



## The True Meaning of Christmas

Christmas 2021

Dear Friends,

Six year old Jacob pointed to a nativity set and asked, "what is that?" His counselor answered, "that is Jesus in the manger." When Jacob still looked confused, the counselor explained further, "this the story of Christmas."

Jacob was participating in a LOMO Outreach Day Camp. He lived in the neighborhood of the day camp host congregation but his family did not attend worship services nor participate in church activities.

That summer's camp curriculum was the seasons of the church year. To Jacob, Christmas only meant getting gifts and decorating the house with a Christmas tree. Jacob learned the true meaning of Christmas,



*"Mary gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." ...*

*"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 7, 9-10*

Every summer we share the good news of God's love and the gift of Jesus. We share this through caring camp counselors, Discovery Bible Studies, singing, chapel, campfires, creation exploration, new friendships and a multitude of camp activities. Camp Luther, Lutheran Memorial Camp, and LOMO Outreach Day Camps are each sacred spaces where God's love is shared.

**Your gift at Christmas is a gift that lasts throughout the year!** Your gift to children, teens, young adults and families keeps the spirit of Christmas alive year-round as we share the good news of Jesus' birth.

May your Advent and Christmas be filled with the love and joy of the living Christ.

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Sincerely, In Christ,

*Penny Christensen*

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