

Stroll with your sweetheart through holiday lights

Facebook question: At The Lights of Christmas, where is the best place to steal a kiss from your sweetie?

Facebook answer: Let's put it this way, a little romance is definitely on people's minds.

The chapel, of course, seems a perfectly appropriate spot for a kiss. By the big snowman is a pretty nifty spot, too. With Warm Beach's famous mini donuts in mind, a few folks believe that snack time is the perfect time for sugary kisses.

In front of the nativity scene is perhaps the most endearing notion suggested. One Facebook fan even suggested sharing a smooch near Bruce the Spruce who would surely provide quite the commentary!

What do sweethearts Frank and Ardyce Cranston of Shoreline have to say on the subject? They think the Polar Express Train is the perfect place to pucker up.

Another couple, Bud and Mary Belle McDole of Stanwood, are pure traditionalists - they'd share a kiss under the mistletoe in Deer Mountain Lodge.

Both couples are volunteers at The Lights of Christmas. Frank and the ladies have volunteered all 17 years of the event. Bud has volunteered for three.

Truth be told, hundreds of volunteers ranging in age from teenagers to octogenarians put in over 13,500 hours

to bring The Lights of Christmas to life.

Kaleb Patterson, for instance, is 15 and happy to help at his hometown event as a parking attendant or an elf in the toy shop. He loves that The Lights of Christmas offers fun for all generations.

He also loves the cornbread served each year, though he admits he probably wouldn't share his piece with Santa.

Kudos and coal nuggets for Kaleb this year.

Fellow Stanwoodites, Breanna and Ryan Elmore, represent the 20- and 30-something crowd. They love that the friendly staff, volunteers and visitors make every night of the event fun.

The Lights of Christmas takes place 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Dec. 5-8, 12-15, 18-23 and 26-29. Pay-what-you-can nights are Dec. 5, 12 and 29.

Admission ranges from \$10 to \$15 payable online or at the gate. Children under three are admitted free.

The holiday dinner theater schedule and pricing are listed online.



Volunteers Mary Beth and Bud McDole's "best place to sneak a kiss" spot.