

December



VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA
Roots & Wings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>1 Advent 1 Read Matthew 24:36-44 Light one candle in your Advent wreath</p> 	<p>2 Sunday was the beginning of Advent. As we prepare for the birth of baby Jesus, how can we prepare our hearts to receive him?</p> 	<p>3 Be a Blessing Day God surrounds us with blessings every day. Today, help God bless others by being extra kind.</p> 	<p>4 National Sock Day Show off your favorite pair of socks. Mix and match, keep it crazy and cozy!</p> 	<p>5 International Ninja Day Ninjas are super sneaky and quiet, they fight off evil and do good deeds. Can you be a ninja today?</p> 	<p>6 Feast of St. Nicholas Today, we celebrate good ole Saint Nick. Legend has it that if you leave your shoes out tonight, you might find a surprise waiting for you in the morning!</p> 	<p>7 Family Fun Day</p> 	
<p>8 Advent 2 Read Matthew 3:1-12 Light two candles in your Advent wreath</p> 	<p>9 We are now in week two of Advent. Christmas is surely near. How can we be mindful that Christmas is not just about receiving presents, but about the birth of Jesus, the best present?</p> 	<p>10 Hanukkah Begins Today begins the "8 days of light" for our Jewish siblings. With the help of an adult, Google this Jewish holiday.</p> 	<p>11 God sent John the Baptist to point the way to Christ. How can we point others to Christ? Talk about ways to share God's love in our world.</p> 	<p>12 Hot Coco Day Tonight, during family time, share a cup of hot cocoa. Make sure to add extra marshmallows!</p> 	<p>13 World Candle Lighting Day Today, we light a candle for all the children who have died so that they will always be remembered. Jesus is our light, may we shine brightly through him.</p> 	<p>14 Family Fun Day</p> 	
<p>15 Advent 3 Read Matthew 11:2-11 Light three candles in your Advent wreath</p> 	<p>16 National Chocolate Day Milk or dark, chips, or chunks, every day is better with just a little chocolate! Tonight, share your favorite chocolate dessert with your family.</p> 	<p>17 Wright Brothers Day With the help of an adult, Google these two fascinating brothers from North Carolina. Each time you see a plane, you can remember Orville and Wilbur.</p> 	<p>18 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>19 God uses ordinary people to share the "good news" of Jesus. With your parent's 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>20 World Day of Prayer for Children Today, we join together in prayer for the health and protection of children around the world.</p> 	<p>21 Family Fun Day</p> 	
<p>22 Advent 4 Read Matthew 1:18-25 Light four candles in your Advent wreath</p> 	<p>23 Family Roots Day Today, research your family tree. Ask your parents to tell you stories about their parents and grandparents. Remember, we are all a part of God's family.</p> 	<p>24 Christmas Eve Read Luke 2(1-7), 8-20</p> 	<p>25 Jesus' Birthday Happy Birthday, Jesus! Thank you, God, for sending your Son!</p> 	<p>26 National Thank You Note Day Today, take time to write thank you cards to those who got you a gift and for those who take time to show you love.</p> 	<p>27 Make Snowflakes Day Even if you don't have snow yet, you can still enjoy the beauty of a snowflake. With your parent's help, use construction paper and coloring supplies to make beautiful, glittering snowflakes. Hang them in your home!</p> 	<p>28 Family Fun Day</p> 	
<p>29 Read Matthew 2:13-23</p> 	<p>30 World Bacon Day A great idea for dinner tonight...grilled cheese and bacon sandwiches.</p> 	<p>31 New Years Eve Tomorrow begins a whole new year! Tonight, join your family for prayer and thank God for the blessings of 2019. What do you think 2020 will bring? Write it down, and read it a year from now.</p> 	<p>December Memory Verse: Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"</p> <p>December Table Prayer: God of love, joy, and light we thank you for your son. For Mary, and her baby boy, Our savior, and all that he has done. Amen.</p>				 <p>Virginia Lutherans FAITHFUL + BOLD + SERVING Virginia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America</p>