

From the Parish Nurse



THE WHITE STOCKING

“Twas the night before Christmas as I walked through the house. Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The presents had been wrapped and placed under the tree. I paused, tired, excited, then giggled with glee. The stockings were hanging and were beautifully filled. No one had been forgotten, though the credit card was billed. As I looked at the scene with the stockings on the ledge. I noticed one was empty, the one on the edge. Where is the spirit of Christmas what have I done? The children’s are all full except for this one. It was intended for the child of Bethlehem. The white stocking for Jesus that was hung by them. Of all the people at Christmas, that might be forgotten. How could I not remember the Father’s only Begotten? Only he had been left out of the festivities. As we planned and prepared all, for our families. As I pondered, I realized this just was not right!!

It was his birth that was being celebrated after this night. I resolved then and there to remember the Lord. And quickly made changes that were easy to afford. I hung the white stocking in a special place in our home. And corrected the atmosphere to provide a more spiritual tone. On Christmas morning I gathered the family together. And each of us wrote on a special piece of paper. We gave Jesus a gift which we placed in the stocking. A sincere change of heart, not there for the mocking. The white stocking hung in our home as a symbol for us of the true meaning of Christmas – the Savior, the Lord Jesus.

So take your white stocking and hang it with pride. Remember the Savior, put his gift inside.
(adapted by Carolyn Cox Canberra)

Do you have a white stocking to hang in your house?

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the father of lights whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

I wish all United Lutheran members, families, and friends a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Healthy Christmas Season. GOD BLESS

—Charlotte Spencer, Parish Nurse