





December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Resources: Unique Holidays used from Holiday Insights</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Virginia Lutherans Ambassadors for Christ <small>Virginia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America</small></p> </div>		<p>Write a Friend Month</p> 	<p>Bingo Month</p> 	<p>1 As the old saying goes, "an apple a day, keeps the doctor away". So today, munch on an apple and know that you are eating healthy.</p> <p>Eat a Red Apple Day</p> 	<p>2 Make tonight a FAMILY FUN NIGHT. Plan a special dinner, play games together and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>3 Give thanks that you have a place that you can call home. Tonight, pray for those that don't have a place to call home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  National Roof Over Your Head Day </p>
<p>4 Read Matthew 3:1-12</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>5 Today is a good time to skip your nightly shower and take a nice long bubble bath. Bring out your "Rubber Ducky", and have fun.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Bathtub Party Day </p>	<p>6 Celebrate today by putting coins into your family members shoes! With your parents help, search the internet to find out more about St. Nicholas Day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  St. Nicholas Day </p>	<p>7 Use pen and paper and write a hand written letter today. Maybe you can write a letter of appreciation to your teacher.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Letter Writing Day </p>	<p>8 Whether it is plain, chocolate with nuts, peanut butter, or chocolate chips; brownies are delicious. Make some for dessert tonight.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  National Brownie Day </p>	<p>9 With your parents help, use construction paper and coloring supplies to make your Christmas greeting cards this year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Christmas Card Day </p>	<p>10 Make tonight a FAMILY FUN NIGHT. Plan a special dinner, play games together and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>
<p>11 Read Matthew 11:2-11</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>12 Another name for this festive plant is "Flower of the Holy Night". With your parents help, search the internet to discover more about the poinsettia plant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Poinsettia Day </p>	<p>13 There are so many flavors of ice cream than ever before. Take a family trip to the ice cream parlor and enjoy!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Ice Cream Day </p>	<p>14 So that others will know about Jesus, we "tell" them through our words and good deeds. Discuss with your family how you can "tell" others about Jesus.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>15 Make tonight a FAMILY FUN NIGHT. Plan a special dinner, play games together and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>16 For family dessert, try having a chocolate fondue. Dip marshmallows, pound cake cubes; anything that can be covered with chocolate. Enjoy!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> National Chocolate Covered Anything Day </p>	<p>17 What goes better on a stack of pancakes, waffles or french toast than warm maple syrup. Try some today!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  National Maple Syrup Day </p>
<p>18 Read Matthew 1:18-25</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>19 Sunday's lesson was about Jesus' family tree. Discuss with your family tonight your family "roots".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>20 Today is a wonderful opportunity to share songs of God's gift of Jesus. Gather as many friends and family to go throughout the neighborhood and join in the singing!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Let's Go Caroling </p>	<p>21 Today marks the shortest day and longest night of the year. With your parents help, search the internet to find out more about the Winter Solstice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Winter Solstice </p>	<p>22 God uses ordinary people to share the "good news" of Jesus. With your parents help, search the internet to find out more about some of the people in the Bible to see how they shared the "good news".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>23 At the time Christ was born, interesting things were happening in the world. During family devotions tonight, talk together about what was happening in the world when you were born.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>24 Make tonight a FAMILY FUN NIGHT. Plan a special dinner, play games together and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>
<p>25 Read Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> Christmas Day </p>	<p>26 The shepherds played an important role in spreading the message about the birth of Jesus. Discuss with your family ways that your church helps to spread the news about the birth of Jesus.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>27 Even if you don't have snow yet, you can still enjoy the beauty of a snowflake. With your parents help, use construction paper and coloring supplies to make beautiful, glittering snowflakes. Hang them in your home!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Make Cut Out Snowflakes Day </p>	<p>28 Angels were the heavenly messengers of God to bring the "good news" by song. In your family devotion tonight, have each member of the family lead in singing your favorite Christmas hymn about the birth of Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>29 Make tonight a FAMILY FUN NIGHT. Plan a special dinner, play games together and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>30 Tonight, during family devotions, would be a wonderful opportunity to look back at the past year and share highs and lows, and then look ahead to share what your hopes and dreams would be for the new year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>31 Happy New Year! Remember to give thanks to God for the opportunity to celebrate a new year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Happy New Year 2017 New Year's Eve </p>