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Our Very Best  
At Christmastime  
& All Year***

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this holiday season!  
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We'd like to take a moment to wish everyone  
a Very Happy Holiday Season  
& a Prosperous New Year!

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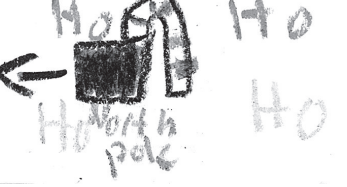
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LETTERS TO SANTA BY LMCS 2ND GRADERS \* CHRISTMAS DRAWINGS BY LMCS 4TH GRADERS

December 5, 2019

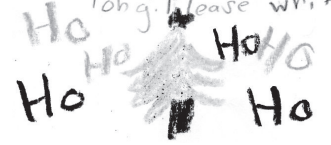
Dear Santa Claus,  
 What degree is it at the North Pole? Please for Christmas I would like an electric scooter because I have a scooter but it broke so I thought I would like to ask you for an electric scooter. I would like to ask you more questions. How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? The last thing is how is the head elf? That is all.



Sincerely,  
 Natalia Nelson

December 5, 2019

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Is Rudolph real? I think he is. Why don't you bring Mrs. Claus to stores or anything? One thing I would like to have is a new purple coat. I also want it to be the brand Swiss Tech because that's the warmest brand I know. Oh, and one more question. How do you stay alive for so long? Please write back.



Sincerely,  
 Audrey Ryan

Dec 5, 2019

Dear Santa,  
 When is my elf coming? Is it coming on Christmas Day or on Christmas Eve? You can decide when you give me it and the elves. Can I please have a Noker board?

Sincerely,  
 Isaac Cooper

Dec 5, 2019

Dear Santa,  
 What do the elves look like when they move? I'm not asking for much, but I want joy and happiness to everyone! I want to see you in real life because I heard you last year when I was in bed and you woke me up.

Sincerely,  
 Nikson-wilkison

12-5-19

Dear Santa,  
 When it's summer do you disguise into a person and have a vacation? I would like an electric scooter and a new fitbit with a yellow wristband. And about the fitbit, I want the square one. The last thing I want is a tablet that has a keyboard.

Sincerely,  
 Ajaan Cruz Melendez

Dec 6, 2019

Dear Santa,  
 In our Christmas concert we say the reindeer have a band. So I wanted to know if the reindeer do have a band? I only want a handband, a shoe kit, and last my family. We have a celebration with all family and I wish you could be there!

Sincerely,  
 Hayden Ostrander

12-5-19

Dear Santa,  
 Do the reindeer have a band? How do the reindeer fly? How do the elves have painted ears? Can I have an 8 ball?

Sincerely,  
 Zoey Cooley

Dec 5, 2019

Dear Santa,  
 Are the reindeer doing good? Is it OK if I get a Nerf gun for Christmas and a hover board for Christmas? What is the temperature at the North Pole?

Sincerely,  
 Caleb King



Santa and Mrs. Claus have been busy making the rounds during December, visiting with children and hearing Christmas wishes. They are pictured above with the Askildson children at the library, and below with the Welter family at the Lake Mills Fire Dept. Christmas party.



Welcome to Christmas

We hope your holiday is jolly in every way.

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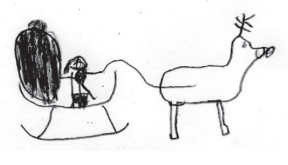
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

12-3-19  
Dear Santa,  
I need a elf to watch me. Thank you for presents. What do the reindeer eat? Santa what does Mrs. Clas make for you?

Sincerely,  
Axel Weinkauf  
Dec. 5, 2019

Dear Santa,  
Do the reindeer actually have a body? For Christmas I would like a hoverboard that actually hovers me. I hope you ride safe.

Sincerely,  
Asher Frank



12-3-19  
Dear Santa,  
What do your reindeer like to eat? I would like some new bronc riding gear. Thank you Santa for the presents. Can you leave one cookie for me?

Sincerely,  
Wyatt Hansen

12-3-19  
Dear Santa,  
What do you eat when you are in the sleigh. My family doesn't really decorate for Christmas but this year we decorated alot. This year I would like a bow and arrow.

Sincerely,  
Finn

December 5, 2019  
Dear Santa,  
Are the reindeer doing good and having the present doing! Can I please have an electric scooter because my friend has one and I have wanted one for a long time. Also can I please have a Hydro Flask and can I have a very big Lego set? Also, can I have an 8 ball and a computer?  
Sincerely,  
Cruz Flagum



December 5, 2019

Dear Santa,  
When do you send your elves out? I would like an electric scooter. Can I please get a Nintendo Switch please? I also want a neody. I would also like a bunch of money please. Can I please have a bunch of candy floss? My last thing I would like is peace on Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Berkley Dean

12-3-19  
Dear Santa,  
Is it hard to fly a sleigh? I want you to have a merry Christmas! Thank you for bring presents to children. How is Mrs. Clas? When do you start making toys? I would like a new umerlike doll, and a great Christmas for everyone!

Sincerely,  
Pearl Taylor

12-3-19  
Dear Santa,  
Santa how does happy know when to do after a year that would be hard. One thing that I want is The Elf on the Shelf so every year I could find him. And how do you make toys? It must be hard how do you make presents?

Sincerely,  
Stephan Vining

Match the Description to the Christmas Song

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Bleached Yule                                     | Silent Night                  |
| Far Off in a Feeder                               | Santa Claus is Coming to Town |
| Frozen Precipitation Commence                     | Hark the Herald Angels Sing   |
| Give Attention to the Melodious Celestious Beings | O Come All Ye Faithful        |
| The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals               | 12 Days of Christmas          |
| Red Man En Route to Boroughs                      | Let It Snow                   |
| Nocturnal Noiselessness                           | Away in a Manger              |
| Bantam Male Percussionist                         | It Came Upon A Midnight Clear |
| Loyal Followers Advance                           | White Christmas               |
| Righteous Darkness                                | O Holy Night                  |
| Arrival Time 2400 Hours-Weather Cloudless         | Little Drummer Boy            |

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DEC. 3, 2019  
 Dear Santa,  
 Are you doing ok? I hope comet's to! Do you like cookies and orange juice Santa? See you next time this is a thing that I would like for christmas a manager for my toilet holdie' bairis. Thank K you  
 San + a!  
 Sincerely  
 Chaylie Friesstad

Dec. 3, 2019  
 Dear Santa  
 Are you okay? Is Mrs. Clause okay? What I want for Christmas is football gloves and football shoes please. Thank you for bringing presents from your elf to and your reindeer.  
 givim



Ethan Overland and Santa were wearing matching hats at the Lake Mills Fire Dept. Christmas party, Dec. 8. Ethan is the son of Justin and Sandy Overland, Lake Mills.

dec. 3, 2019  
 Dear Santa,  
 How old is our elf?  
 I would like a new iPad please.  
 Thank you for my presents.  
 Sincerely  
 Bentley Aukes

December 3, 2019  
 Dear Santa,  
 Hello santa! How are you today? I really want another American doll and a banked for my American dolls please! I know that I already told you this but is Rudolph real? Can I have an unsexy girls? Can you get one for Jude, she wants one too? Thank you for all the presents.  
 Sincerely  
 Millie Kester

Dec. 3, 2019  
 Dear Santa,  
 How old is our elf?  
 I would like a new iPad please.  
 Thank you for my presents.  
 Sincerely  
 Kim Allman

Dec. 3, 2019  
 Dear Santa,  
 How are your elf's? What I want for Christmas is a hoverboard and a fitbit. Thank you for my toys. What is your real name, do you like mushrooms?  
 Sincerely,  
 Noah M. N

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019  
 Dear Santa,  
 Hi Santa how was your day? What do you do over years? I would a Hoverboard and a marshmallow shooter please and thank you can I have \$500? Please and thank you I would like some other things to but thats enur for now I will right you bach.  
 Sincerely,  
 Joseph

December 3, 2019  
 Dear Santa  
 How old is my Elf at home and when is his Birthday? What do all the reindeer do until Christmas Eve? Can you please give me bed sheets? I hope you have a good Christmas.  
 Thank You  
 Sincerely  
 Taryn Wempen

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*Happy Holidays*  
*Merry Christmas*  
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12-3-19  
Dear Santa  
I want a phone and a doll house. How are the elfs? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I like to eat cookies. I like dogs and cats.  
Sincerely  
Bri Thompson

12-3-2019  
Dear Santa,  
How many elfs do you have? I think you have a really cool job. I will take whatever you give me. (I am not really picky about presents.) I think you are a really nice and kind person!  
Sincerely  
Camille Langfeld

12-4-19  
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a indoor soccer net. Thank you for bring presents to me every year. How do you deliver all the presents to every house only in one night? I think I've had a great year so far. I've always wanted to see you before. Have a good Christmas. by Santa.  
Sincerely  
Ava Rypersen



The Emmons Lutheran Church choir performed at the Advent Concert, Sunday, Dec. 8, at Salem Lutheran Church. Pictured above are a few of the members of the choir, front row (L-R): Diane Honsey, Pauline Olson, and Norma Adams. Back row: Paul Yost, Gayle Honsey, and Mary Orban. The group performed "In the Bleak Midwinter," "The People Who Walk In Darkness," and "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head."

Below: Spouses, Mindy and Nate Sletten, performed the duet, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."



Lanette Branstad (pictured left) sang the solo "Breath of Heaven" at the Advent Concert.

12-3-19  
Dear Santa,  
I want a stuff animal dog and a stuff animal bunny. How do you eat all the cookies? Do you have a dog? Thank you for all the presents. How do you deliver all the presents? Am I on the good list? You are my super hero.  
Sincerely,  
Grant Rente

12-3-19  
Dear Santa,  
I want some American dolls because I have been asking alot! Does Rudolph have baby deers next year? Give me some elf on the shelves. Please Santa please my friends have them so please give me some!  
Sincerely  
Emma flubum

Dec. 3, 2019  
Dear Santa,  
I want to know how Mrs. Claus is doing. How are the reindeer? I want a electric airplane for Christmas, thank you for giving gifts.  
Sincerely  
Emerson

December 4, 2019  
Dear Santa  
My elf is at my house! Do the reindeer have a band? How old is my elf? I would like a skate board. Thank you for all the presents. What is your favorite cookie?  
from  
Bailey Welter

Dec. 2, 2019  
Dear Santa  
Have you met every NFL Football player? Please give me a Kirk Cousins jersey, Everson Griffen jersey, please give me tickets to the Minnesota Vikings game on Dec. 23, 2019. Thank you.  
Sincerely  
Suzanne

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From Executive Director, Melissa Michealis, & Marketing Director, Alexis Bodizoch

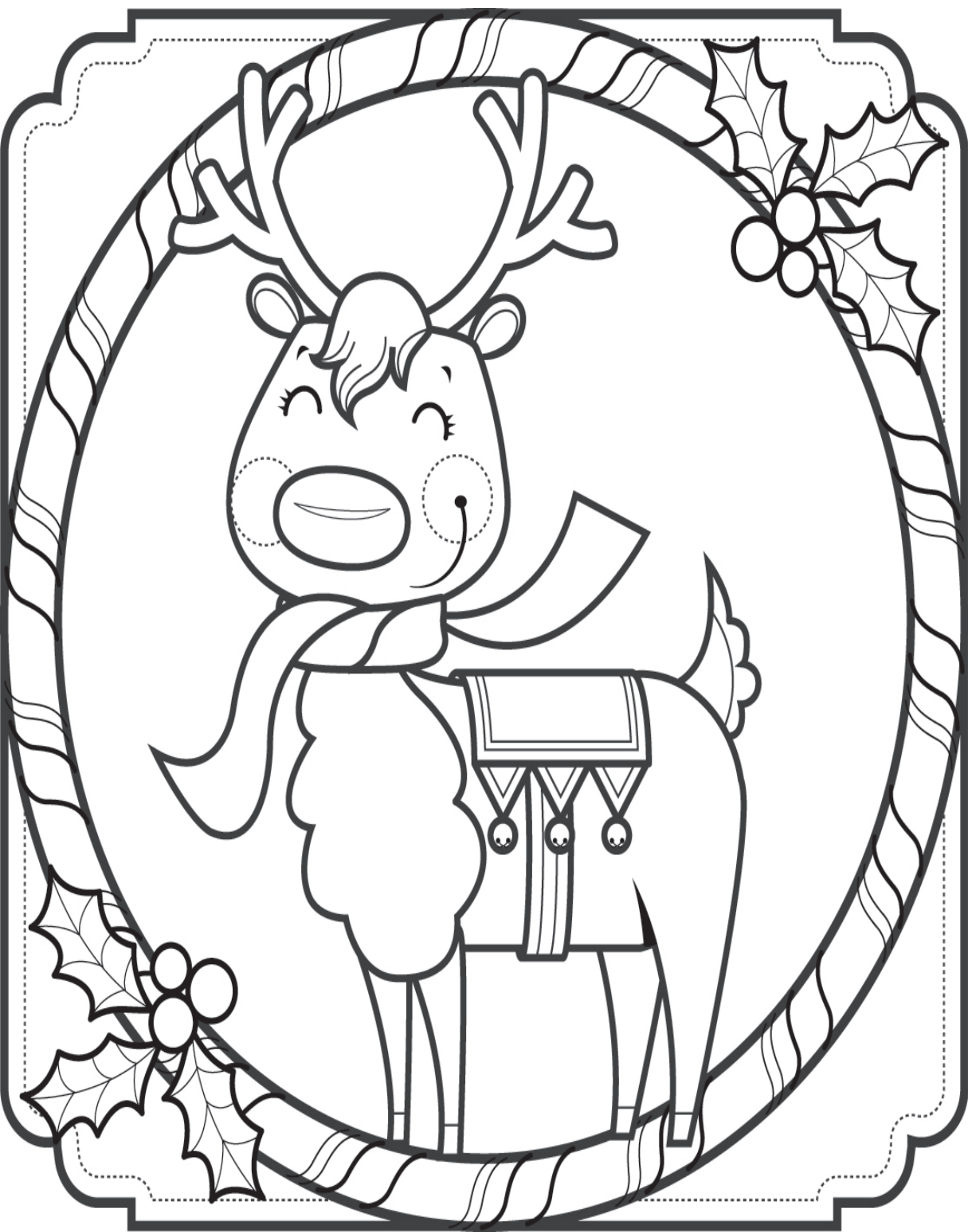
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Thanks for your support in making 2018 a great year for us. We appreciate the area's trust in us, and we look forward to building together in the future.



12-3-19  
 Dear Santa,  
 Can you please get me a Farm set they are fun. Can you tell Lizzy to have a Merry Christmas! How much elves are there in the North Pole? Do you have a baby number one really cut? Can you leave a note for me? Thank you for the presents. Have a nice Christmas.  
 Sincerely,  
 Bravlen Starck

Dec 5, 2019  
 Dear Santa  
 My reindeer has not been coming down. I am concerned if he has been coming. And if he comes tonight I do not need those presents. You don't have to give me a present, but if you can you could give me an apple watch.  
 Sincerely,  
 Anna Winter was

Dec. 12-5-19  
 Dear Santa,  
 How long does it take for the elves to make the toys? Can I please have farming simulator 17 and a fidget spinner and random presents? I don't know anything else that I want. Actually one more thing I want is a hoverboard. HO! HO! HO! And Merry Christmas!  
 Sincerely,  
 Ethan Thompson

Dec. 5, 2019  
 Dear Santa  
 How many carrots do the reindeer want? Santa can you please get me a kitten, a puppy, and a hoverboard? Santa can you get me a minecraft game too please? Oh, also write back too please.  
 Sincerely,  
 Raina Jensen

12-3-19  
 Dear Santa,  
 How many elfs do you have? Thank you for giving me presents for christmas! How is Mrs. W. IS she good? I am having a good time at school! can you give me help for christmas please?  
 Sincerely,  
 Gavin Levarsen

12-3-19  
 Dear Santa,  
 I would like Minecraft for christmas. How many elfs do you have? How do you fly the reindeer? How do you do a lot of work? I am excited for christmas!  
 Sincerely,  
 Evelyn De

12-3-19  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have a question how much elfs do you have in all? I would like a LOL doll please and thank you. But I just am thank ful for Jesuses Crist and were all together and nethle. Thank you for bring all presents to the kids.  
 Sincerely,  
 Danika White

12-3-19  
 Dear Santa,  
 May I get a \$300 Dollar Toy? Do you really bring one toy and parent bring the others? My favorite colors are blue and purple. I've been doing good in school. I still have not got an elf.  
 Sincerely,  
 Ben Smith

*Tidings of Comfort & Joy*

At Christmastime, may the company of loved ones present and the fond memories of those who have passed surround you with happiness and fill your heart with peace. We wish you all the very best this holiday season.

Bart Winter, Amy Edgerton, Isaiah Schott & Staff

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Dear Santa,  
 What do the reindeer do?  
 I want a Go cart for Christmas,  
 a football game, a fart, nerf guns,  
 a Army Game, a remote control car,  
 Monster trucks, a Phone, Books,  
 Thank you.  
 from  
 Carter

Dear Santa,  
 Hi Santa, I have some questions for you,  
 how do you get all the kids/parents presents?  
 How do you get to every city or town before  
 Christmas? I want a Alexa echo, and a dance  
 mirror. Thank you. I hope you're safe. Thank  
 for the gifts.  
 Sincerely,  
 Emma Menke

Dear Santa,  
 Does your reindeer have a  
 band? How was Thanksgiving? How old  
 is our elf? What I really want  
 for Christmas is an new phone. What  
 I want for is Alton. Thank you for  
 giving me toys.  
 Sincerely,  
 Garrett

Dear Santa,  
 Do the Reindeer have a  
 band? I want an American girl  
 for Christmas and a bunny please.  
 How is Mrs. Elbus and the Reindeer?  
 Thank you for the gift each year.  
 Do you like the snow?  
 sincerely  
 Faith Kay Crail

Dear Santa,  
 Do you get sick from eating  
 all the cookies? I want a science  
 kit and books. Thank you for giving  
 me toys. Does your belly burst?  
 Sincerely,  
 Libbie



CHRISTMAS  
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Merry Christmas from (L-R): Michelle Schulz, Dr. Jessica Koppen, Alissa Hanna, Becky Richter & Elida Soto

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Wishing you & yours a happy holiday season filled with love & plenty of Christmas spirit.  
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John, Kris, Kobe, Kermit, Curtis, & Sam

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 go our very best wishes for a holiday season  
 that's made to order.  
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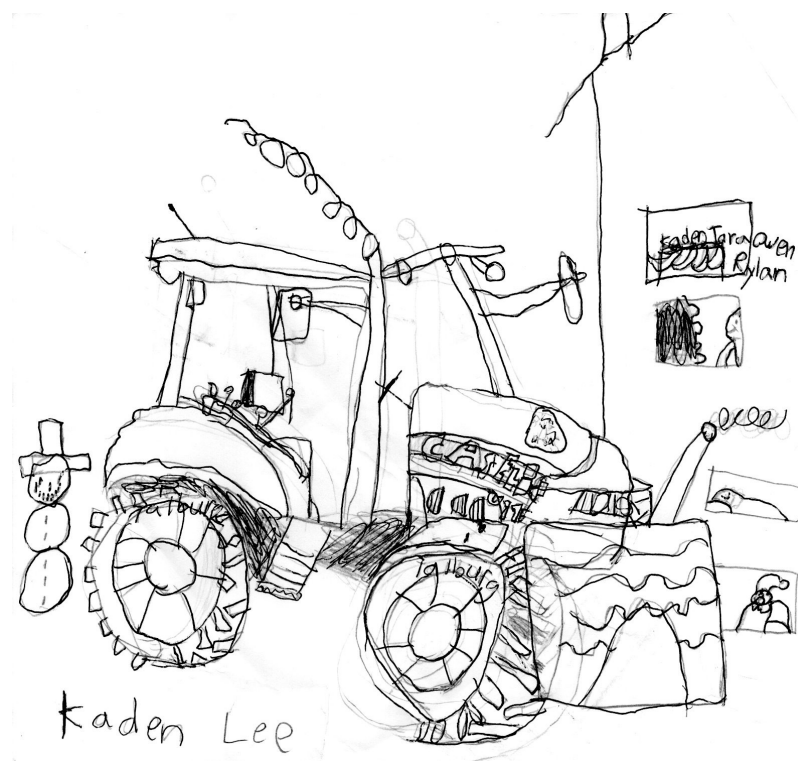
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Members of Silver Lake Lutheran Church are pictured above, decorating their sanctuary Christmas tree for the season.

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Front row, seated (L-R): Scott Hagenson, Jim Olsen, Doug Bacon, Justin Kester, Chief Todd Thorson, Matt Levine & Jeff Christenson. Middle row: Dorene Holstad, Diane Price, Megan Smith, Julie Evenson, Amy Vrieze, Jacqueline Olson, Marilyn Storby & Lanny Pratt. Back row: Cam Edgerton, Jeff Steele, Don Holtan, Ross Hanson and Justin Byars.



*Merry Christmas from the City Council!*

Front row: Tony Sorenson & Mayor Candy Hanna  
Back row: Joe Jamtgaard, Scott Flugum, & Katie Peterson

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The Tapestry Singers performed at the annual Advent Concert at Salem Lutheran Church, Sunday, Dec. 8. Pictured, front to back: Krista Reeder, Devyn Nicholson, Renee Bergo, Korin Peterson, Diane Clark, Kathleen Olson, Mindy Bjelland, Paula Hanson, Judy Eidness, Sue Myli, Jean Rondeau, Mary Orban, Teresa Nicholson, Nancy Guttormson, Steve Eidness, Bart Winter, Bill Rondeau, Carlton Shaw (hidden), Nate Sletten, Bruce Adams, Howard Laugen (hidden), Daryl Sherman, Dave Bergan, Mike Adams and Pastor Joel Guttormson. The choir is being directed by Kathy Nelson.

**Gingerbread House Poem**

*I made a house of gingerbread  
It was so sugary sweet  
It took me all day long to make  
but lasted just a week  
Monday I ate the ceiling  
Tuesday I ate the floor  
Wednesday I ate the windows  
Thursday I ate the floor  
Friday I ate all four walls  
Saturday I ate the lawn  
Sunday I licked all the crumbs  
My gingerbread house is gone*

**Holiday Recipes**

**Gingerbread Fudge**

3 cups dark chocolate chips or white chocolate chips  
1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk  
1/4 cup molasses  
1 tbsp. butter  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1-1/2 tsp. ground ginger  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
3/4 tsp. nutmeg  
1/2 tsp. allspice  
1/2 tsp. ground cloves  
Line an 8x8 pan with aluminum foil and lightly grease or butter the foil. Set aside. Combine chocolate chips, condensed milk, molasses, and butter in a medium-sized saucepan over medium heat. Stir frequently until butter and chips are completely melted and ingredients are completely combined. Add vanilla extract and all spices, stir well. Pour mixture into prepared pan (make sure pan is on a heatproof surface). Allow fudge to cool completely before cutting (this will take several hours at room temperature or refrigerate 1-2 hours).

**Chai Tea Latte**

8 ozs. cold water  
2 black tea bags  
1/2 tsp. honey or to taste  
1/8 tsp. black pepper  
1/8-1/4 tsp. ground ginger or 1/2 tsp. fresh ginger  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/8 tsp. ground cloves  
1/8 tsp. nutmeg  
Pinch of sea salt  
7 ozs. milk  
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract  
Whipped topping  
Pour water into saucepan and bring to a boil. Add all the spices along with the teabags (take off the tags before placing in the water). Let simmer on low for 1-2 minutes. Add milk and bring back up to a simmer. Take off heat, carefully take out teabags and add vanilla extract. Let steep for about 1 minute. Strain and pour into a large mug. Add whipped topping.

**Grinch Punch**

1 13-oz. packet lemon-lime powdered drink mix  
2 cups sugar  
1 12-oz. can pineapple juice  
1 12-oz. can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed  
1/2 liter lemon-lime soda pop  
Pour 2 quarts water in a 1 gallon pitcher. Add the powdered drink mix and sugar and stir until dissolved. Add pineapple juice and lemonade. Stir well. Just before serving, add soda pop and ice.

**Spiced Apple Mulled Cider**

8 cups apple cider  
16 whole cloves  
6 whole allspice  
5 cinnamon sticks  
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
8 thin orange slices  
8 thin lemon slices  
Combine cider and next 4 ingredients in a stock pot. Cook over low heat 30-60 minutes. Do not boil. Add fruit slices 5 minutes before serving. Serve hot.

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The Lake Mills Fire Dept. held their Christmas party, Sunday, Dec. 8, at the fire station. Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by to visit with the children of the firefighters. Pictured, front to back: Karlie Thompson, Caroline Welter, Beau Thompson, Kylee Mannes, Brynna Mannes, Morgan Overland, Ethan Overland, JJ Schipper, Sawyer Schipper, Raelee Christian, Thane Sandquist, Bailey Welter, Hayden Ostrander, Callen Ostrander, Logan Peterson, Evie Peterson, Tate Schipper, Becca Holtan, Molly Sandquist on Santa's lap, Tori Holtan on Mrs. Clause's lap, Madison Holtan, Dakota VanGundy, Sam Hagenson, and Liberty Overland.



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& joy  
to all the world*



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**OUTSIDE PLANT DEPARTMENT**—Front row, (L-R): Jeff Pederson, Jason Holtan, Chad Ducommun, Ryan Joynt, & Dylan Nitcher. Back row (L-R): Rob Renneker, Tom Eastvold, Chad Kloster, Aaron Johnson, Clay Caylor, Scott Thompson, Austin Theisen, Ron Arends, Ross Boysen, Greg Johnson, Jason Lucas, Kris Belica, Randy Wright, & Travis Tegland.





Santa and Mrs. Claus heard the wishes of 90 children at the Lake Mills Public Library, Thursday, Dec. 5.

Most were very happy to sit with the couple and tell them what they would like for Christmas . . . some were not.



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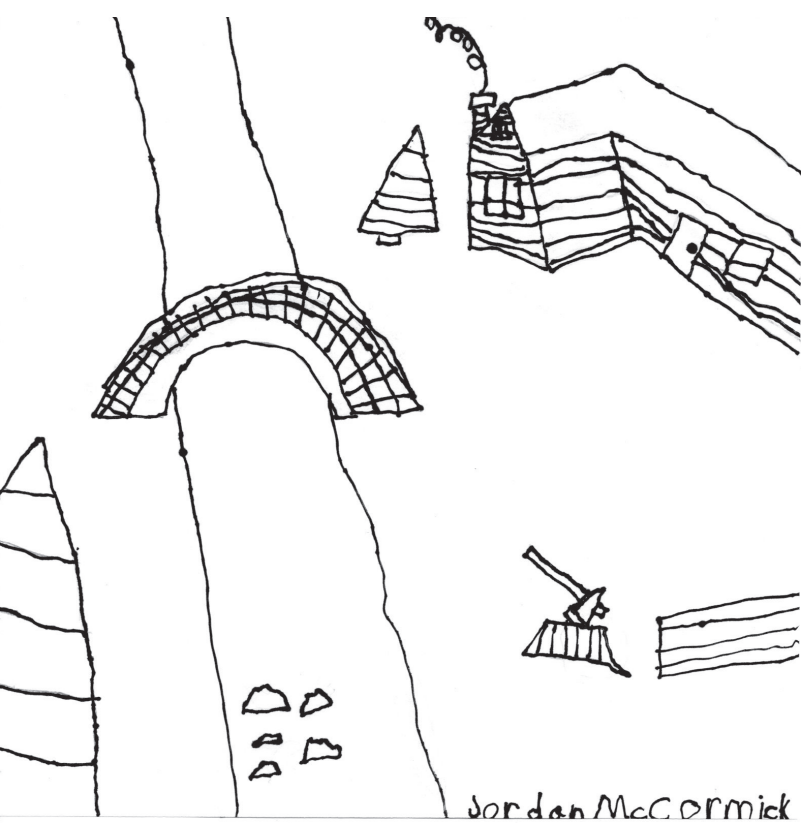
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**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**  
 5 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service

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 Rev. David Schafer  
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**Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24**  
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**Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25**  
 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion

*Rejoice in the season for the season*

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**Christmas Worship, Dec. 23/24**  
 10:30 a.m. Lunder Christmas Carol  
**Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24**  
 Worship w/Candlelight & Holy Communion  
 4 p.m. Immanuel Candlelight & Carol  
 Winnebago "Silent Night, Holy Night"  
 6 p.m. Bethany "Silent Night, Holy Night"  
 7 p.m. Silver Lake Candlelight & Carol  
**Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25**  
 Celebrated w/Holy Communion  
 10:30 a.m. Winnebago "God With Us"



**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Pastor Joel Guttormson & Pastor Melinda McCluskey  
 401 S. Lake St., Lake Mills  
**Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24**  
 5 p.m. Candlelight Worship  
 10:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship



**SCARVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 411 Logan St., Scarville  
 Pastor Joshua Skogen  
**Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24**  
 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Vespers  
**Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25**  
 9 a.m. Christmas Festival Service, Sacrament of the Altar



**SION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 4525 Finch Ave., Lake Mills  
**Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24**  
 7:30 p.m. Joint Christmas Eve Worship w/Holy Communion at West Prairie  
**Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25**  
 8:30 a.m. Christmas Worship w/Holy Communion at Sion



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 4 p.m. St. Patrick, Britt  
 4 p.m. St. James, Forest City  
 6 p.m. St. Boniface, Garner  
 6 p.m. St. Patrick, Buffalo Center  
**Christmas Day Mass, Dec. 25**  
 9 a.m. St. Patrick, Lake Mills  
 10 a.m. St. Wenceslaus, Duncan  
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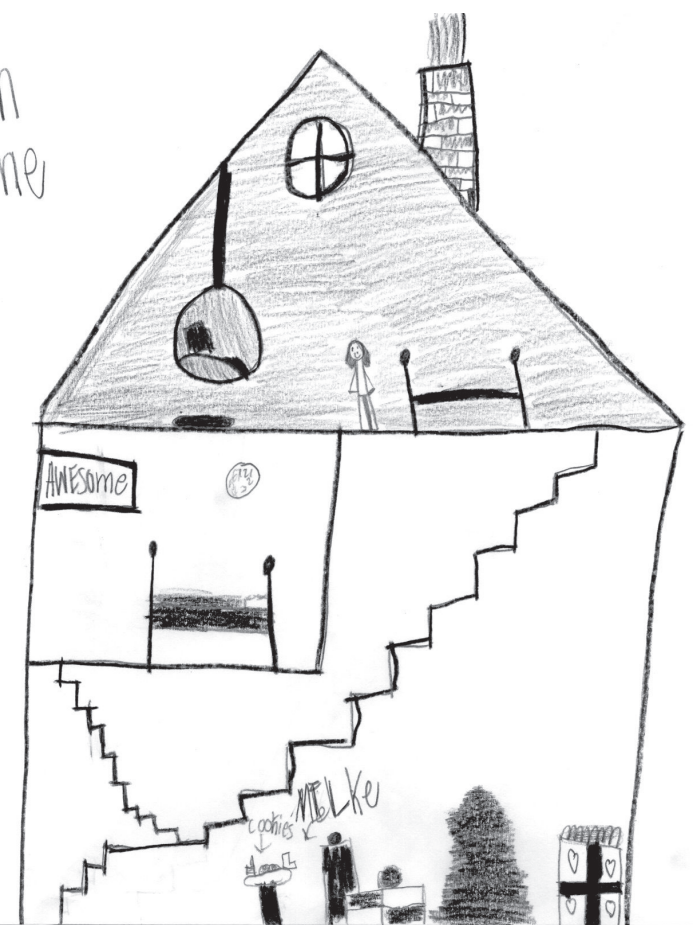


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Faith Stone



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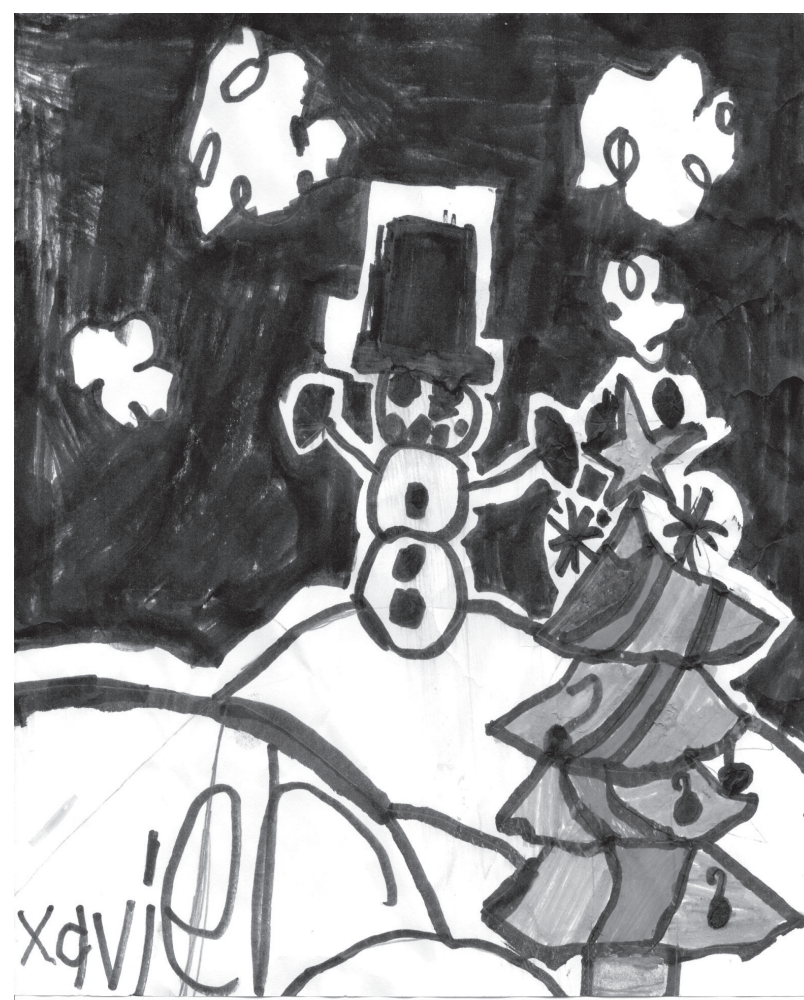
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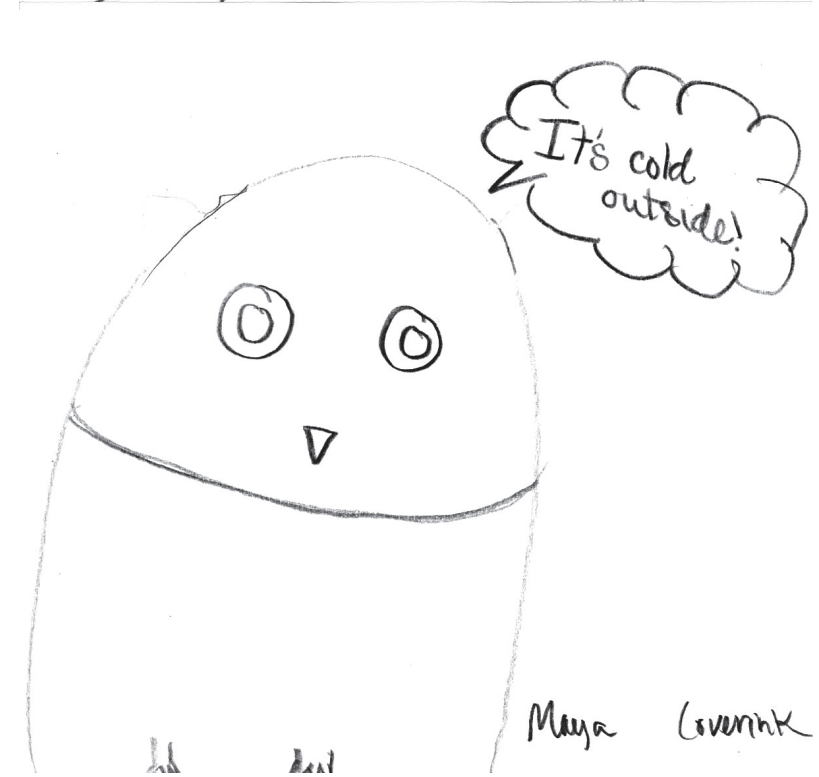
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Xavier



Maya Lovvink

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(sing to "Deck the Halls")

Deck the halls with lefse slices  
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Do not check on what the price is  
fa la la la la la uffda  
Might be thought a strange creation  
fa la la la la la la la  
But it's great as insulation  
fa la la la la la uffda

Lefse's sure to be the fate-o  
fa la la la la la uffda  
Of each old and cold potato  
fa la la la la la la uffda  
Mix with lard, there is not waste  
fa la la la la la la la  
Also notice there's not taste  
fa la la la la la la uffda

Lefse is a Christmas treat  
fa la la la la la uffda  
All the Scandinavians eat  
fa la la la la la la uffda  
Notice how a Norske flaunts it  
fa la la la la la la la  
Even though nobody wants it  
fa la la la la la la uffda



Wishing you and your family all the very best this joyous time of year!

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As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten money to buy what was in the shoebox.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy."

As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her.

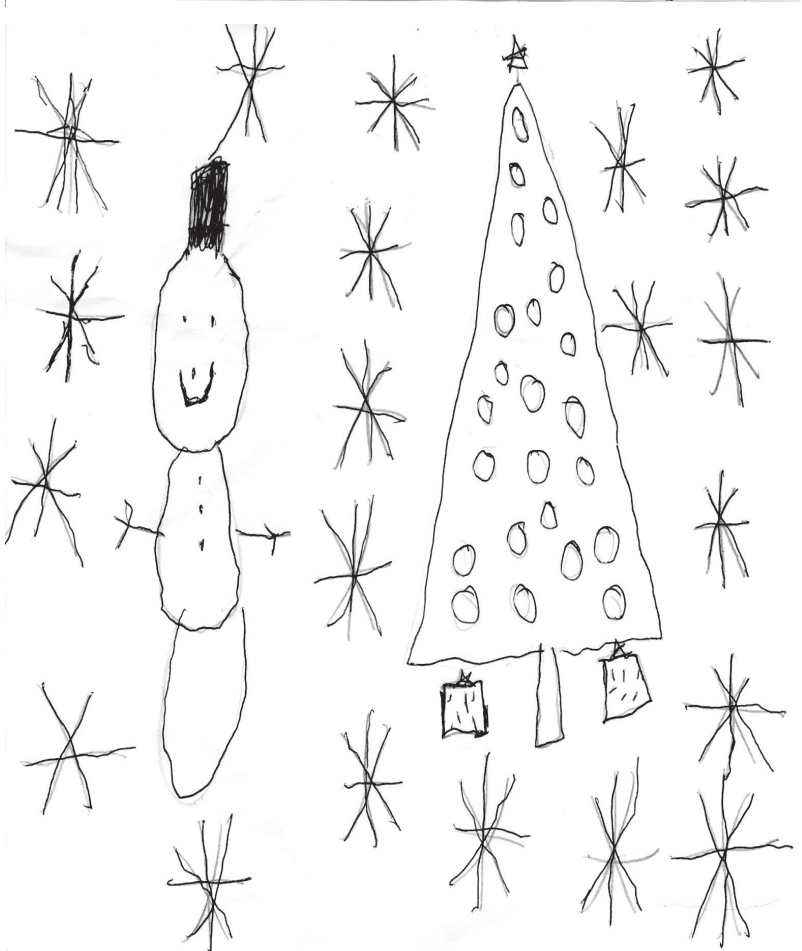
But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package."

The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.



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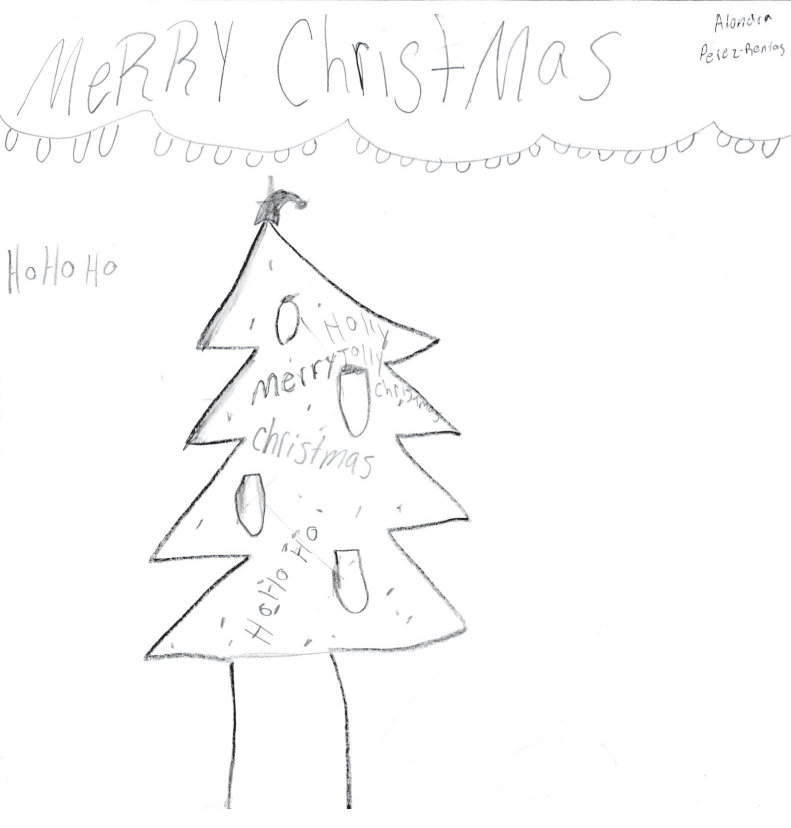
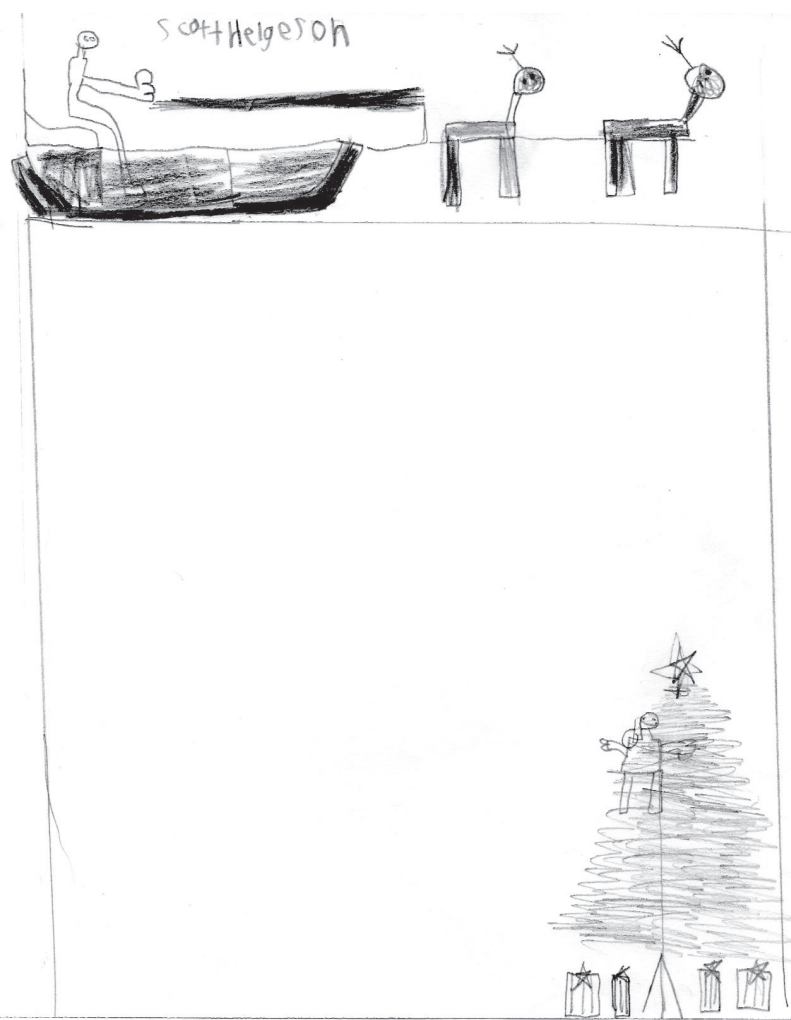
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The Sletten girls performed at A Cup of Christmas Tea, Saturday, Dec. 7, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice. Pictured singing are siblings, Ella and Addie, while mother, Mindy, accompanies them on the piano.

### For the man who hated Christmas

BY NANCY W. GAVIN

It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past 10 years.

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas. Oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it—overspending and the frantic running around at the last minute to get gifts given in desperation, because you couldn't think of anything else.

Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Our son was on the wrestling team at school. Shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy uniforms and

sparkling new wrestling shoes.

As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear. It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford.

Well, we ended up taking every weight class. Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them." That's when the idea for his present came.

That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes, and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed a small, white envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done, and that this was his gift from me.

Mike's smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year. And that same bright smile lit up succeeding years. For each Christmas, I followed the tradition—one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair

of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on.

The white envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning, and our children would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents. As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the small, white envelope never lost its allure.

The story doesn't end there. You see, we lost Mike to cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief, that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree. And the next morning, I found it was magically joined by three more. Unbeknownst to the others, each of our three children had, for the first time, placed a white envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing to take down that special envelope.

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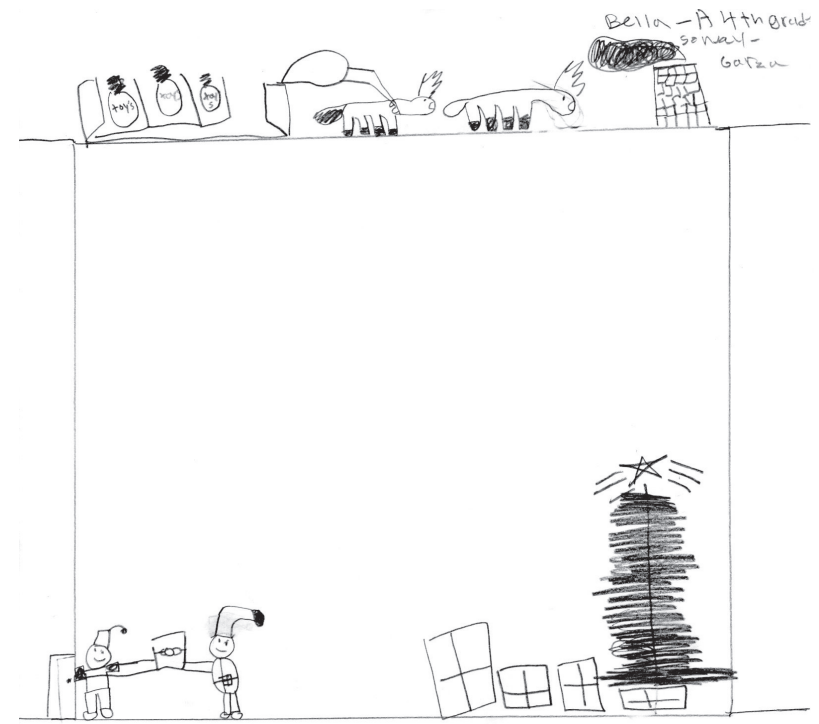
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Pictured sitting with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Lake Mills Public Library, Dec. 5, are (top to bottom): Tinsley Storby, Benjamin Isaac, Mary (Dave) Peterson, and Joralice Colon Rodriguez. Popular gift requests this year included unicorns, dinosaurs, LOL dolls, princess suitcases, and cell phones.



**All the best!**

With warm wishes & gratitude for your continued patronage.

Bob & Mary Peterson

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**Merry Christmas!**

Wishing you as much joy as you've brought to us all year!  
We look forward to serving you again in the New Year

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*Hallelujah!*

May the many blessings of the season be yours to have & hold this Christmas.

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May the spirit of Christmas light your heart & home with enough cheer to last all year

**Merry Christmas!**

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wishing you a Merry Christmas

May you find everything you want under the tree, & in your heart this holiday season.

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may your days be

**MERRY & BRIGHT**

We hope your holiday is special in every single way. Thanks for adding some sparkle to our year. We appreciate your support & friendship.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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**Season's Greetings**

At this festive time of year, we like to display our gratitude to our good neighbors and friends.

Have a great holiday!

**ROGNES BROS. EXCAVATING INC.**

205 N. Mill St.  
Lake Mills, Iowa

CUSTOMERS  
NEIGHBORS  
ASSOCIATES  
FRIENDS

You make it all worthwhile!  
With best wishes for a happy holiday season from our entire staff.

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*With Best Wishes & Gratitude*

May you enjoy a very merry season & a joyous New Year.

**PETERSON SANITATION**



LMCS first grade students raised \$625 for Toys for Tots and went shopping at Singelstad Hardware last Tuesday morning, Dec. 10. The students are pictured with the toys they picked out.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*from the staff at MBT-Lake Mills*

Seated (left to right):

Tiffany Fraaken, Annie Hanson, Jessica Breuklander, & Brenda Hennigar

Standing (left to right):

David Taft, Dan Langerud, Scott Drexler, Doug Gust, Chris Helgeson, Brian Knudtson, & Brad Skinness

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Serving the Lake Mills Community is the right thing to do. This past year we donated over 1,500 hours of community service to the following:

Church Boards or Councils  
LMCDC  
Lake Mills Lions Club  
City of Lake Mills Revolving Loan Fund

Forest City Fire Department  
Jury Jubilee  
Relay for Life

Volunteer Youth Coaches  
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