LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Merry Christmas

For almost 200 years after the formation of the United States, villages, businesses, schools, and the majority of society would take time each December to wish each other, "Merry Christmas." Merry Christmas banners, creche's, and Christmas stars were erected in front of homes, stores, and government buildings across the nation. School children looked forward to Christmas vacations and parents couldn't wait for the break to end.

Not everyone knew the Babe called Jesus, but the majority of the nation understood that Christmas referred to a special celebration of the birth of Christ.

In the 1970's the United States Post Office issued the first Happy Holidays stamp for those who wished to commemorate the holiday and not Christmas. Since then, the culture has generally walked away from Merry Christmas as store sales associates end transactions with "Happy Holidays," students look forward to "winter break," and creches disappeared outside.

Lutheran churches and schools today display outdoor creches, take a "Christmas break", and greet one another with a very merry "Merry Christmas." However, Christmas is more than greetings, displays, and a time of rest. Lutherans boldly proclaim and teach about the greatest gift ever given to mankind – the gift of Jesus, the Savior!

The Lutheran Center for Religious pauses to say "Merry Christmas" to you!

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