ABLEDIC NEWSLETTER

## merry christmas!

In the 8th century before our Savior was born, the Prophet Isaiah wrote of God's incarnation. The child was a descendant of King David but grew up in "Galilee of the Gentiles". The One to come was none other than the great creator God of the universe. The child born unto us was Mighty God.

ABLED is a ministry. Our mission is "Serving Jesus Christ by enabling developmentally disabled individuals to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities." We do not require anyone to be a Christian to be served by us or to work for us. But, we expect everyone to support our mission and abide by Christian principles. Let's be an agency that keeps Christ in Christmas and make the Holyday season truly Holy.

We ask God to fill our house with a genuine and caring workforce with good hearts to serve those entrusted to our care. He answers our prayers and gives us wisdom and discernment. As the year comes to a close, we are blessed to be a blessing! ABLED will pay out accumulated unused Paid Time Off (PTO) to DSPs and six month and anniversary bonus's to DSPs and SLPs in good standing based on length of service. We are truly grateful for their loyalty and commitment to our mission and for God's provision!

We pray that God's love surrounds each of our ABLED families this Holyday season and ignites *Good Tidings of Great Joy!*  ABLED, INC. 7562 Upton Grey Ln Lincoln NE 68516 402-904-7433 WWW.ABLEDINC.COM

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## Thank You for joining us in our mission!

"Serving Jesus Christ by enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities"

## **FEEDBACK**

We want to make ABLED the best agency. Please use the link at the top of this email to let us know how we're doing and provide suggestions. Your survey comments are anonymous, unless you choose to submit your name.

You may also contact us by phone, email, mail or on our website at **www.abledinc.com.** 



## NOV 27 HOLIDAY PARTY







# LAURITZEN GARDENS







## FRIENDSHIP & SOCIAL CLUB

Participants can register to attend adaptive recreation clubs through Lincoln Parks and Recreation.

Age 22+|\$5/event|Activity + Snack Time: 6:30-8pm Location: Auld Pavilion, 650 Memorial Dr

To register contact: Sherry Connett 402-441-7948 or Kim Eliker at 402-441-7901



Jan 24 Feb 14 Feb 28 Mar 6 Mar 27 Apr 10 Apr 24

Welcome Back Activities Valentine Day Dance Bingo Talent Show Part 1 Valentinos Pizza + Part 2 JoYo Theater Spring Fling

## LOCAL HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

**Dec 16 Falling Snow Craft Fair** Lancaster Event Center 10am-4pm Free

Dec 16 Hickman Holiday Lighted Parade Hickman, NE 5:30 \$10 entry fee

**Dec 17 Christmas at Stillwater Equestrian Barn** 18221 S 68th St, Hickman NE 6-7:30 pm Warm clothing donations accepted



# The Meaning of Christmas

Christmas is a popular December holiday celebrated by large numbers of people all around the world. Christmas has long been known as the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, and the celebration first began to be observed in the early fourth century.

In the New Testament, we read about our Lord's birth. The angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she will give birth even though she is a virgin and unwed. Mary is told that her baby will be the "Son of God." Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Because there was no room in the inn, the baby Jesus is born in a stable and placed in a manger. His humble birth is celebrated by choirs of angels and shepherds, and he is given precious gifts by the mysterious Magi.

The exact date of Jesus' birth is unknown, as the Bible does not give specifics as to the dates of either His birth or conception. For various reasons, the date of December 25 gained wide acceptance. Christians simply celebrate on this day to remember the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Despite popular holiday characters, the real story of Christmas is not about elves, reindeer or Santa. It's a story of God becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? <u>Because He loves us!</u> Why was Christmas necessary? <u>Because we needed a Savior!</u> Why does God love us so much? <u>Because He is love itself.</u> Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? <u>Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each</u> <u>other gifts, worshiping Him, and being conscious of the less fortunate.</u>

The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of an incredible act of love. God loved His own and provided a way—the only Way—for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." JOHN 3:16-17