

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

It doesn't seem possible but as we get older the years seem to go much faster. We are planning to celebrate the birth of Christ with many of our loved ones. We will be at Angus and Kathleen's in Prince Albert on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Garth and Carol at the cabin at Emma Lake. Dick (Sore) and Leone will be spending Christmas with her folks in Moose Jaw.

We are so glad that little Peter will be home from hospital. He has been very ill for some time with osteomyelitis (infection of marrow in the bone). It has been a worrisome time for us all but we are so thankful to God that he is going to be alright!

My brother, Harold, died in the early part of the year from a heart attack and in the middle of August our brother-in-law, Jonas Ferkingstad, passed away after a lengthy illness. We will miss these quiet men who meant so much to us.

Peder and I both celebrated our 70th birthday this year and are getting somewhat used to being called senior citizens. When we look in the mirror we can easily understand why!!

One of the highlights of the summer was the Tastad reunion in Pierpont, South Dakota. Grandma Tastad (96) was able to be there, together with all her 6 sons and 2 of her daughters plus grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dick and Garth acted as chauffeurs for Peder and I. All we had to do was sit back and enjoy the drive!

We had a wonderful time meeting aunts and cousins by the dozens. Some of us had become a lot greyer (even white!) since the last time we met. We caught a few of the Tastad men comparing their knobby, rheumatic knees!! We can't say too much about the wonderful hospitality that was shown us along with the well-planned program. Special thanks to Ardyce and Mary for all their work.

Leone (Dick's wife) and I have been very busy making Kringla, Krumkaker, fruit cake and all the fattening foods that make the holiday season a little more special.

May you have a very blessed Christmas.

*Peder & Rut Tastad*