  
which is Christ the Lord*

Luke 2:11 KJV

We have so much to be grateful for,  
and the gift of this community's friendship  
and support is a blessing we cherish.

Thank you for being a part of our year, and for your trust in us.

We've really enjoyed your visits, and we look forward  
to sharing more special moments with all of you. Merry Christmas!



We wish you a Merry Christmas and the best for the coming New Year.

May they bring happiness and health to you and your families.

From the Board of Directors and Employees of Hammer & Wikan



# Hammer & Wikan





Photo courtesy of Sarah Wright

## Holiday harmonies

The Oxford Carolers, one of Petersburg’s seasonal choral ensembles, performed two sets of carols during last weekend’s Community Christmas Concert in the sanctuary of the Petersburg Lutheran Church. The carolers had taken a few years off during the pandemic and have regrouped this year with Carin Christensen stepping up as the ensemble’s new conductor.

# CHRISTMAS COMMENTARY

By **NATHAN LOPEZ**  
*Lighthouse Assembly of God  
Lead Pastor*

I love Petersburg, Alaska at Christmas time. I love the snow, the beautiful views, the Christmas lights, Julebukking, and so much more. Evan more than that, I love all of the amaz-

ing people in our great town that don’t think like me and think like me.

When we allow ourselves to care for our neighbor even in our differences, I think we are beginning to understand what Christmas is all about.

Jesus Christ came as a baby with the ultimate sacrifice of laying down his life for us, to cover us all as white snow from all our sins through his ultimate sacrifice on the cross. He cared for and came with the best gift ever, for all people. He came into the world to bring freedom to those who disagreed with him and even those that were out to harm him.

Before Jesus was born, Mary was told by an Angel that she would be the mother of the Savior of the world. She did not know how this could even

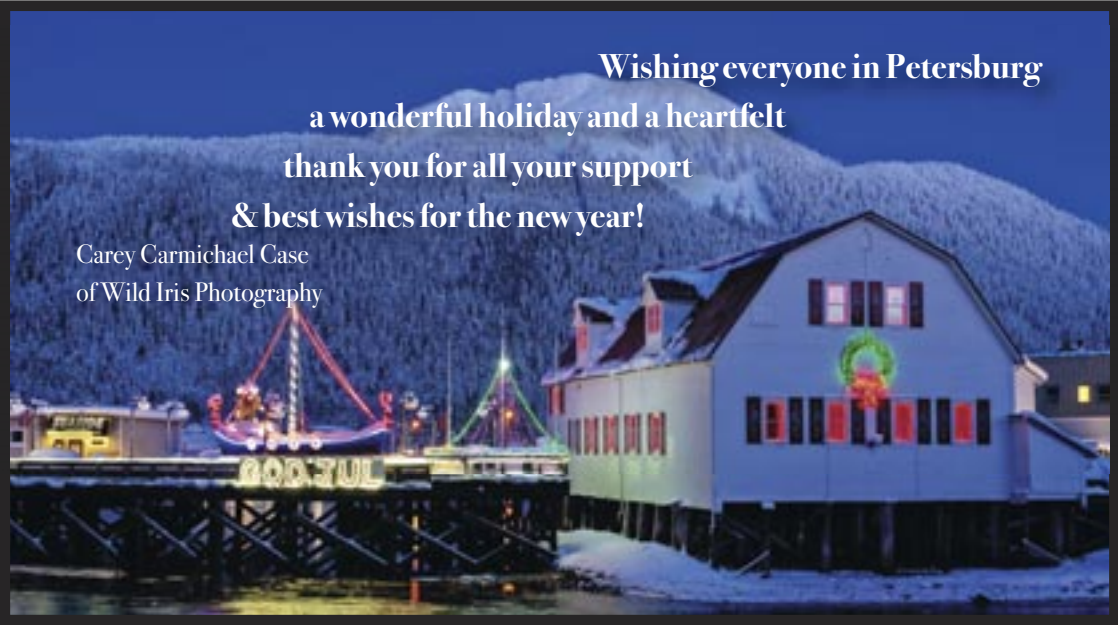
happen and must have been so confused but she said some very important words. She said “ Let it be to me according to your words”

**Luke 1:38 NKJV Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.**

Let’s have the heart of Mary.

I pray that our amazing town will heal from a tough couple of years and that we will reach out our hands and unite together as God’s children even in differences and continue the tradition of caring for and loving each other.

*Merry Christmas*



## Greetings to All

Warmest Yuletide wishes to you and yours.  
Many thanks for your support.

DICK SOMERVILLE, CHRIS GIANOTTI,  
JOHN DEMUTH & THE PND STAFF

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the New Year.  
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& neighbors at IBEW






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happiness and good  
fortune with all of you!





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Merry Christmas

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Holiday season and a prosperous  
New Year from our family to yours.

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Wamen and Laney Yip were the honorary tree lighters in the Chamber of Commerce tree lighting ceremony which commenced the holiday season in Petersburg. In their remarks they expressed their gratitude and fondness to the community of Petersburg as they retire this month from nearly thirty years of operating Joan Mei Restaurant. The crowd counted down from ten and the couple pulled the big lever on stage to light the community's Christmas tree.



## Christmas tree lighting ceremony

From the back of a PVFD fire engine, Rebel McGrath kicked off the Christmas tree lighting parade with a performance of "When Christmas Comes to Town" from the film Polar Express.



Volunteers provided candles and LED lights for community members walking in the parade of light through downtown Petersburg.



# Coloring Contest Winners

*Congratulations to*



**1ST PLACE:**  
**RILEY REID, age 10**



**2ND PLACE:**  
**IVY WORHATCH, age 9**



**3RD PLACE:**  
**VANCE SMITH, age 5**



**4TH PLACE:**  
**ROSIE LOHR, age 7**

Thank you for all your wonderful pictures. Winners, please stop by to pick up your gift certificates in our office after Monday, Dec. 26.  
*Pilot office staff*



*As we wrap up another year,  
we think about how lucky we  
are to know good folks like you.  
We sincerely appreciate your  
patronage and support*

**Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year**

**From our entire Elks & Emblem team**

## ANOTHER CHRISTMAS IS MOVING IN!

The spirit is moving us to say,  
“Hope you enjoy a grand holiday!”  
Wherever you go, live,  
work or play,  
Our best wishes are with  
you all of the way.  
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whale  
of a  
Holiday!!**



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special time of year!**



Wishing a bright and Merry Christmas to all.







ORIN PIERSON / Petersburg Pilot

## Fish and gifts

Downtown retailers stayed open late last Friday offering refreshments and sales during the Chamber of Commerce's Men's Night Out local shopping event. At Lee's Clothing, Sig and Cynthia Mathisen dished out Sig's famous smoked and pickled seafood during the event.

## O Holy Night

The origins of "O Holy Night" can be traced to a request made by a 19th century French priest. In the fall of 1847, that priest asked a French merchant named Placide Cappeau to write a Christmas poem. Cappeau's poem was eventually shared with French composer Adolphe Adam, who quickly set the poem to music. The song made its debut on Christmas Eve 1847 and has been a beloved holiday song ever since.

### "O Holy Night"

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
'Til He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;  
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here come the wise men from Orient land.  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;  
In all our trials born to be our friend.

He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger,  
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever,  
His power and glory evermore proclaim.  
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

Lyrics written by Placide Cappeau



*If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord,  
and believe in your heart that God raised  
Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*For with the heart a person believes,  
resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth  
he confesses, resulting in salvation...  
for whoever will call on the name of the Lord  
will be saved.*

- Romans 10:9-10,13

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

Rod Judy

## GREETINGS



## of the Season

It has been a tough year filled with uncertainty, trials and hardships. We would like to express our gratitude and extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who have supported us and stuck with us through these trying times.

Sincerely, Thank you, and  
Happy Holidays from all of us at.

**THE TRADING UNION INC**  
& Evergreen Market



# Letters To Santa

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really good this year, and was hoping you might bring me some presents ...

- Here are some ideas,
- Hover board charger
- New white paper for coloring
- Lol dolls x3
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Slime x 4 Please
- Paper airplane making book
- Camera
- outside play set
- Paint set
- Giant legos
- Blue Hoody
- Slime making Kit
- Scooter

St Nick,  
I realized that even though its ok to ask and want material things when you're growing up into adulthood its best to ask for things that would better yourself. It's been a really rough couple years for every one. Everyone is still healing and all I want is for people to learn how to be kind to one another since everyone is going through some thing you can't see.

Also, thank you for giving me the happiness I ask for last year. It may have taken a lesson or two and a couple extra month but I'm truly happy with where I'm at.  
20-something year old

dear Santas  
i don't have a Lot of thing i want but, here are some that i really want. I want for christmas is a Panit Pack,



eans, a fuzzy coat, and Lastly i want is cute cartoon animal stiker's. That all i want! merry christmas Santa!

Rosalie Sheldon, age 10  
  
**To: santa  
for: Christmas**  
  
I want: A nerf gun, A lego set that is 9+ becuz I am 9 years old any sets and a watch. Please and thank you I have ben a good boy this year  
from: Riley

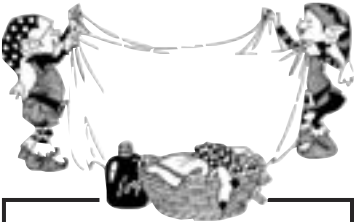
**Dear Santa,**  
My elf you sent is great for doing the presents. Thank

you for this and what I wish for. I wish for I can have my ears pierced and all the best earrings. Thank you for everything you do. I wish for it can snow on christmas. Thank you for everything my elf does. Thank you for saying we have to be good this year. Presents, I love presents. I love what you say.

Thank You Santa!  
Amelia Pilcher, Age 4,  
Pre-K

**to Santa**  
Hi this is Linda So I want... Some money on are google play card. for minecraft it is \$7.49. Dollars so ya. So and I want a phone for my mom so I can have my mom's phone so bye. And the squishy's to ok.

From Linda



**A  
LOAD  
OF THANKS**  
...And a pile of best wishes to all our customers.  
Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year from

**Glacier  
Laundry**

“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

In Appreciation of your loyalty and support,  
best wishes for a Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year.

**Diamanté**  
Gift Shoppe, Inc.

**Merry Christmas**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Christmas season is finally here,  
Bringing with it joy and cheer;  
And on that note, the time is due,  
to share best wishes with all of you.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
**May Your Season  
Be Blessed and Happy!**

**Tiffany Budinger**

**Bookkeeping & Payroll Solutions, LLC**  
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Wishing you and your loved ones a wondrous season filled with all the trimmings and hopes of a prosperous new year.

Thank you for your kind patronage. Your friendship really makes us feel like celebrating.

**All The Best**

Best Wishes from  
*Lynne, Becky, Tom, Stacy, Jenni and Yu-Yun*

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a  
very  
Merry  
Christmas

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you to all who look local first  
and support the  
local businesses  
in our community.

PETERSBURG  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS

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Petersburg Humane Association

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On Sunday morning the Petersburg Humane Association hosted Jule-Barking at Sandy Beach Park. Hot cider and a warm fire helped to fend off the day's near-zero temperatures.



An impressive spread of homemade dog treats was on hand to reward all the good dogs in attendance for being so good.



Those participating in the festivities went home with doggie bags of treats, ready for a long afternoon nap after getting tuckered out by all the holiday socializing.



# 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 Monday, Dec. 26th in observance of Christmas and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, Dec. 27th  
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