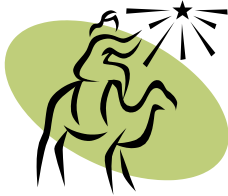


The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14



CHRISTMAS 2004



Dear Family and Friends,

Another eventful year is drawing to a close. It has gone by fast. The Mt. Olive Staff party and the Chancel Choir party were moved to January. That makes December much better. Marlene had many doctor's appointments in January; some in preparation for knee surgery in February. Physical therapy and exercises took up Marlene's time for two months and then exercise continued. It was well worth it. Nathan and Mark were the helpers, which was great.

Nathan had the Choristers Guild Festival in Colorado Springs in April. Many churches bring their children and youth choirs to a Mass concert every Spring. They truly enjoy participating every year.

Our granddaughter, Dakota, had her continuation ceremony to end the Pre-School year, in May. She is in the same Pre-School this year and loves it. Dakota is also in a gymnastics class once a week and also enjoys that. She is looking forward to having a little brother in February. Her Daddy and Mommy, Randy and Susan, are both doing well.

Nathan and Marlene went to South Dakota the end of June, beginning of July, to visit Marlene's sister and her family. We also attended the All-School Reunion in Andover. It was great to see many classmates again. Marlene's sister, Sharon, came back to Littleton with us for three weeks. We did a lot of touristy things, such as Royal Gorge, Pike's Peak Cog Rail Train ride to the top and back, Georgetown, Trail Ridge road with a stop at the Alpine Center, Estes Park and downtown Denver. Our son, Mark, took her back to South Dakota, stopping at our daughter, Charlene's overnight.

Nathan and Marlene went to St. Louis in August for a Music Seminar at Concordia Seminary. We took a few extra days so we could do a bit of sightseeing and visit Nathan's parents' graves. We also able to see Nathan's cousins, Donna Wiesen, Janice and Buck Evans and Nathan's Aunt Arline Bultmann in Illinois.

Our son, Mark, spent September and October in South Dakota. A business venture he was hoping for fell through, but he was able to get better acquainted with his aunt and cousins. He went back up for Thanksgiving also.

Charlene and Dan are in Ainsworth, NE. Dan continues with the Nebraska Power Co. Charlene is a receptionist in a medical clinic. Luke and Matt are both attending college in Norfolk, NE and going to Ainsworth Friday, Saturday and Sunday most weekends to work at the jobs they had over the summer. We are looking forward to having them with us for Christmas again this year. Their coming truly makes Christmas complete.

Philip and Kim have transferred to Mt. Olive, where we are members.. Both Myles and Jules are now in public school. Myles is in Confirmation. At the beginning of the year, we attended an awards program where Myles was honored for his 4.0 average. Jules was in a play in September at a local theater and dance co. She also had a part in the Sunday School Christmas service. Philip changed jobs this fall. He now works at a John Elway, (Auto Nation) dealership as a mechanic. Kim continues to work for the US Fish and Wildlife agency.

Stephen continues in the label making business and Kris is in payroll. We were able to attend some of Kayla's softball games last summer. We also attended her school Christmas concert last week. I am thankful to Kris, who made all of our Christmas cards with her Stamping Up tools and know-how.

Mark helped Susan paint some rooms in her house when he came back from South Dakota. Now he is painting our house. He hopes to have the entire downstairs finished before Christmas. I will have a lot of work to put it all back together before Dan and Charlene arrive, but I'm sure everything will work out.

Nathan and Marlene had some extra Saturday choir rehearsals this year. We had a Hymn Festival in May with Donald Busarow, which meant two extra rehearsals in May to learn all the music. This was in conjunction with our 40th anniversary at Mt. Olive. We also had four special Sundays of celebration this fall. Our Lessons and Carols the first Sunday of December also generated two extra rehearsals in November.

We are grateful for all the blessings which God bestows on us. If you happen to be in our area any time, come to see us. We would love to have you. May God bless your celebration of Jesus' birth and bless you and yours throughout the coming New Year.

Joy and Peace,

Nathan and Marlene