

LIFETMES

December

2-Messiah

5-Great Books

10-Totalitarianism

11-Trip-Mamma Mia

12-Trip-Beyond the Rainbow

12-Trip-Concordia Moorhead Concert

13-LIFE Book Group

15-Trip-The Band's Visit

18-Trip –Christmastide: Celtic Sounds

19-Christmas Songs and Carols: An Interactive History

20-Trip-Magical Medora Christmas



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LIFE: Be Part of It All! Hibernating is for Bears.

December is a pivotal month for people who live in a wintry climate. The days grow shorter and shorter and the dark starts to feel very deep. The ancient cultures watched the sun's decline with dismay. After midwinter, the first day of winter, there is a slight increase in the hours of sunlight. The old astronomers could measure this and they rejoiced. The sun was feeling better!

This led to celebrations at the return, however slight, of the source of life. Whether you call it Saturnalia, or Christmas or just the welcome winter solstice (literally "sun stands still") it is a time for a party! So we put up lights to cheer the evening hours and have feasts. And in many traditions, people give each other gifts.

One gift I look forward to each December is the arrival of the LIFE Winter Catalogue. It is filled with tempting offerings to pull us out of our dwellings on a frosty day. The classes promise conversation, intellectual stimulation, and fun. After all, we still have three more months of winter to

get through. Once I am signed up to hear a lecture, my anticipation of what I will learn helps me ignore the cold and snow that might otherwise hold me indoors. I need To get there and be a part of it all.

I hope you enjoy your winter home away from home in the LIFE classroom as much as I do. And if you have a friend who stays too long in their cave, take your chariot over there and offer them a ride to the get together. Hibernating is for bears. Member of LIFE have to get out and shine. Like the sun!



Jane Callahan LIFE Board Member

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Teacher Feature....Travis Beck

Drawn to music at a young age, Travis started piano lessons at age 5 and began playing for his church's worship services at age 13. A native of Nashua, IA, he once filled in for his childhood piano teacher at the historic Little Brown Church and played for seven weddings over New Years' Eve and New Years' Day. His education includes a B.A. in Church Music from Wartburg College and a Masters in Sacred Music from Luther Seminary. He currently serves full-time as Director of Worship, Music, & Arts at Mount Olive Lutheran Church and is also a facilitator and consultant.



Travis Beck will present on Thu, Dec. 19, 1-3 pm

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