

# 2024 Christmas Edition



Sue Paulsen in character as Ruth Sandvik and Cathy Cronlund portraying Dolores Ramstead Lund perform a historical skit to the delight of the audience at the Clausen Memorial Museum Annual Holiday Open House. Sandvik applauds Ramstead Lund's skiing prowess while reading the results of the downhill ski races published in original copies of Petersburg newspapers from the 1940s.

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## YEAR IN REVIEW.....2024

by Sue Paulsen  
(to the tune of Jingle Bells)

God Jul to Petersburg, school budget's nice to see  
We've sent a great big Christmas tree to Washington D. C.  
With freight rates going up, food prices don't seem fair  
Take the new trail to City Creek, relax in the fresh air!  
Oh, ten million for great sewage and a new school roof repair  
One hundred years of First Bank and farewell to Papa Bear!

Dashing to the dock, with tariffs on the rise  
Could A-I somehow work to raise the dismal salmon price?  
Dunleavy vetoed funds, can ASMI now revive?  
Let's hope there's some support in Project 2025!  
A big welcome EC Phillips and we love that high priced crab!  
Hope other species follow and consumers pay the tab.

Slashing at the budget, Vivek and Elon's cuts  
Improve things for the billionaires but not so much for us  
Don't cut our jet plane subsidy, leave Medicare all right  
Keep NOA and its weather reports and everything else we like  
O Kennedy and Dr. Oz, Hegseth and Kash Patel  
Tremendously unqualified .. we can only wish them well.....



Dashing round the world, keep up with Taylor Swift  
Ask Santa for some bitcoin when you send your Christmas list  
Avoid the great big floods, and all those hurricanes  
Don't take the Boeing window seat, count your blessings when it rains.  
Once a year we sing about the world that we can see  
If any line offends you, we must say please PARDON ME!

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# Letters To Santa

Dear Santa I was wishing for Christmas to get...  
 1 lol water balloon surprise doll  
 2 Tiny pink backpack with surprises for dolls  
 3 a pair of clogs  
 4 Bracelet set where you can make bracelets with string  
 5 a tiny gray minnie mouse backpack that fits people  
 6 graphic novel allergic  
 7 graphic novel Enola holmes  
 8 black high tops  
 Thank you for making Christmas a joy!

*Love Madi to Santa*

12 Skates  
 13 Skate board  
 14 Phone  
 15 Papa  
 16 Nana  
 17 dog  
 18 cat  
 19 boy

*Charlie Gudgel*

Dear Santa,  
 1 furby  
 2 American doll girl  
 3 Stickers  
 4 Barbie dolls  
 5 markers  
 6 Stuffedies

*Love Natalie Gudgel*

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I would like....  
 1 robux  
 2 barbie stuff  
 3 American doll girl  
 4 film for my camra  
 5 Christmas Stuffedies  
 6 Christmas fidgits  
 7 coloring books  
 8 Art Supplies

*-Brenda Gudgel*

Hi Santa it's me ROSIE  
 LOHR I am so Happy for all the kindness to all the children for this Christmas I would like:

Checker PJ Pants (Red & Black)  
 Sol de jonaro  
 Touchland  
 glowrecipe  
 Bubble

Merry Christmas I hope I've been good. I really enjoy opening presents. Safe travels,  
*LOVE, ROSIE, Age 9*

Dear Santa,  
 I love all the gifts you give, I hope you have a very jolly Christmas Eve. If it's not too big of a gift, I'd like the Ninjago Legacy Monastery Lego Set.

Merry Christmas. Make sure you stop by Lainey & Henry's house.

*Love, Finny Bob, Age 7*

Dear SANTA,  
 I've been a lot of good this year and a little naughty. But



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Owen Martin strides away satisfied that his important letter to Santa has been delivered. A long line of his classmates queues up to do the same.

hopefully I've been good enough to make the list.

I would like a video game with Mario bros., a headband w/ bear ears and some unicorn academy toys.

Thank you

*Sophie Morin, Age 5*

Dear Seta CLOS I want a Briyrenors and A dollhouse a nite gon Fer my doll a game of Ches a PuSoL a snow GLOBE a cendy cane And The FoLL Set of. Brema Leeheg and A SLime. And a Lamp. And. The FoLL Set of hilda. From Robinia to Senta CLOS And a Per of ice Sayse

Dear Santa.

I love you. I would like you to bring me a car. Orange please and thank you.

*Love, Odin Evens, Age 4*

Dear Santa,  
 hoefully i am not asking much but what i want for christmas is a sketchbook with a pencil set and some murder

drones murch, and demon slayer posters and some led lights for a room, new blankets, some five night's at freddy's plushies and squid sister's plushies and a splatoon behind the sence book and lastly, i want a mha poster.

*from, Rosalie*

Dear Santa,

My name is Natalie. I would like all the pups from Paw Patrol. Also Ryder from Paw Patrol. I will help my mom make cinnamon rolls for you.

*Love, Natalie, Age 4*

Dear Santa,

How is my ef? How are you? I want evree budiee to be healthy and I want Lols. I wish I can have a hug from you. How is Roodof? Merry Cristmas.

*From, Amelia*

Dear Santa,

How are your Reindeer and how are you? Could I ples have a fone18 and a box of tools and a big cor. I hope you have a good Christmas? Thanekioo

*From, Owen*

Dear Santa,

Merree crismis How are the rane deer and Roodoff? Can I Have rc car and a rc baot and the geinet lego? Can I have a intendoe Swich and a sled and a one-hundred dolr bil and two fifty dolr bil? Can I a thirty dolr bil and a forty dolr bil? twenty dolr bil thank you so much thank you for evreethink

*From, Raymond*

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? How many do you have? I would like a fone and nerf gun. Happy christmas!

*From, Isle*

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a squish a

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## Happy Haulidays

Hope the spirit of the season fills your days with love, light and laughter!

Thanks a ton for choosing us.

Merry Christmas, from the Crew at Rock-N-Road Construction

# Letters To Santa

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moles and necklach and a fone and Nintendo Switct. Have a Merry chrstmas!

*From, wren levouy*

Dear Santa,

How are you dooing? How are your rane deer? I am sorry that I have so many things one thing I want for christmas is a mechanical hand that has a kros bowe. And a Quilt with fifteen arowes and a wooden reekrv bowe. And a nife sharepunr. And a noow nife And the last thing is a uletrit nrf gun hapee. halluday.

*From, Oliver*

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you hav a good Christmas. Heere is my list I want sum Hides For Christmas. Secinl I Would like a snake and last a good Christmas with my famly.

*Love, Fit*

Dear Santa,

I hope have a osum christmas! I want a American Girl Doll and a closet and levin shrch and shoos and a woch and a fon bothapls. I luvu you!

*From, Sandra*

Dear Santa,

Merry christmas SAnta! squishmellows, Slime, noo cloos, noo shoos, stuf tow tow cart that is bloo Alarm clook bcus I never wakeup in themorning I want LOLS. Thank you

*Love, Lyra*

Dear Santa,

How are you and your ranedeer? Can I pleez hav a mouchoiserimand a rooof and stuf and a foneb.

*From, David*

Dear Santa,

I want a PS NeXt I want a nerf gun I hoPe you are well. Thank you!

*From, Nolan*

Dear Santa,

How is RubolPh the red nos rane deer? I wont scar keeng and pink god silu minee kog and Kong with rodotik hand.

*From, Branson*

Dear Santa,

My name is Keighin. For Christmas I wont a

noo pipe and a stanle I think I am helpfl.

*From, Keighin*

Dear Santa,

My name is Everly. For christ want egll nest scrsmlO I the i bin cen the blshz.

Dear Santa,

My name is Izzy. For Christmas I want a phone and a I pad. I think I should get one because you are the best.

*From, Izzy*

Dear Santa,

My name is Elliott For Christmas I wont a tooth and to see you. I think I shood git wun because I lik you.

Dear Santa,

My name is Glenn. For Christmas I want 20 paks of Ling cubes and a book. So I can finish my set from number bloks 1-100 cadalogs.

*From, Glenn*

Dear Santa,

My name is Isla. For Christmas I want a elf on the shelf and a pink woch. I think I should get one because I inklood people.

*From, Isla*

Dear Santa,

My name is LiLY for Christmas I want a Phone I think I should get it becuse I have ben nice and so I can see my loved enos.

*From, LiLY*

Dear Santa,

My nam is Rowdy. For Christmas I want a phone cas and a red Stanling. I thenk I should get one because I help pepl up.

*From, Rowdy*

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryland. for Christmas I want a phone and Frastomres. I think I should get one becaese you are the best!

*From, Ryland*

Dear Santa,

My name is Courtney. For christmas I want a tablit and a phonene. I have bin good.

*From, Courtney*

Dear Santa,

How are your Randre deere dooing? I would

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS From Our Crew to You!

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Christmas Eve Mass - 5:00 PM

**Wednesday, Dec. 25th**  
Christmas Day Mass - 10:00 AM

All are welcome!  
Services will be held at  
First Presbyterian Church,  
206 Haugen Drive



# Letters To Santa

**Continued from page 4**  
like pouwr pone. Merry christmas!

*From, Dawsyn*

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Rudolph dooing? I hop you give me good prens what I wt for crismis is te monusteree and the wilednis Thank you!

*From, Finn*

Dear Santa,  
How are your randers? There is one they that I want is a sinumrol fone Mare Chistmas!

*From, Tess Crump to Satu.*

Dear Santa,

How are you can I plus have a merig? Thankyou! Inip LtROSA NAa.

*From, Eberly*

Dear Santa,  
Sata how are you dooing and your reindeer? I want a I phone 17 and SQuish-Melo Merry-Christmas!

*From, Gianna*

Dear Santa,  
Haw are Santa? For Chrishlmas I want a electric scooter and a squisha mallow and how is roobof the red nose rabere? Thank you!

*From, Addie*

Dear Santa,

Santa can I please have a globe? Merry christmas! How are you doing Santa and how are the rain deers?

*From, Kai*

Dear Santa,  
How is my ef? How are you? I wantheevree budee to be healthy and I want Lols I wish I can have a gug from you. How is Roodof? Mery Chris tmas.

*From, Amelia*

Dear Santa,  
I just want to say Meirry Christmas to you! Rile want a pex2 and I want the world bigist nrf gun and a rile big godsilu stufe. I want a RC cor fast and vide gams and I want thos vide gams I fornite and I want a good Merry christmas. Thank you!

*From, Jimmy*

Dear Red Suit guy, I like waking up to see christmas presents under the christmas tree. after I open all my Gifts I play and put them away.

*From, Evie. W Olivia. O'Neil (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)*

Dear Santa, I would like a Nintendo so I can Play 9am with my friends and my family. I would have so much fun and I always have wanted one for christmas.

*from, Oskar (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)*

Dear Santa Clause  
Thease are some things I really want for christmas. because I have been really good. I really want sol de janerio number 59 laneshie candy cane flaver. Squshamallows. Rare beauty bulsh. Uggs. LuLuleamon iPhone 16 promax. And

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## Customers Like You Lift Our Spirits All Year Long!

*Thanks for making 2024 so much fun for us. We look forward to taking care of you in the New Year.*

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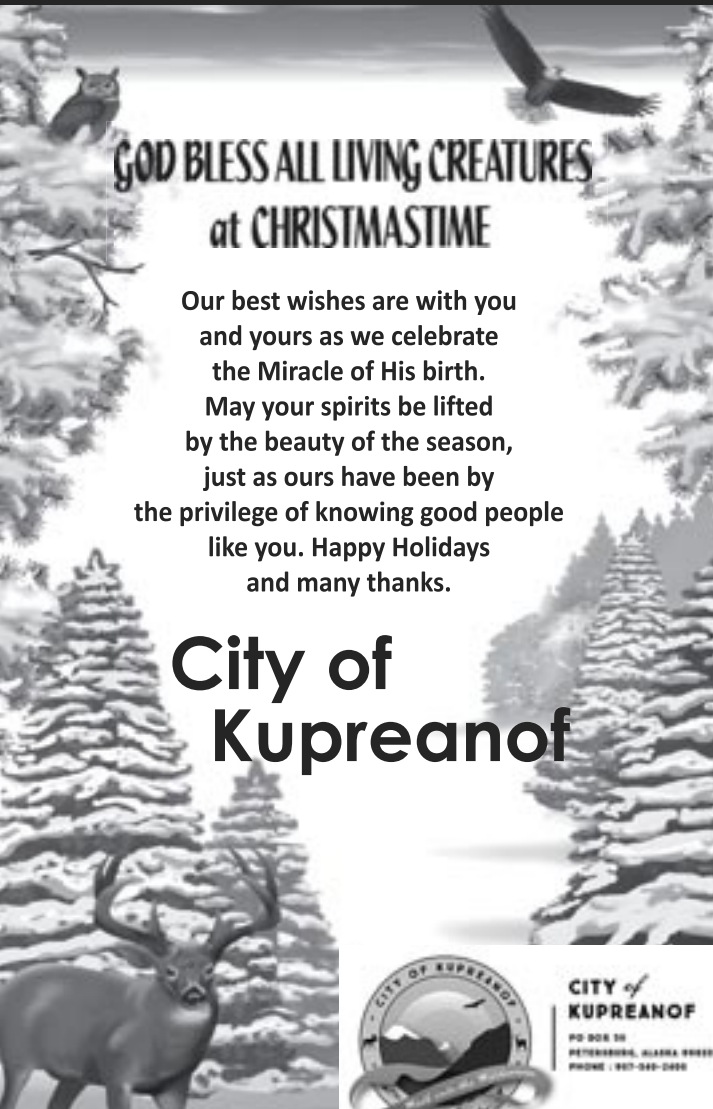
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# City of Kupreanof



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# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 4P & 10P

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

- COMMUNITY MEAL AT 5:30PM

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- HOLY COMMUNION AT 10 AM

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**Don't forget to water your live Christmas trees!**

**PVFD wishes everyone a safe, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

# Letters To Santa

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 1million Roboxe. A new Phone case and xmas decor. Thank you Santa Clause!!!  
 From Talaya Cabral  
 (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)

PS. if your Reindeer have to go to the Bathroom Don't let them.  
 From Helmi rersteeg  
 (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)

Dear Santa, I Have Been really good This year I want skin care and some new crocs. And a cozy Blanket. also a new PJS and Sol De Janerio 42. also ugs and a mini fridge. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is one million robux, some barbies, an oculess, an iphone16, a puppy, a candycane, all baby alive dolls, a giant squish mollow, some rollerskates, anelectric scooter,  
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# Merry Christmas

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**Karl, Kevin, Sam, David, Augie, Casey, Erik, Steve, Joe V, Sarah, Cheryl and Savann.**

# Letters To Santa

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 an electric bike, a barbie dollhouse.

*From Kaelynn M.  
 (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)*

Dear Santa, I want ten japanese snacks and a new TV. Also I want a Plita dress with lolita wrist straps. Thats all I want for christmas thank you (santa for reading this!

*From Kylie sampa guita essjaura  
 Jasmine goodridge (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)*

Dear Santa I would like a okulus, computer, xbox, flip phon, video games, 100\$-50\$, giant Sqush mallow, cappy bara with turtle back pack squshies and Figets, punching bag, 5 blox fruit boxes huge pet sim x pet, to have super good luck on christmas day and my most churisht wish is to have a merry christmas.

*From Cooper Joseph Kandoll  
 (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)*

Dear Santa what i want for christmas is to have the apple vision pro which is a type of VR and Another thing i want is to have wild mane horse and lot of toy a fidgets and also some Aphmau meemeows. Which is a

youtuber merch indice

*From Ily C.  
 (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)*

Dear Santa, this christmas I would like Sol de janerio Bubble glow recipe Touchland checkerd pj pants (Red & Black) Drunk elaphant Laneige Merry Christmas

*From Rosie L  
 (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)*

Dear Santa, I just want one ting. One 1. One ting one and it's not Big. Well.....not very Big. Well. Pretty Big. it is Dumroll Pls World Peace

*From Trygve Nilsen  
 (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)*

Dear Santa. I want slippers. And a roab and lots of squishys, Squishmallows, and L.E.D lights. and figets! and a phone. and slime crocs! Capybara stuff and heart & and flower pillows. And lots of Pink blankets and mini Plants

p.s I want you to put some stuff under the christmas tree in my room!

World Peace PS There si more stuff like a LOT

*From Penny. G  
 (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)*

Dear Santa I want A PIG!!! I want more har stuff and scincar. I all so waunt Sol De junaro, and Bum Bum cream I want Robux and I rilly rilly rilly want a VR hed set so I can Play grila tage with my cosen

*From Bristol Mailanen  
 (Ms. Willams' 4th grade class)  
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MERRY KRISMOOSE  
 and  
 a Happy New  
 Year!



Petersburg  
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 our PD family to yours.*



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# Letters To Santa



Photo courtesy of Jolie Norman

First graders line up to mail their letters to Santa using the mail box at the Petersburg Pilot's office.

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Dear Santa all I want for christmas is a punching bag and boxing gloves.  
 From Soren E. (Ms. Williams' 4th grade class)

Dear Santa, the main thing I would like for christmass is a Oculus head set PLS. Oh and 5 BIG candy canes. And if you do, say hi to Mrs. clause and comitt me Pls! Bye Bye!!  
 From, Noelle C. (Ms. Williams' 4th grade class)

Dear Santa i want a bb gun and a atv and robux and games and to have my dog and my gramagreat adn nana back from heaven my dog was born on christmas and an bukanyo and deku figurines  
 From KALLen calhoun (Ms. Williams' 4th grade class)

Dear Santa i would like for christmas a 50\$ robux card, 50\$ robux card, 10\$ robux card, skull mask this is my christmas list  
 From Nathen Bertagnoil (Ms. Williams' 4th grade class)

Dear Santa, I've been really good this year. I liked seeing you at sandy beach Hope you are doing good. I am excited for presents - thank you for the popcorn maker. This year may I please have an axolotl stuffy Its grey & at hammers  
 Love, TRYOVE

Dear Santa, My name is Libby. For Christmas I want ticus to Harepotr land and a phone. I think I should get one because I Like Harepotr so much and a phone I Love you are the best  
 From, Libby Thain

Dear Santa, My name is Johanna. for Christmas I fas pant book and a toi husce. I think I should get it because I have been varee respect fo y family and nice.  
 From, Johanna Mattingly

Dear Santa, My name is Jon. For Christmas I want a Godzilld toy. The a kingcudrou toy. I think I should get one because I like my treechrs.  
 From, Jon Hammer

Dear Santa, My name is Emily. For Christmas I want a Phone and stickeenotes. I think I should get one because you are the best.  
 From, Emily Martin

Dear Santa, My name is EveLyn Bateman. for Christmas I

wat a AOLL wach and sume heels. I thegnct that I hav bin good.

Dear Santa, My name is Charlie. For Christaimam I want phones and tablets. You are the best prsin.  
 From, Charlie Gudgel

Dear Santa, My name is Kaeson. for christmas I want a PS5 and aPll Phone. I think I should get it because I love you.  
 From, Kaeson Doril

Dear Santa, My name is Talon Caulum. for christmas I want a hterdosui che and xbox I thnk. I should get one because I have been good this year.  
 From, Talon

Dear Santa, My name is Thomas. For christmas I want a phone and a ninjogo Lego Set. I think I should get the presents because I wrckt hord on the map test.  
 From, Thomas

Dear Santa, My name is Victoria Ohmer I am 11 years old. The nice things i have done this year  
 1.Gave denali kindness  
 2.been Loving to everyone!  
 3.Led the girls basketball team with Kennedee.  
 For Christmas i would like  
 1.Vanity  
 2.skincare  
 3.UGGs  
 Thank you. With love, Victoria

Dear Santa, My name is James Nilsen I am 10 years old. The nice things i have done this year  
 1.hold the Door  
 2.get a present for my mom  
 3.do glass with my grandma  
 For Christmas i would like  
 1.NerF gun  
 2.Blow gun  
 3.a nintendo switch  
 Thank you.

Dear Santa, My name is Gabe Perry I am 11 years old. The nice things i have done this year  
 1.I used my manners,  
 2.I cleaned up my yard,  
 3.I helped my sister!  
 For Christmas i would like  
 1.the game boanl 96

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**SENDING OUR BEST AT THE HOLIDAYS**

May your holiday deliver loads of good cheer, good friends and good fortune.

**We know we feel fortunate to serve people like you!**  
 Joe, Matt, Kirk, Alex, Tyrone, Sarah and Indigo

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*With Our Gratitude At The Holiday Season*

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Casey, Holli, Cadence, Devyn, Jenny, Lindsi, Bjorn, Carson, Logan, Stewart, Andrew



# Letters To Santa

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- 2.a new PS4 controller
- 3.a VR head set

Thank you. With love,  
Gabe Perry

Dear Santa,  
My name is Audrey Eva Boggs. I am 11 years old. The nice things i have done this year

- 1.helped my sister clean her room.
  - 2.make a blanket for my cuson.
  - 3.haveing a good adittud tord aduts in my life.
- For Christmas i would like
- 1.Just danse 2025
  - 2.organizers for my room
  - 3.and snow for weeks!

Thank you. With love,  
Audrey Eva Boggs

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lucy I am 10 years old. The nice things i have done this year

- 1.I was kind,
  - 2.I helped my dad,
  - 3.I have Been good!
- For Christmas i would like
- 1.Apple head phones
  - 2.some robux
  - 3.And a tech suit

Thank you. With love,  
Lucy

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brenda Gudgel I am 10 years old. The nice things i have done this year

- 1.helped my sisters out,
  - 2.helped my grandparents out,
  - 3.I've been kind to my family!
- For Christmas i would like
- 1.American girl doll
  - 2.Robux
  - 3.for my family to be happy

and have fun!  
Thank you. With love, Brenda

Dear Santa,  
My name is Anna Ziegler I am 11 years old. The nice things i have done this year

- 1.Helped my mom clean the House.
  - 2.I helped my DaD with things.
  - 3.I am watching Bennett's dog.
- For Christmas i would like
- 1.a Phone
  - 2.things for my sisters and brothers.
  - 3.and thing for my mom and DaD!

Thank you.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lachlan Boitor I am 10 years old. The nice things i have done this year

- 1.Sang Christmas songs at long term care
  - 2.Good Sportsmanship
  - 3.Helped make dinner
- For Christmas i would like
- 1.Damian Lillard Jersey
  - 2.Nerf gun
  - 3.New Mini Hoop

Thank you. With love,  
Lachlan

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jackson Zweifel I am 10 years old. The nice things i have done this year

- 1.samg songs at teh Long Term Care
  - 2.I had good sports manship
  - 3.I have ben nice to Lachlan
- For Christmas i would like
- 1.Jordan Pool Jersey
  - 2.12 and under tech suit
  - 3.Jordan 1's

Thank you.

Dear Santa,



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## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

The Twisted Antlers caroling ensemble sing on behalf of Petersburg Rotary Club to raise donations for the Salvation Army outside of Hammer and Wikan Hardware. On numerous occasions throughout the afternoon, passersby found themselves suddenly wearing an elf hat, holding a packet of songs, and joyfully singing along with the group.

My name is Linda Carnes! I am 10 years old. The nice things i have done this year

- 1.Helping people
  - 2.Kind
  - 3.making people happy
- For Christmas i would like
- 1.All POPPY Playtime plushes!
  - 2. All Dandys World plushes!
  - 3.100,000,000,000,00 robux!

Thank you.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tymber I am 10 years old. The nice things i have done this year

- 1.be sweet to my brother
  - 2.be sweet to my family
  - 3.be sweet to my friends
- For Christmas i would like
- 1.VR Head Set
  - 2.Pink Palm Puff hoody!
  - 3.a Phone!

Thank you. With love,  
Tymber

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aniyah.R.Aguirre I am 10 years old. The nice things i have done this year

- 1.helped my dad when my mom was in Mexico.
  - 2.helped my MoM do the Laundry.
  - 3.helped my siter clean my room.
- for Christmas i would like
- 1.Slick Back brush
  - 2.Pink Jordan't 1s size 2 1/2
  - 3.20oz. Stanley

Thank you.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Denali. I am 11 years old. The nice things I have done this year is, Helped my dad with fire wood, Went christmas caroling with my class at long term care. And Organized my teacher's paints. And I've been helping my mom with wrapping christmas presents.

With love, Denali Littleton

Dear Santa  
I want a watch gramim watch christmas thank you and kettle ipad. a Game Boy.

From Kayden

Dear Santa, I already have everything I want. Thank you fo spreading christmas spirit!

From Amaiya

Dear Santa,  
I want I the best chistmas ever. I want my faimily to be kind to each other.

(Please and thank you)  
From Abigail Martin

Dear Santan  
I want are snow machine and I want my vr buck and 91000,00 shiny rocks in grt (unsigned)

Dear Mr. Santa,  
Mr. Santa I know I will be gone for christmas. I leave on the 23 Pless text my mom what I want so here is my list. first I

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Thank you to ALL our customers for making this a fabulous first year.



You can be naughty if your hair looks good.

Merry Christmas!

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# Letters To Santa

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 want a I Phone 16 Pro max and I want Sol de Janeiro, Drunk Elephant, glow recipe and MONEY!! Pless pless.  
 From future tarquino

Dear Santa  
 Santa please give me one Billion dollars Please I have one penny so I need it please. and I have Been Very good Kindof please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please.  
 From Thea holmlund

Dear Santa I don't know if you will see this But I want

you to know that you dont have to give me enything this year Exsepp For - my Perints to Be Happy and my sister Nevaen to Not Be mean and Eden to Not Jurt me and that she still wants to Play with me. Now if you get me presents Here is the List Polaroad camera. dolls. World Peace. Whach. Phone. Tablet. and PS Put Flynn on the Natey List  
 I Hope Eden adn I get along Now or Later!  
 From AvaLynn Bailey

Dear Nick  
 I want money. I want Maigic. I want Every gaming

consult. I want my friend numbers. I want Gams in brawlstars  
 From Trygve ps, please

Dear Santa  
 I would like a alarm cloak and a ilixa intendo switch and a  
 From hayden

Christmas List  
 Dear Santa, I want:  
 1.Polar Bear  
 2.Sponge BoB season  
 3.stocking stuffers  
 4 some surprises  
 From: Jayden T.

Dear Santa Claus  
 This year I want a mansion, Touchland, a pony lululemon cloths guy cotton cargo pants and this one I really want drum roll please a Life i need a life really bad.  
 From Kennedee

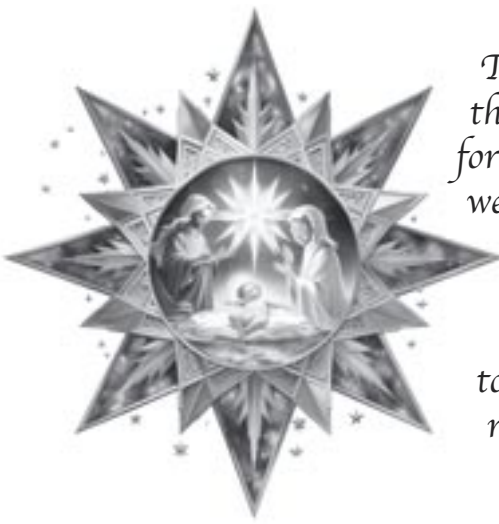
Dear Santa can I have a trip to Hawii so I can see my mom and gold julwory and nikes along with nike swet pants.  
 From Addison Flores

Dear Santa  
 For christmas i want my family to never have a bad day and for them to remember if they do have a bad day im right there with them. And i also want Guy cotten cargo pant's, Ugg's, and to be an awesome person. LOVE You Santa  
 From Elizabeth Sanchez

Dear Santa i want my nintendo switch light to be fix or a New nintendo switch light. and v-bucks and New controller.  
 From Nicholas

Dear Santa, For Cristmas I want makeup brushes, Clear lipGloss, Squishmallows, earrings studs, Fluffy Slime, Cloud Slime Putty, eyeshadow, lipstick, Navy blues Sweater, Computer, iPhone, ipad, puppies, a second K1 Pro, Foundation, Cookeez makery, blush, \$10'0000  
 From Johnnie Hess  
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## Merry Christmas



Thank you to the community for your support, we look forward to the next tax season together that's right around the corner.

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 As we gather with family and friends, may we take a moment to reflect on the blessings of another year.  
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# Letters To Santa

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Dear, Santa This christmas I would like: the pound puppies stuffed animal, scruff-a-luv, bubble skin care, white chocolate, smokey bear stuff, earrings, Simone biles Poster, American girl doll Lila, Fashion Angels sub Box, IPSY Box Dark red Stanley, Makeup, Gymnastics bar, liquid chalk, Litfun women's Fuzzy memory Foam slippers Fluffy winter House shoes. Indoor and outdoor Pink, Aemicon strawberry Blanket hoodie oversized wearable Blanket sherpa hooded Blanket warm cozy sweatshirt Blanket gifts for women Girls Adult, Personalized soft otter stuffed animal with name companionship Gift for a family friend, oliver the otter oliver the stuffed otter care Package, LOL surprise omg Fashion show style Edition Missy Frost, Abel the sagittarius Squishmallow, hei hei stuffy, cora the mermaid horse and the fire element horse on Breyer, Special

hairstuff, ombred and Black sweatshirt, Twenty and sixty personalized Heart locket!  
Thanks  
From: Lauren Kluane Helms

Dear Santa Claus  
I Want a pink iPhone 15 Pro max, Airpods, Sol de Jenrio, white fox. Hoodie, Stanley, glow recipe, bubble, byoma, North Face backpack, Lululemon belt bag, Nike vision ultra's, Nike Pro Shorts, Ugg's, Sephora Products, ultra products, Lanige, apple watch, apple Ipad  
From Ella

Dear Santa This year for christmas I want a digital camera gold Jewelry zara jeans nike sweat pants black nike clunks airpods black north face backpack laneige Lip glowy balm new phone case (Iphone SE) tight under shirt for basketball So de jenero Tangle teaser my own room and to not take Kiki away  
From Jaycee

Dear Santa  
Hi This year for Christmas I want a Pink pony, A Baby Alive, Manstion, Blue pony, A Green rubber band, A Potato, A shift computer key. Thanks! Call me Bye P.S. I want Kiki  
From Libby

Dear santa  
I would like a first adishon bas set too charsard or a fishing magnet bc they can not ship it down here and a ton of fishing lurs or a coin from the 1800 hundrethes  
From Jaydon

Dear sarta i want more demon slayer lego mini figures and some lego sets  
From Bryson

Dear: Santa i would like my mom and dad to spend more time with me and my brother because they have been doing a lot of work at there jobs it dosen't have to be in christmas but i would like it  
From: Lalelei M

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I whould like a markers and a lol Doll a basketball a paer of socks and

## Spreading joy all through town

Petersburg's Girl Scout Troop 4063 made the caroling rounds through downtown shops last week.



OLA RICHARDS  
Petersburg Pilot

a magic tree house book a snow globe a nek lice a nail Polish avanie a nede araser a new macrcres  
From Aubrianna

Dear santa I wish I can get a ps5 and a bigger tv so I can see a lot better when im playing games and get 1 million dallars  
From Bruden

Dear Santa  
For cristmas i want a Wii U, that might not be possible but if you please get one of these i will still be happy so i want a \$20 xbox gift card, Wii U lego set/s, people to be nice to outhter people, ipad 6, gaming stuff, and food  
From Riley sheldon

Dear Mom, I want a pc and a monitor, I also want a custom PS4 controller with mouse triggers and back paddles. And some lego sets and the legend of Zelda echoes of wisdom. and gamecube

Dear Santa you better get me what I want like, earrings, cargo pants, kittens, a third iphone, ipad computer, puppy, head phones, slime, cloud slie, puddy, a house, airplane, \$10,000, cookie maker, and the last think I want is johnnie to be my twin  
From Izabella

Dear Santa  
This Christmas what I want is a computer that I can play Let's Find Larry and That's Not My Neighbor cargo pants, Carrot a house I can live in with the wife and kids infinity money and for me to not ever get any migranes ever  
From Ceci!!!

Dear Santa,  
I would like a thing of Pellets for my BB Gun. and I promise I have been very good all year long  
Brenton Newman

Dear Santa,  
I would like perler beads, stencils, parchment paper and it would be awesome if you got these for me.  
Bristol Newman

Dear Santa  
I want a Supersonic stuffy.  
Mason Newman

Dear Santa,  
My name is Leonah I am 11 years old. The nice things i have done this year  
1.helped Bryson with making a decision  
2.I am nice to others  
3.be a good friend at school!  
For Christmas i would like  
1.blaikyun stickers!  
2.cow pillow  
3.Hunter x-hunter PJ's  
Thank you. With love,  
Leonah franny

Dear North Pole:  
I would like Sponge bob Kyrie Shoes. Because I like Sponge bob and the shoes. Melo jersey I like the Basketball Payer. benice to my teacher and my family. I like color blue and orange sincerely carter.  
curry Brand Kib's curry Flow11Dub...Mojo Black Golden State Warriors 19" Personalized Premium Wheeled Backpack PowerA wired controller for Nintendo Switch.  
Sincerely, carter

Dear Santa,  
My name is Donnie I am 10 years old. The nice things i have done this year  
1.worded hard in school.  
2.LisTen to my Teacher.  
3.I helP at The lodge.  
For Christmas i would like  
1.Meta Quest 3.  
2.I am cat on Meta Quest 3.  
3.wii.  
Thank you. With love,  
Donnie

Dear Santa,  
For christmas I would like an RC car, wheelies and a mini house Kit. I hope all of your reindeer are well. I'm 9 years old.  
Love, Tula

Ho Ho Ho Santa,  
Can your reinder swim? I think I am on the nice List I am not so sure about my sister. I hope you like our cookeis. For Christmas. I

would like a Hary Pottr Lego set and a bitzee toy. How do you get around the world in one night?  
From Vance

OH OH OH Santa  
My name is Flora and I am 5 years old. What do you do in the summertime? I think I'm on the nice list but I'm not sure if my brother Vance is?  
I would like a Elasa and Anna toy. Do the reindeer get hot in the summer time? I love you Rudolph.  
Merry Christmas Santa  
Love Flora Smith

Dear Santa  
I've been a good boy & I am really working hard in school.  
Red black basketbaall  
Monster truck  
KliePlush  
From Leeland

For Christmas I would like, A new SE phone case & a new popsicle for your phones, a waterproof apple watch, friendship bracelets that when you tap em they buzz to the other person wearing it! Some crocks too with crock charms, stanly accsesserises & a custom blanket that says ' Noelle is the best!' on it, a drone, a geod rock with crystals in it, a custom waterbottle that says 'This is Noelles, so dont touch it unless your Noelle' & a Oculus headset, squishy gatorade water bottle that my friends have, robox gitr card, cookies in a bag, LOTS OF CHOCLOTE!  
And Bye!

We Wish You A  
**Merry Christmas**  
Happy New Year

**Christmas Hours:**  
We will be closed on  
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025**

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

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(Front row, left to right): Ola Richards, Liam Demko, Chris Reyes, and Joelle Reyes**

# *Happy Holidays!*

**Delivering our very best wishes  
for a holiday season that's full  
of good news!**

**To all of our readers and  
advertisers, thanks a million  
for your support.**



# Julebukking in Petersburg

In the days leading up to Christmas, the residents of Petersburg, Alaska affirm the town's nickname, "Little Norway," by keeping alive a centuries-old Scandinavian holiday

tradition known as Julebukking.

Julebukking's roots stretch deep into Norse history, predating Christianity. The tradition's name derives from the Norwe-

gian "julebukk," meaning "Yule goat," a symbol connected to the Norse god Thor, whose chariot was pulled by two goats. In ancient times, young men would dress in goatskins

and go door-to-door, performing pranks and demanding food and drink – a practice that some scholars believe may have connections to Thor's legends.

As Christianity spread through Scandinavia, the tradition evolved. The wild revelry of ancient times transformed into a more community-oriented celebration, though it retained its playful spirit. In Norway, Julebukking became a Christmas season tradition where people would dress in costumes, wear masks, and go house to house, singing songs and receiving treats.

In Petersburg, near Christmas but especially concentrated on Christmas Eve, many local businesses and organizations open their doors and welcome community members and visitors with each establishment offering its own unique spread of food and drink.

Retails spaces serve as cozy gathering spots, like on Saturday when the front office of the Petersburg Pilot dished out a few hundred cups of Barszcz – or borscht, Polish beet soup –

courtesy of the Pilot's press operator Aleksandra Richards who grew up in Poland near the border of Ukraine. Richards noted that this year's Barszcz used every available beet on the island was influenced by Ukrainian recipes.

The Petersburg Vikings and Valkyries donned their leather and furs on Saturday and lavished libation and cheer on everybody passing near their bus parked close to the Harbor Bar.

On Sunday, traditional Petersburg Norske treats like lefse, krumkake, sandbakkel sugar cookies, almond puff, meatballs and more populated the tremendous potluck spread at the Sons of Norway Hall.

And the early hosts were just the beginning. Through late afternoon on Christmas Eve another dozen downtown julebukking venues will celebrate their past year and their appreciation for the community's support in year to come by sharing their food and drink and cheer.

Skol!



Photo courtesy of Thomas Fine-Walsh

Eight month old Leo Rivka Fine-Walsh joins in the merrymaking as the Vikings and Valkyries of Petersburg host Julebukking on Saturday, Dec. 21.



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Dozens gather for a taste of the holiday goodness at the Sons of Norway Hall on Sunday, Dec. 22.



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## Julebukking fun

Longtime Pilot helper Joelle Reyes and friend Brian Richards enjoy some of the cheer at the Petersburg Pilot's Julebukking on Saturday.

**WISHING EVERYONE IN PETERSBURG  
A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY  
AND A HEARTFELT  
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT  
& BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!**

Carey Carmichael Case  
of Wild Iris Photography



## Delivering Truckloads of Cheer

...to you and your loved ones at this special time of year!



Wishing a bright and Merry Christmas to all.



# Christmas Commentary

## Hope in the Light of Christ

As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember the beautiful message of hope that came into the world on that holy night in Bethlehem. The birth of Jesus, our Savior, shows us how much God loves us and wants to bring us into His light.

In a world that can be tough, scary, and painful, the message of Christmas is like a beacon of hope. It tells us about new beginnings, making things right, and the promise of peace. The Child in the Manger shows us that God's plan for redemption unfolds with power and beauty even in the humblest circumstances.

Hope isn't just about dreaming; it's about trusting in God's faithfulness. Just like the angel told the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10). This joy and hope are for all of us, no matter where we are or what we are going through.

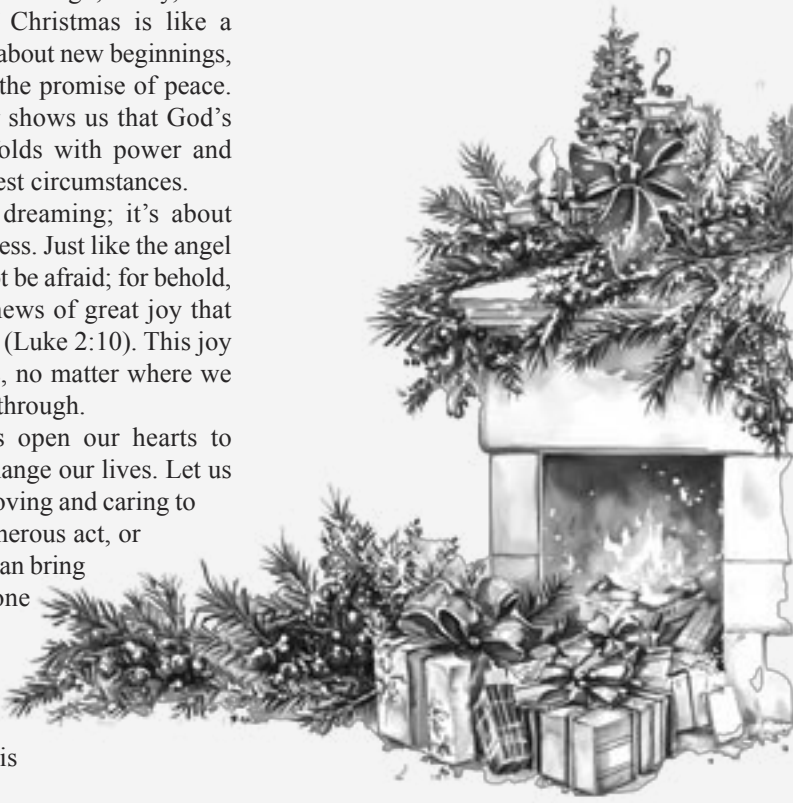
This Christmas, let us open our hearts to Christ and let His light change our lives. Let us share this hope by being loving and caring to others. A kind word, a generous act, or a moment of forgiveness can bring Christ's hope to someone who needs it among us.

May the joy of the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes this Christmas, and may His

hope keep you going in the coming year.

Merry Christmas, and may God bless you more than you can ever imagine!

**Father Jose Thomas**  
Saint Catherine of Siena Church



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Seasons come and go, but our best wishes remain with you today and always.

Thanks for your generous support and faith in us. We appreciate you, and we wish you a wonderful holiday.

Best Wishes from  
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Captain KV Saengthasy shares tunes on his uke while collecting donations for the Salvation Army at Hammer and Wikan Grocery Store in the days leading up to Christmas.

*Merry Christmas to All*



...and many thanks to all of our valued customers. We appreciate your incredible support.

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## Christmas Commentary

Greetings,  
 Christmas everywhere on Earth, even in Little Norway, we choose to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. It's not about a decorated home, presents under the tree, toys or the new PlayStation or Xbox. We celebrate God's plan of redemption for a sinful world, His Love for us and the birth of His one and only Son.

Also, thank you for your purchases of the Give Food Bag of Joy at Hammer and Wikan Grocery, donations at the bell ringing and for the new toys and gifts for the Christmas Angel Trees at the three banks. And we appreciate the churches and businesses that donated turkeys and food boxes.

Your support and love for your neighbors brightened up their holidays,  
 Captain KV Saengthasy, Corps Officer  
 The Salvation Army

*Happy*  
 NEW YEAR



...and thanks for putting the happy in our year with your visits!  
**Thanks For Your Support**





*Season's Greetings*

**Happy Holidays Petersburg!**

Once again, this past year Kinder Skog has grown and flourished thanks to the support from our incredible community. Thank you all for showing our Skoggies kindness, encouraging adventure and celebrating our successes.

*We wish you all a very Merry Holiday season full of adventure and love.*

With Respect the Kinder Skog Squad



A  
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 OF THANKS

...And a pile of best wishes to all our customers.  
 Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from  
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 for a  
**Merry Christmas!**



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

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 our Morning Worship service at 10:30 am & Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 4:00 pm

If you have any questions, please call the church.

**Everyone is Welcome!**



WE WISH YOU  
 ★ **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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



**PETERSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

# Christmas Commentary

## Love to All this Christmas

Out of great love for humanity, God chose to enter into the chaos of our world and the trouble of our lives to love us. That's all. That's it. Just love us. How hard can it be to accept love? Well, apparently it is very difficult, especially given the fact that our lives are filled with loneliness, isolation, addiction, estrangement, aging, mental illness, medical problems, and more.

But that is exactly the world our God chose to enter into.

God did not choose to wait for things to be perfect first. God did not choose to be born to wealthy parents

who had married later in life so that they had everything all figured out about their lives before deciding to have a baby. No, God chose to enter into our world through a teenage girl, who was betrothed, but not yet married. A young girl who could have been stoned to death for being pregnant out of wedlock. A couple that was basically scraping by, going from paycheck to paycheck. But they had three things that made it all work: faith, hope, and love.

They trusted that God would provide for them, so they had faith.

They trusted that through faith tomorrow would be better than today, so they had hope.

They trusted that God would con-

tinue to love them, no matter what happened in their lives, and so they grew in their adoration of this God, so they, too, had love.

The good news is that God continues to enter-in to our world and our lives! God want us to build communities where neighbors see others who are hurting and then offers a helping hand. God want us to build communities where all people are welcome - no matter their economic or educational level. No matter if they are retired, employed, underemployed or unemployed. No matter their race, ethnic background or gender. No matter if they are single, partnered, married, divorced, or widowed. No matter if they teetotalers, in recovery, or are actively

dependent on drugs or alcohol. No matter if they have a criminal record or haven't gotten so much as a speeding ticket - God wants us to build a community where all people are welcomed, respected, and loved.

If you are questioning whether or not God loves you, give us a call. Better yet, worship with us. You will find community. You will find pastors who accept you. We pray that you will find faith, hope, and love. And of these three, the greatest is love.

**Pastor Tim Bernard and  
Pastor Deborah Gelerter  
Petersburg Lutheran Church**



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## Jingle and Mingle

Tavian and Elias Braxton sit on Santa's Lap with some help from momma Ella Martinsen.



Wishing everyone a warm and bright holiday season! We are thankful for our caring community and for all the wonderful people in it. Here's to a safe and prosperous 2025!

## Go Vikings!

*Petersburg Borough Assembly  
and Employees*



## Joy to the World!

May the hope and beauty of this season ease your cares and fill your heart with happiness.

We're grateful to be sharing this Christmas season with all of you, and we thank you for your friendship!



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## 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.  
Thank you for choosing us



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*Wishing you and yours health  
and prosperity in  
the New Year.*

*From your friends  
& neighbors at IBEW*



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### Julebukking for Pets

A dog pile of pups smile for their picture with Santa last Saturday at the Petersburg Pet Center.

*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

## Christmas Commentary

### Putting Christ back into Christmas

"He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations."

"He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed."

A couple forced to travel away from their homes due to the whims of an empire.

An unwed couple experiencing the birth of their

child, in rough conditions and away from familial support.

Heaven bypassing the centers of earthly power, authority, and wealth, but instead honoring laborers in the fields.

Outsiders recognizing the long-awaited Anointed One while insiders could not see him.

An exile into a foreign nation to escape the murderous rage and scheming of a king.

The raw Nativity stories of Christmas found in Matthew 2 and Luke 2 are stories of



judgment. They demand that we ask ourselves: do we really want the Christ Jesus who sided with the poor, the oppressed, the homeless, the immigrants, the socially unrespectable, and the outcast? Or do we prefer and desire the sanitized version of Christ in Christmas where we can remain complacent and comfortable?

Mark Kubo

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



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# Christmas Commentary

## In our small island community, the Christmas season often arrives quietly

It's not heralded by the noise of big-city crowds or elaborate displays. Instead, it's found in the familiar comforts of home: the crackling warmth of a wood stove, the glow of Christmas lights against the winter dark, the laughter of children playing in the snow. This simplicity is a gift—a reminder of what truly matters. In many ways, the simplicity of our lives here

mirrors the simplicity of the first Christmas. Christ, the Savior of the world, was not born in a palace but in a stable. His birth was announced not to kings and dignitaries but to shepherds on a hillside. It's a story that teaches us that greatness is not found in extravagance but in humble moments. The simple gifts of kindness, love, and community often hold the deepest meaning.

Yet, for some, this season may feel far from joyful. The long winter nights can seem darker when you're carrying burdens of grief, loneliness, or uncertainty.

In a small community, we

share in one another's struggles. We know the faces behind the stories – the family missing a loved one, the friend facing hardship, the neighbor who feels isolated.

In these moments of weariness, the heart of Christmas shines brightest. The birth of Christ is more than a story; it is a promise that we are not alone. God entered our world, not as a distant figure, but as a child born into humble surroundings. He came to walk with us through life's joys and sorrows, offering His presence and His peace.

The simplicity of Christmas invites us to slow down and recognize the hope that still

flickers even in dark times. It's there in the quiet of a candlelit service, in a heartfelt "Merry Christmas," or in the warmth of a shared meal. These simple acts remind us that God's love is near, even when life feels heavy.

If you are weary this season, please remember that Christ's coming is a message for you. His light reaches into the deepest darkness, and His hope is for all who struggle. In simplicity, we find joy. In weariness, we find a Savior who understands and walks beside us.

As a community, let's reflect

this hope. Let's offer a kind word, a helping hand, or a listening ear. In doing so, we become part of the simple yet profound miracle of Christmas – the miracle that God's love is with us, sustaining us, even in the quiet and difficult moments.

May this Christmas be a time when we embrace the gift of simplicity and extend the hope that comforts the weary. Together, let us celebrate a season that reminds us that we are loved and we are not alone.

**Dwight Jenkins**  
Petersburg Bible Church



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## Annual Rotary Club Boat Parade

A small but mighty procession lit up the night from Scow Bay out to Sandy Beach during Rotary Club's Christmas Lights Boat Parade. The tugboat Western Mariner, covered in lights and sporting a giant inflatable Santa, launched fireworks along the route and garnered the most votes for best in show.

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**Tasty traditions**

Ellen Scully and Allen Mathisen welcome friends from the community to Lee's Clothing for a taste of Sig Mathisen's legendary pickled herring during Friday night's Men's Night Out retail sales event.

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**Christmas Commentary Because of Christmas**

"And she will bring forth a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins. So all of this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel which is translated, God with us.'" *Matthew 1:21-23*

At Christmas we celebrate "God with us" who is His Son Jesus. What does the coming of Jesus mean for us? Take time to meditate on these three truths.

Because of Jesus, we have forgiveness. "You shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." *Matthew 1:21b*

Because of Jesus, we can have the peace of God. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth



peace, goodwill toward men." *Luke 2:14*

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:7*

Because of Jesus, we have salvation. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

"Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great

joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" *Luke 2:11*

**Earl Midkiff  
Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church**

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*From the residents & staff at Mountain View Manor*

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## Local artist's first solo show

Petersburg artist Kaia Dahl, known for her illustrations of florals and fish, was featured in her first ever solo artist exhibition at Firelight Gallery and Framing last Friday.

## Christmas Commentary

Twas a dark night in Petersburg, cold, wet, and gray,  
The eve of the morning that would bring Christmas Day.

The clouds and the rain wrapped the mountains with care,

While muskeg and waters lay silent out there.

The snowflakes weren't falling, no frost in the air,

But a quiet had settled, almost a pause everywhere.

The Julebukking rush and shopping had faded away,

The Lights were now glowing at the close of the day.

Some gathered 'round trees, their faces all bright,

Opening presents by the soft night's light.

Others would wait for the morning to appear,

When the dawn would break with its joy and good cheer.

Yet tomorrow morning brings more than the start of a day,

It carries a Light that will not fade away.

A reminder of love from a prophecy old,

Of a child in a stable, more precious than gold.

For over two Thousand Years, His story is told,

The Savior of Peace, in swaddling clothes.

Born humbly to Earth, His journey began,

To bring hope and salvation to all Women and Man.

So as darkness gives way to the light's bright way,

May peace fill your heart this

wonderful Christmas Day.

And as sunrises come, and as sunsets depart,

May the love of the Lord live deep in your heart.

God bless us, everyone, with

His presence so near,

Merry Christmas to all, and a joyous New Year!

**By Nathan Lopez**  
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Chris Weiss (left) and Nicole McMurren (right) join Sue Paulsen for their annual performance of the Petersburg Year in Review.

## Community concert



Bud Bergen, currently residing in Texas and visiting hometown Petersburg for the holidays, teams up Robyn Cardenas for a spirited rendition of Baby It's Cold Outside.

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# 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  
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**Of the increase of his government and peace  
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*Isaiah 9: 6-7:*

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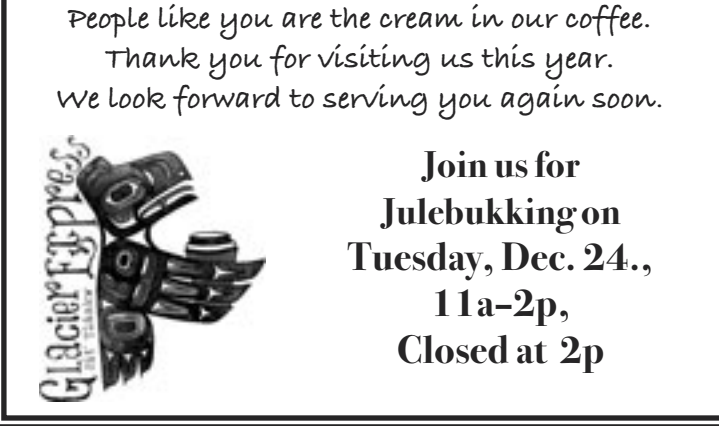
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