

# Heartfelt Christmas Greetings in 2020



## To the Evangelical Fellowship Church

**Several Council Members have contributed to our Christmas greetings letter, but each and every one of us hopes that this finds you well. Even though 2020 has been a difficult year, your Church Council hopes that you and your loved ones have nonetheless experienced the blessings of our gracious God.**

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope you are all feeling encouraged, as I am, by the work God is doing in our midst. It feels like we've been waiting for a long time for breakthrough to take place. Although the wait can be exhausting, God is faithful and we can lean on Him. I pray that Christ and the hope He brings is in the center of whatever creative way you celebrate Christmas this year.

-Love Christa

Dear friends and followers of Jesus,

Merry Christmas! At long last God is with us. This is a very special Advent for us because we have seen God work in our midst, even during COVID. As small we may be, we worship a mysterious, life-giving God. He is with us, and that is the greatest gift I can imagine. Isa. 61:1-2a

-Jesse Kane

Merry Christmas! I hope that during this season you are able to reflect on Jesus' birth. This has not been an easy year, for anyone but we are all in this together as a family. May the wonder of that first Christmas, the joy of God's abundant blessings, and the peace of Jesus' presence be with you always, and may this lead us into 2021 with great anticipation of where God will take us. (Luke 2:14)

-The Kehler family

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Who would have known at this time last year that 2020 would be a year so filled with challenges, hardships and sacrifice? Who could have guessed that, suddenly, the ultimate act of service and display of Christian love would be to wear a mask and physically separate ourselves from others—including cherished, but vulnerable, members of our own families, as well as members of our church family? But let us be glad in the knowledge that our Lord will continue to encourage and support us as we walk, faithfully and united, on the path that He has chosen for us. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and God's richest blessings for 2021.

Faithfully,  
-Mike Ettrich

Merry Christmas to all! As the special day approaches, we are reminded of Jesus's birth, our salvation and the never ending love we receive as a result. Though we have had to adjust to worshipping in unique ways this past year, we all remain resilient and ready to do what our lord and savior wishes by applying the wisdom and teachings we are honored to receive from our dedicated pastors. Here's to a wonderful Christmas and year ahead filled with gratitude, forgiveness and love for one another in Christ our savior. Blessings to all!

-Terry Neumann

**"It's been a very challenging year for all of us and yet God has been faithful in leading, caring and providing. And now we get to celebrate again His unspeakable gift, God's very own Son (2 Corinthians 9:15)! We pray you'll experience much joy this Christmas and have a blessed new year!**

**-Pastor Josh, Helen, and the Mueller family.**

**Even though we have to celebrate Christmas different this year, God has not changed. We still have a lot to be thankful for; warm houses, enough to eat, peace and the love of family, friends and EFC church. Then above all the love of God demonstrated in sending His Son to become human for us and even dieing for us.**

**What a great God we have and are privileged to serve. Sending you much love for Christmas and also for the year 2021.**

**-Ingrid**

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Merry Christmas!

Feliz Navidad!

Fröhliche Weihnachten!

**-The Church Council**