



From a Provincial Point of View Christmas Issue

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This special holiday season gives us a chance to celebrate with family and friends and an opportunity to thank those who have meant so much to us. In the spirit of Christmas, I thank you for your support, loyalty and friendship.

May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter & goodwill & may the year ahead be full of contentment & joy.

On behalf of my wife Trish, and our children Carter and Paige, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Premier Brad Wall's Christmas Message

A few years ago a man entered a church in a Saskatchewan city, just before Christmas on the first Sunday of advent. His life felt dark with misery and with little hope of change. When the service began, the church was darkened and the priest began to read. Someone lit the first advent candle. That one candle glowed and dispelled the darkness. The man felt that Light and focused desperately on it. To him it suddenly represented the hope he had been missing. Hope that just maybe, one small bit of Light could change him. That maybe there was a chance that the peace and hope of Christmas could penetrate his soul. He is quite a different man today.



Years ago God became man in the form of a tiny baby. An unadorned baby, born into inauspicious surroundings, who was to be called Jesus. Human in the humblest form. To show us that He chose to identify with our struggles and provide a way of peace and hope. To show us that He looks at our hearts, not our appearance or our bank account or whether there are letters after our name. We are all equal in His eyes.

Everyone is deserving of a chance. Deserving of hope. Even deserving of a miracle. He taught us to be kind to each other and give help and healing where needed. To let our light shine.

We all need hope. We can all give hope. Being one small bit of light in someone's life can make a profound difference. A small shoebox filled with love can bring hope to a child in Mexico. A cow or a chicken given to honor someone you love can help a family in Africa. But we don't have to look even that far to find someone we can help. A Salvation Army kettle in Saskatoon can buy a gift for a child who is otherwise unlikely to get one. A Food Bank in Moose Jaw can give a hamper for a family who would otherwise miss out on Christmas dinner. Or an invitation tendered in Spiritwood can provide the warmth of family to someone who would otherwise be lonely.

As George Matthew Adams said, "Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first."

There was a spirit of hope among a group of shepherds 2,000 years ago that was unprecedented. It remains unprecedented today. All because a child was born to bring hope to all people.

For most of us in Saskatchewan, there is a spirit of hope today that is unprecedented. Yet there are still those in need. In need of jobs, in need of a warm place to live, in need of our generosity. This Christmas and all the year, we can be His source of light and hope. We should all aspire to be that light.

From me and my wife Tami, and our children Megan, Colter and Faith, and from my colleagues in the Government of Saskatchewan, we wish you a Christmas that celebrates hope and light and love.

To listen to the Premier's Christmas message go to
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hNRvz6mP9s>

Christmas Message from the Leader of the Opposition

These days, it's so easy to get caught up in all the hustle and bustle of Christmas. For some, I know the holidays are a very busy and stressful time. But I hope everyone can take some time to enjoy the true meaning of this holiday season and the values that Saskatchewan people are known for; giving, caring and sharing.

I'm wishing you a peaceful Christmas full of the most important things...spending time with your family and friends...reminiscing about the past and looking forward to the new year.

Saskatchewan has a proud and diverse heritage, where we all celebrate in our individual way. My family and I will be celebrating Christmas in the same way our parents and Grandparents did in our Norwegian tradition. I know many others will also be embracing their heritage at this time. This is what helps to make it such a special time of the year.

There are a number of new Canadians who have made Saskatchewan their home, and who add to our multicultural tapestry. It makes the holiday season even richer as we join in or share stories of our unique celebrations, whether they be Christmas, Hanukkah, Ashura, or Kwanzaa, to name a few.

As we reflect on the past year, let us give thanks for all that we have, but let us also remember those who are having a difficult time this year. There are families and individuals who have not yet shared in the good fortune Saskatchewan is experiencing. Others are grieving the loss of loved ones or facing challenges at work or at home. To those, we must offer comfort and hope for better times in the future.

On behalf of my family, and colleagues of the New Democratic Party caucus, I would like to wish you all the best over the holiday season and into the new year.

Lieutenant Governor's 2011 Christmas Message

As I near the end of my time as Lieutenant Governor, I have been reflecting on the remarkable experience of serving as Her Majesty's representative in Saskatchewan.



I have been fortunate to visit every region of our beautiful province, from the majestic Nistowiak Falls and the expansive Athabasca Sand Dunes in the north, to the wide open prairies and vast grasslands of the south.

It has been very easy to serve as Lieutenant Governor in a province where the people are so welcoming and supportive. I have enjoyed spending time with senior citizens - War Brides and Veterans, and retirees - who are such active volunteers.

I have been deeply impressed by the youth I have met. There are so many young people who are pursuing educational goals and making community service a priority.

My time as Lieutenant Governor has made me even more grateful to call Saskatchewan home, and even more optimistic about our future.

My wife Naomi and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Promise Yourself



I received this message in a Christmas card this year and found it very inspiring at this special time of year. I hope you enjoy it.

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To think only the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud words but great deeds.

To live in faith that the whole world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

- Christian D. Larson -

(It is said that Bob Hope, after meeting the author in 1941, carried "The Promise Prayer" in his pocket... and gave copies to the USA service men during WWI)

Thought of the Day

"Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance – a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved."

Augusta E. Rundel

Some Upcoming Events

(If you would like your event listed in Provincial Point of View, please contact ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net)

Please check my website at www.cheveldayoff.org for additional information.

Saskatchewan Youth Parliament

When: December 26 – 31

Where: Regina

Details: The Christmas Session is the highlight of the SYP calendar year. Please visit their website at <http://www.saskyouthparliament.com>

BHP Billiton Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour

When: November 18, 2011-January 8, 2012

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park, 1903 Forestry Farm Park Drive

Time: 5:30 pm-11:00 pm nightly

Details: A spectacular forest drive-through Christmas light show featuring illuminated evergreens and computer animated character light displays on a 2.5km route. \$6.00 per person, \$25.00 per car, 3 and under free.

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