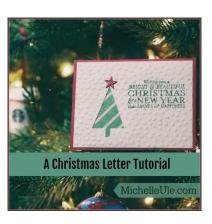
Christmas Letters and Celebrations!

Christmas Letters

I love receiving Christmas letters! Here are two posts about writing letters your friends look forward to receiving!

A Christmas Letter Tutorial—6 tips on how to write one in an interesting fashion.



<u>5 Things I want to Read in Christmas Letters</u> I'm looking forward to your letter!

Don't disappointment me—and please include photos!

Parties and Food!



How to Throw a Christmas Cookie Party—We've been doing it for years! Recipes, decorating tips, practical suggestions, fun!

An Angel Quiz for Christmas –a silly game testing your angelology from tradition, Bible, & modern life. (Includes answers)

<u>Christmas and The Game for Gifts</u>—How to handle gift-giving

with a crowd of disparate friends and relatives. Even the kids want to play!

<u>Christmas Eve in Food & Music</u> –How our family celebrates with song, service, and food.

A Merry Yule Log to You! -- Our family's traditional Ule Log recipe and an adorable photo.

Music

What is a Christmas Carol? --Why not start with a definition?

Adventures with Christmas Carols—Poignant and silly
experiences singing Christmas carols through the years (does

NOT include Cub Scout versions).

Christina Rossetti and A Christmas Carol—a nineteenth century poem wrote a poem that became a carol sung at



Christmas but really about the Second Coming. We give God our hearts.

"Break Forth" Johann Rist on the Nativity—an early 17-th century song about Jesus's Nativity, still sung in many liturgical churches today.

<u>Charles Wesley: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus</u>—another poem set to music, that tells the whole story behind Jesus's birth

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come --Of course, hymnologist/theologian Martin Luther and his family sang Christmas carols—but most importantly, why we sing them at Christmas!

A Strange Christmas Carol for Him --One of my favorite contemporary Christmas carols, it captures my attention and appreciation every single year.

