

Insight...

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high...”

Luke 1:76-78

☞ **Jesus was the perfect gift...**throughout the years I've heard a number of responses when people receive less than perfect gifts. Here are a few:

1. This is perfect for wearing in the basement.
2. I really don't deserve this.
3. Gosh, I hope this never catches fire!
4. Well, well, well...isn't this something.
5. If the dog buries this, I'll be furious!
6. I Love it, but I fear the jealousy it will inspire.

☞ **Help People Helping People help people...**with their Adopt a Family by purchasing the following items and delivering them to P.H.P, 306 Mine Road, Baraboo, WI 53913

Ham	French Fried Onions	Dinner Rolls	Canned Yams
Potatoes	2 Boxes of Jello	Gravy Mix	Canned Corn
Eggs	Cream of Mushroom Soup	Cool Whip	Canned Green Beans
Butter	Marshmallows	Clothes	Pie

☞ **Mary, did you know?** For the Christmas nativity play the Virgin Mary will be forced to wear a riding helmet during a nativity play to comply with health and safety. The girl picked for the part of Mary in the play, will have don a riding hat in order to ride on the back of a donkey. It was the owner of the donkey who insisted that Mary, wear the hat to comply with his insurance policy.

☞ **New Greif Share support group starting up...**at St. Clare Hospital – Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Starts January 5th from 6:30 – 8 pm, Crane Room B. Questions? Talk to Pastor Dave or contact Jonathan Tipton at 608-434-3118.

☞ **The Beauty of Mathematics** – “Armies of thinkers have been defeated by the enigma of why most fundamental laws of nature can be written down so conveniently as equations. Why is it that so many laws can be expressed as an absolute imperative, that two apparently unrelated quantities (the equation's left and right sides) are exactly equal?” [Graham Farmelo, in his Forward to *It Must Be Beautiful: Great Equations of Modern Science* (Granta Books, 2002)]

☞ **The Miracle of Mathematics** – “The enormous usefulness of mathematics is something bordering on the mysterious...There is no rational explanation for it...The miracle of the appropriateness of the language of mathematics for the formulation of the laws of physics is a wonderful gift which we neither understand nor deserve.” [Eugene Wigner in *The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics in the Physical Sciences*, 1960]

☞ **The first electric Christmas lights**...were first brilliantly displayed a string of lights outside Thomas Edison's workplace, the Menlo Park Laboratory in New Jersey, in 1880. The first people to see them were train passengers riding by the building. It was Edison's partner, Edward H. Johnson, who took the idea and applied it to Christmas trees. He was the first person to hand wire 80 colored light bulbs and wrap them around his Christmas tree. Prior to this idea, people would try to light up their Christmas trees with candles. After World War II, Corning, an American glass company, started making ornaments out of a light bulb machine. They made 300,000 ornaments a day!

☞ **Trivia Question:** Before World War II most Christmas tree ornaments were imported from what country? A. Japan B. Germany C. Sweden D. Norway

For Prayer...

...Please remember to pray for and encourage those who are struggling this Christmas because of the loss of loved ones and the stifling loneliness into which this season tempts people to abide.

...Janet's niece, Jennifer Carter (33) is missing and feared taken in the Seattle area. Please pray for her safety and quick return.

...Rachel – under spiritual oppression. Please pray for this new sister in Christ. Strength.

...Ardyth's sister, Bonnie, is seriously ill, suffering and has not make a profession of faith in the Lord. We pray for cogent moment when she can hear and respond to the Spirit's call.

...Please keep Amy in your prayers as she battles alcoholism. Remember also Amy's mother Pat and her sisters: Allison, Angie, and Anita.

...Continued prayer for Deloris (Keviny's mom) Since April she has been getting terrible worse and is in lots of pain. She has several infections needs a new hip, has a torn shoulder and arthritis in her knees. We beg for mercy in regards to her pain.

...Christmas Eve and Children Christmas services.

...Ed – Working in Nigeria. Trouble shooting debilitating problem at an FM radio station.

...Missionaries in need of support...

...Youth Pastor search committee and the man they will call...

...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Christy (Mike)

Sue (John)

Tom (Barb)

Cheryl (Deane)

Ken & Judy

Dave (Jean)

Linda (Gary)

Dale (Connie)

...Our Expectant Mothers

Coty (Steve)

Amber (Keenan)

Johanna (Joshua)

Katie (Kyle)

Sara (Drew)

Jill (Dale)

Angela (Ryan)

Rebekah (Adam)

Lindsey (Jeremy)

Nocole (Jonathan)

Sarah (Nathan)



The Son of God became a man to
enable men to become sons of God.

C. S. Lewis

Trivia Answer:

Germany

