

The Holidays...I'm Not Ready, Yet... by Darcie D. Sims

We should know better by now. It shouldn't keep surprising us, but it does. No matter how hard we try, no matter what we do to prepare ourselves, it still happens. Year after year, generation after generation, it arrives without delay. It stays too long but never lasts long enough. It is filled with both anticipation and dread, and though we never learn enough, we know far too much. It is greeted with great joy and heavy despair. And it is always announced by the universal cry of "I'M NOT READY YET!"

It's The Holidays that are coming, and I haven't even cleaned up the fireworks from the Fourth of July. I'm still unpacking boxes (we've moved again!) and now the calendar says it's time for the Annual Migration of Memories and The Great, Stuff-The-Turkey contest. Last year, at our gathering, the turkey won.)

Because we're in another new place, we will again have the dilemma of where to put the tree and how to explain to the company about that one empty stocking?

Nothing fits this year! I can't find the ornaments. The kitchen is too small and the pink plastic flamingos we brought with us from the Louisiana Swamp are going to freeze in the 20 degree below zero temperatures. I haven't memorized my address yet and the grocery store is in the wrong place.

We'll have to figure out where to hang a wreath and whether we should go electric in the yard this year. I'm busy practicing with the snow shovel and knitting little sweaters for the flamingos.

I keep forgetting where I've hidden the gifts I bought during the summer and nothing seems to fit in this place like it did in the last one! We were comfortable in the last place . . . but then I forget that's what we said when we first moved there, too. We always seem to be more comfortable in the last place at least we knew where the memories were and where to put them and how to handle them. Here, in this New



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Place, no one knows our story, our history. It is as if we have no past. It's easy to blend in, but not so easy to settle in. And THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING and I'M NOT READY YET!

"I'm not ready yet" is the universal cry of all beings. I'm not ready yet for first grade, for crossing the street by myself, for sleep-away camp, for junior high, for getting married, for getting a job, for having children, for burying someone I love.

I'm NOT READY YET . . . for grieving, for handling the holidays, for stuffing a turkey, for finding a place for everything, for living where no one knows my story. I'M NOT READY YET for Thanksgiving, for Hanukkah, for Christmas, for New Year's, for Three King's Day or even for blizzards or frozen pink flamingos.

I'M NOT READY for the annual flood of memories that always spill out as we unpack the stockings from their tissue-wrapped nest. I'M NOT READY yet for the clutch of pain that still wraps my heart in grief as we place the ornaments on the tree. I'M NOT READY YET for opening the door to greet strangers who are fast becoming friends but who may never know the effort it has taken for me to be who I am now.

I'M NOT READY YET to be normal and take my place among the normal people of the world. I look normal, and for the most part I act normal. (We do, however, have sweater-clad pink flamingos in the yard

holding our SEASON'S GREETINGS sign.) Except for our story and for the tears in our family fabric, we are normal. But no one here knows about those tears, and I don't think I'm ready not to have a past just yet. I don't think I'm ready for no one to remember our hurt, let alone the joy our loved ones gave us.

I unpacked the silver today, intending to polish it and place it in the dining room so it would add its shimmer to the festive decorations. I wasn't ready for the flood of memories that came back as I traced my fingers over the delicately carved designs in the coffee pot, remembering how my mother patiently taught me how to polish good silver. I wasn't ready for the loneliness that swept over me as I placed the tea pot on the tray and suddenly wanted to call Mom and tell her I was, at last and again, home. She had taught me that silver always spoke of a comforting home, and now that I had found it and set it out, I wanted someone to remember with me all those talks my mom and I had shared.

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I'M NOT READY YET to live only on the surface of life. I want to share my history with my new friends, yet it seems unfair of me to spoil their holiday season. It's not the same for me. There is still a lot of empty in my heart. Not as much as before, but now the emptiness comes from being too new somewhere to really belong.

So I'll just have to figure out how to handle the holidays I'm never going to be ready for in places I may never be settled in. As long as the stockings are up and the silver is polished and ready, then let the holidays come! Somehow we'll figure out how to tell enough of our history so we won't be lonely and people will understand about the tiny empty chair, the flamingos, and the joy that lights up our lives when we clasp hands together in the family circle.

We'll decorate our new house (our new life?) with the treasures that speak of our history, finding joy in the memories they spark. We'll bring with us some of the old, add a few pieces of new, and practice the art of blending yesterday with today in hopes of creating another memory for tomorrow.

I guess it doesn't matter whether you have moved or whether you've been in the same place for generations. It is still an unsettled feeling when, for the first time, no one remembers the journey you've been on. The first time no one mentions *The Name* there is a hollowness in our being that leaves us empty and feeling alone. It is as if the world has made its move again, and everything that once was so awkward and out of place has now assumed a normal atmosphere, forgetting the price we paid for our new normal. I'll hang the special ornaments, enjoy the silver tea pot, and cherish the warmth of the love these gifts of remembrance bring. No one else has to know the story for me to acknowledge it and remember it. No one else has to know the pain for me to share the joy of having these things be a part of my now.

We'll gather together and count our blessings, not only naming the ones around the table, but including those whose lives have touched ours in countless ways. One does not have to be present to be alive in the hearts of those who shared a few moments of the journey together. The heart never forgets, even when the world does.

No, nothing fits this year, just like nothing fit last year or the year before. But it's getting better, improving either with age or experience, or patience. Or maybe it's because it is simply becoming a thread in the continuing fabric of our lives. We will probably always be a bit unsettled, unnerved when the roll call finds a name missing or a chair empty. But then, why shouldn't we be a little sad when a light goes out in our world?

So this holiday season, gather in your blessings and count them ALL, knowing that no one else has to know about them for them to be real for you. Just because no one else knows *The Story* doesn't mean it is any less real. Count the blessings of the people in your story and find the peace that comes with counting a holiday of joy remembered and love shared. Peace to us all wherever we may be. ❖

Darcie D. Sims, Ph.D., CHT, CT, GMS was a bereaved parent and child, a grief management specialist, a nationally certified thanatologist, a certified pastoral bereavement specialist, and a licensed psychotherapist and hypnotherapist.

Darcie passed away in February 2014.
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He Was Grieving Over The Death Of His Best Friend, Until An Old Man Told Him This

"My friend just died. I don't know what to do."

I'm old. What that means is that I've survived (so far) and a lot of people I've known and loved did not.

I've lost friends, best friends, acquaintances, co-workers, grandparents, mom, relatives, teachers, mentors, students, neighbors, and a host of other folks. I have no children, and I can't imagine the pain it must be to lose a child. But here's my two cents...

I wish I could say you get used to people dying. But I never did. I don't want to. It tears a hole through me whenever somebody I love dies, no matter the circumstances. But I don't want it to "not matter". I don't want it to be something that just passes. My scars are a testament to the love and the relationship that I had for and with that person. And if the scar is deep, so was the love. So be it.

Scars are a testament to life. Scars are a



Image courtesy of federico stevanin / FreeDigitalPhotos.net

testament that I can love deeply and live deeply and be cut, or even gouged, and that I can heal and continue to live and

continue to love. And the scar tissue is stronger than the original flesh ever was. Scars are a testament to life. Scars are only ugly to people who can't see.

As for grief, you'll find it comes in waves. When the ship is first wrecked, you're drowning, with wreckage all around you. Everything floating around you reminds you of the beauty and the magnificence of the ship that was, and is no more. And all you can do is float. You find some piece of the wreckage and you hang on for a while. Maybe it's some physical thing. Maybe it's a happy memory or a photograph. Maybe it's a person who is also floating. For a while, all you can do is float. Stay alive.

In the beginning, the waves are 100 feet tall and crash over you without mercy. They come 10 seconds apart and don't even give you time to catch your breath. All you can do is hang on and float. After a while, maybe weeks, maybe months, you'll find the

waves are still 100 feet tall, but they come further apart. When they come, they still crash all over you and wipe you out. But in between, you can breathe, you can function. You never know what's going to trigger the grief. It might be a song, a picture, a street intersection, the smell of a cup of coffee. It can be just about anything...and the wave comes crashing. But in between waves, there is life.

Somewhere down the line, and it's different for everybody, you find that the waves are only 80 feet tall. Or 50 feet tall. And while they still come, they come further apart. You can see them coming. An anniversary, a birthday, or Christmas, or landing at O'Hare. You can see it coming, for the most part, and prepare yourself. And when it washes over you, you know that somehow you will, again, come out the other side. Soaking wet, sputtering, still hanging on to some tiny piece of the wreckage, but you'll come out.

Take it from an old guy. The waves never stop coming, and somehow you don't really want them to. But you learn that you'll survive them. And other waves will come. And you'll survive them too.

If you're lucky, you'll have lots of scars from lots of loves. And lots of shipwrecks. ❖

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S U P P O R T

HELPGUIDE.ORG

Web site offering tools and advice for stress relief. Click on the *Grief & Loss* link on left.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

For parents and grandparents grieving the loss of a child.

Green Bay: Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 501 Howe St., 370-3858, www.TCFGreenBay.org

THE CARE COMMUNITY

In-Sight Books, Inc. web site for Grief's Safe Place. Visit thecarecommunity.com for for those who have experienced a loss.

SHARE

For parents who have lost a baby through miscarriage, still birth or early death.

Monthly Meetings: McKenna Library, Room 2838 at St. Vincent at 7 p.m.
Upcoming sessions: 12/10, 1/14 & 2/11.



Christmas Memorial Service: 12/6 at 7 pm in the St. Vincent Hospital Chapel. Parents and families invited to attend and may bring an ornament in memory of their baby to place on our tree. Call 433-8634

S.O.S. (SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE)

For family and friends to cope with the loss of a loved one due to suicide.

Meeting & Christmas Social and Remembrance Night at 6 pm. at Bellin Executive Bldg., 2020 S. Webster on 12/14. Please bring a dish to pass and picture of your loved one. Call Mary Doemel, 339-8952.

DE PERE COMMUNITY CENTER

Grief support groups will be held the 2nd Monday of every month at the De Pere Community Center at 600 Grant St. De Pere, WI 54115. ❖

B O O K R E V I E W

The Empty Chair: Handling Grief on Holidays and Special Occasions

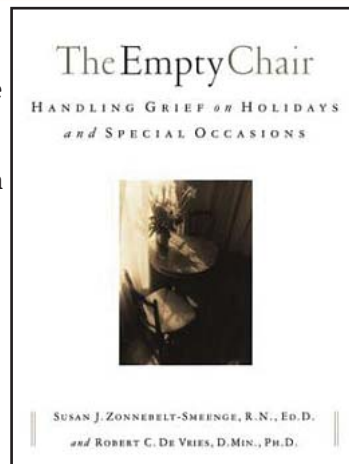
by Susan J. Zonnebelt-Smeenge, R.N., Ed. D. and Robert C. De Vries, D.Min., Ph.D.

Review by Molly Nicholson

Holidays are an especially difficult time for people who are navigating their grief journey. The Empty is a short book with guidance on how to get through the holidays both emotionally and spiritually while grieving. Because the authors are a registered nurse and clinical psychologist and an ordained minister and seminary professor respectively, they offer sound advice with Christian undertones.

Each chapter is broken into three clear parts. The first part of each chapter is general information about how grief is changed and exacerbated by approaching holidays. The second section of the chapters contain mental health advice and behaviors that can ease the burden of grief. Chapters conclude with a Christian meditation with verses and prayers specifically designed for the holidays.

Using the metaphor of grief acting as a firestorm in life, the entire guide is filled with



Guidance on how to get through the holidays both emotionally and spiritually while grieving

and makes for an encouraging and heartfelt read that can ease the pressure of the holidays while grieving. ❖

Reviewed by Molly Nicholson, a graduate of the University of Minnesota Program of Mortuary Science and funeral director at Proko-Wall Funeral Home

relatable imagery that resonates with the emotions accompanying grief. Perhaps the most helpful portion of the book is the appendix which includes a Christian and a secular outline of a candle lighting ceremony that could be done by families on holidays or anniversaries.

No matter what holiday traditions a family might have previously done, this book gives the bereaved permission to participate in the holidays in ways that feel right for them. The gentle guidance of the authors is appreciated

D I N N E R F O R O N E

Lemony Tuna Pita Pockets from goodfood.com



INGREDIENTS:

- Small head of baby Gem lettuce
- 1 small cucumber
- Fresh mint
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 3 oz. can of tuna
- 2 Mini Pita pockets

Shred the lettuce and mix with some chopped cucumber, a pinch of chopped fresh mint and the lemon juice. Drain and flake the tuna and stir into the salad. Season if you like. Slit open the pita-breads and warm briefly in a toaster. Stuff the pita pockets with the salad and tuna mix and enjoy. ❖



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

"Shared tears and laughter are healing; trying to help others is a potent pain reliever."

—Erin Diehl, who lost her husband of 43 years to cancer.

GRIEF SHARE PROGRAM

Videos and discussions to find comfort and healing from grieving the death of someone close.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church: 1731 St. Agnes Dr. Meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Current series continues 12/7, 14 & 21. Next series to begin 1/11 for 13 weeks; 1/11, 18, 25, 2/5, 15, 22, 29, 3/7, 14, 21, 28, 4/4 & 11. For more info call 498-9681.

Celebration Church: 3475 Humboldt Rd., Tuesdays from at 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Call Sue at 406-2536 for schedule.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

Asera Care Hospice Support Group:

Life After Loss: Hope Through Healing, adult drop-in support group 12/28, 1/25 & 2/22 at Golden Living Center, 1640 Shawano Ave. 497-4672

Heartland Hospice Support Group:

5 week sessions throughout the year in Green Bay, Shawano, and Peshtigo. For more info on dates and locations, and to register, call bereavement coordinators, 336-6455.

AURORA GRIEF CARE

Green Bay: For adults; four-week session; Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m., Aurora Baycare Hospital Chapel, 2845 Greenbrier Rd. Call for schedule, 288-3094 or email renee.lubinski@aurorabaycare.com
Manitowoc/Two Rivers: Aurora Baycare Hospital: 5000 Memorial Dr., Two Rivers. Call Sheila Hamilton at 920-288-5100 with questions or Sheila.Hamilton@aurora.org. Check in at hospital front desk.

PULASKI GRIEF SUPPORT

Open to all faiths and all ages. 6:30 pm at Assumption B.V.M. in the church basement in St. Clare Room. Enter at the southwest door. Call 822-3223 for meeting schedule.

NAVIGATING THE WATERS OF GRIEF

UNITY HOSPICE'S ADULT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Green Bay Area: Unity Office, 2366 Oak Ridge Cr., De Pere, Tuesdays, 12/1-15

Coping with Grief During the Holiday Season: 1:30-3 pm and 6-7:30 pm. Registration required, call 338-1111. For 2016 schedule, please call 338-1111.

Grief Connection: ongoing grief support group for adults that meets the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6 to 7:30, call 338-1111.

Generations: Hope for Grieving Families: Designed to help the whole family, adults, children, and teens. Support group meetings meet the 2nd Thursday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in De Pere, 2366 Oak Ridge Cir., call 338-1111.

Women's Luncheon: monthly on 3rd Wednesday from 12-1:30 p.m. at a local restaurant for conversation & support. Call 338-1111 for location. Lunch is purchased off the menu

Understanding Grief: One time overview of grief. Wednesday. Call 338-1111 schedule and location.

LIVING WITH LOSS

Appleton- Affinity Visiting Nurses Hospice: meetings every 1st Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at Thompson Community Center, 820 W. College Ave
Men Journeying through Grief: For men only. Meetings every 1st Wed. at 6-8 p.m. at 816 W.

Winneconne Ave., Neenah. Pre-registration is not required, but appreciated for planning purposes
Peace through Grief: Looking at the many pieces of life that are affected by a loss; 6-week info and support program looking at the emotional, physical, spiritual and social aspects of the grief experience. Pre-registration required. Call 727-2000 or 1-866-236-8500 for any of the above programs.

LAKESHORE GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAMS

All sessions are free and registration is not required. For more information please call Robb Spaulding at 920-698-0998

Monday: Call for schedule-7:30 p.m. Manitowoc County Office Complex, 4319 Expo Dr., Manitowoc, WI 54220

Saturday: Call for schedule, 10-11:30 am; Aurora Medical Center Michigan Conference Room; 5000 Memorial Dr., Two Rivers, WI

Wings of Hope helps families as they grieve the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, or SIDS. Contact Jenny Weier, Grief Facilitator 920-242-1153

S.O.S. (Survivors of Suicide) Aurora Medical Center in the Superior Conference Room; Two Rivers. For more information contact Rhonda 920-901-0779 or St. Peter the Fisherman 920-793-4531.

CIRCLES OF FAITH GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief support meeting at St. James Parish, Cooperstown on 1/17 from 6 to 8 p.m. Contact Tom Bekkers at 660-8066.

NEW HOPE GRIEF GROUP

Grief Support meetings on Tuesdays, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in room 105 at Annunciation Church, 1087 Kellogg St., Sessions: 1/19, 26, 2/2, 9, & 16. Register by calling Quad parish at 496-2160 (Extra doors will be open during winter for easier entry)

CHILDREN'S HEALTH ALLIANCE OF WI INFANT DEATH CENTER

For those that have experienced the unexpected death of a child, visit www.chawissonsin.org for a complete listing of grief support and bereavement resources. ❖

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NUMBERS & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Green Bay Visitors & Convention Bureau, 494-9507, 24-hour 494-1111.

Wisconsin Travel Information, 800-373-2737.

Neville Public Museum Exhibits:
Centennial Architecture of Green Bay, 4/2015-4/2016

Extreme Deep: Mission to the Abyss, 9/2015-1/2016

Sisters in Spirit, 9/2015-2/2016

The Port of Green Bay, 3/ 2014 - 3/ 2020

Bruce the Spruce, 12/2-1/3/16

Children Only Shop, 12/2-19

GB Art Colony Exhibition, 1/16-2/28/16

Salvation Army: Social Group Women's, Tuesdays at 6 pm; Men's, Tuesdays at 6 pm, 626 Union Ct.

National Railroad Museum; 437-7623

11/20-1/3/16,

Festival of Trees

12/2-6, *Polar Express*

Village of Bellevue Leisure Services:

All are welcome. Questions, Registration or information, call 468-5225.

Book Club 3rd Tues. of month; 2:30pm; Jitter Bean Café, Monroe Road.

Bingo; 3rd Thur. of mo.; 1-3pm; Community Center; \$.50 per card.

Movie Matinee; 2nd Thur. of month; 1:30-3:30pm; Bellevue Community Center, 1811 Allouez Ave.; \$1.00

Green Bay Botanical Gardens: 490-9457; \$5-\$9

11/27-12/30, *Garden of Lights*

1/29-4/1, *Soup & Substance*, 5:30-8 pm

Sat., 2/6, *Winter Family Fest*, 10 am- 3 pm

Heritage Hill: 448-5150

Sat, 12/19, *The Spirit of Christmas Past*

Hazelwood: 437-1840

12/4-5, *Holiday Victorian Tea*, 1-3 pm, \$20

12/12-13, 19-20, *Hazelwood Holiday-A Dickens of a Christmas*, 5-8:30 pm, \$6-7

New Leaf Winter Farmer's Market at KI Center: Saturdays, 12/13-2/13/16,

8am - Noon, 437-5972

Meyer Theatre: 494-3401

www.meyertheatre.org

12/2-4, 8-23, *A Frank's Christmas*, times vary, \$33

12/31, *Frank's Best of 2015*, 8 pm, \$45 or \$80/couple

1/15, *Champagne Jam with the Atlanta Rhythm Section and Pure Prairie League*, 7:30 pm, \$50-100

1/22, *The Buckingham*s, 8 pm, \$30-35

1/29, *Leo Kottke*, 8 pm, \$30-35

2/15, *Allouez Village Band*, 7 pm, Free Admission

2/17, *Courage Confidence Character Series* featuring Pulaski native, Carey Lohrenz, the first female F-14 Tomcat Fighter pilot, \$40

2/20, *Civic Symphony of Green Bay Concert*, 7pm, \$7-40

Weidner Center: 465-2400

12/11-12, *Holiday Pops*, 2 & 7:30 pm, \$17.50+

1/16, *Doctors in Recital*, 7 pm, \$20+

1/22, *Vocalosity*, 7:30 pm, \$24 +

1/30, *Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny*, 11 am, \$16.50+

2/2, *Bram Stoker's Dracula*, 7:30 pm, \$25.25+

2/18, *The Peking Acrobats*, 7:30 pm, \$32 +

2/25, *Once*, 7:30 pm, \$45 +

2/27, *PostSecret:*

The Show, 2 & 7:30 pm, \$39.50+

6:30 **Thursdays**, Weidner Center

Ft. Howard Hall, \$5 donation

2/18, *Jeffrey Benedict*, saxophonist

2/25, *Miniatures Consortium*

St. Norbert College: 403-3950

www.snc.edu/performing arts/tickets

12/1-5, *Always...*

Patsy Cline, 7:30 &

2:30 pm, \$21

12/4, *Festival of*

Christmas Concert, Walter Theatre, 7:30 pm, \$14-\$21

12/11-19, *Miracle on 34th Street*, Webb Theatre, \$19

12/15-19, *Christmas with the Knights*, Dudley Birder Hall, 2:30 & 7:30, \$9-19

1/13-17, *The Wizard of Oz*, Webb Theatre, \$16

1/27-31, *Chicago*, 2 & 7:30 pm, \$15

2/12-20, *About Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, Webb Theatre, 2 & 7:30 pm, \$19

12/21-22, *Forever Plaid*, Webb Theatre, 7:30 pm, \$26

2/26-28, *Forgiven A Fairy Tale*, Webb Theatre, \$10

Fox Cities PAC: 920-730-3760

12/4, *Jim Brickman, Comfort and Joy*, 7:30 pm, \$29+

12/9, *All is Calm-Christmas Truce of 1914*, 7:30 pm, \$25+

12/11, *Boogie & the Yo-Yoz Christmas with You*, 7:30 pm, \$35

12/18-20, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, \$45 +

12/22, *Lorie Line Christmas in the City*, 7:30 pm, \$49

1/9/16, *Frank Caliendo*, 8 pm, \$33.50+

1/12, *The Sleeping Beauty*, 7:30 pm, \$25+

1/16, *Stayin Alive!*, 7:30 pm, \$29.50+

1/23, *Fox Valley Symphony Concert with Masha Lakisova*, 7:30 pm, various prices



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"Time, they say, heals all wounds...

But time works its magic only when it's used well." — Carol Luebering

Fox Cities PAC (cont.): 920-730-3760
1/29, *Raising Cane: A Harlem Renaissance Odyssey with Jasmine Guy and Avery Sharpe Trio*, 7:30 pm, \$25+
2/2-7, *Disney's Newsies*, 7:30 pm, \$40+
2/8, *The Band of the Royal Marines & The Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers of the Scots Guard*, 7:30 pm, \$35 +
2/12, *Mack Avenue Super Band*, 7:30 pm, \$35 +
2/26, *The Price is Right Live*, 7:30 pm
2/28, *Blaze the International Dance Spectacular*, 6:30 pm, \$30 +

DECEMBER

Wed., 12/2 *Jeff Dunham, Resch Center*, 7:30 pm, \$51.50, 494-3401



Wed., 12/2, *Simply*

Christmas, St. Thomas More School Gym, Potluck & Speaker, 6-8 pm

Wed., 12/2 *Cribbage Tournament*, St. Jude Parish, 1420 Division St., 7pm

Sat., 12/5 *Breakfast with the Gingerbread Man*, Children's Museum, 8-10 am, \$10-Member, \$12-Non-member, 432-4397

Sat., 12/5, *Downtown De Pere Holiday Open House & Kids Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt*, 11 am-6 pm

Sat., 12/5, *Chris Young*, Resch Center, 7:30 pm, \$25-\$45, 494-3401

Sun., 12/6, *Breakfast with Santa*, Annunciation, 401 Gray St., 9-11:30.

Sun., 12/6, *St. Bernard 3rd Annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza*, 9-2 at St. Bernard School, Free Admission.

Wed., 12/9-12,

Daddy D's Christmas Review,

Riverside Ballroom, 5:30 pm, \$30-49 544-4244



Fri, 12/11, *Our Saviour Fish Fry*, 120 S. Henry St., 5-6:30 pm; Perch, Cod, Combination and Chicken Strip dinners include potato, home-baked rolls and coleslaw. Desserts avail for purchase. New Kids Chicken strip & fries dinner available. Carryouts call 468-4065 or email info@oslc-gb.org no later than 4 pm.

Fri., 12/11-12, *Holiday Fest at the NEW Zoo*, 5-8 pm, \$5-7, 434-7841

Sat. & Sun. 12/12-13, *Fudge Sale*, St. Jude, 1420 Division, after 4pm Mass on Sat and after 9 am Mass on Sun.

Tues. 12/15, *Little Boy Movie*, Annunciation Parish, 401 Gray St., 1:00 pm., Free Admission

Wed., 12/16, *Live Nativity at Our Saviour Lutheran Church*, 5:30,



6 and 6:30 pm, corner of Deckner and Henry Sts. 468-4065

Wed., 12/16, *Soup Supper*, Our Saviour Lutheran Church from 5-7 pm, plus desserts & hot chocolate. Freewill offering accepted.

Wed., 12/16-29, *Daddy D's Christmas Review*, Stadium View, 5:30 pm, \$30-49, 544-4244

Thurs., 12/24, *Adult Choir Concert*, St Mary of the Angels, 4 pm

Fri, 12/25, *Adult Choir Concert*, St. Mary of the Angels, 8:30 am

Sat., 12/26, *Harlem Globetrotters*, Resch Center, 2pm, \$22-121.50,

Thurs, 12/31, *Kids Rockin Eve*, Children's Museum, 10 am-2 pm, 432-4397

Thurs., 12/31, *US Bank Eve*, Skate at St. Mary's Roller Rink, 8 pm-1 am ♦

Proko-Wall has gathered information on as many local events as possible. Proko-Wall is not recommending any particular event and lists them only as a public service.

JANUARY

Fri, 1/8, *Our Saviour Fish Fry*, 120 S. Henry St., 5-6:30 pm; Carryouts call 468-4065 or email info@oslc-gb.org.



Sat., 1/9, *Einstein Science Expo*, Shopko Hall, 9am - 4pm, \$2-5, 884-8800

Sat. 1/23 *Spaghetti Dinner*, St. Jude, 1420 Division, 5:00 pm

Thurs., 1/28-31, *WBAY RV & Camping Show*, Shopko Hall, \$7-9, under 17 free, 405-1134

Sat. 1/30, *Roast Pork Dinner*, St. Jude, 1420 Division St. 5:00 pm ♦

FEBRUARY

Tues., 2/9, *Mardi Gras Potluck*, St. Thomas More Cafeteria, 6-8 pm

Fri, 12/11, *Our Saviour Fish Fry*, 120 S. Henry St., 5-6:30 pm; Perch, Cod, Combination and Chicken Strip dinners include potato, home-baked rolls and coleslaw. Desserts avail for purchase. New Kids Chicken strip & fries dinner available. Carryouts call 468-4065 or email info@oslc-gb.org no later than 4 pm.

Fri, 2/12, *Perch Dinner*, 5-7 pm Annunciation, 401 Gray St.

Sun. 2/14, *Pancake & Porkie Breakfast*, 9-11:30 am, Annunciation, 401 Gray St.

Thurs., 2/18-21, *WBAY Boat Show*, Brown Cty. Arena & Shopko Hall, 405-1199

Fri. 2/19, *Baked Fish Dinner*, 5-7 pm, St. Jude, 1420 Division St.

Thurs, 2/25, *Movie Day*, 1 pm at Annunciation, 401 Gray St.

Fri, 2/26, *Perch Dinner*, 5-7 pm, Annunciation, 401 Gray St. ♦

