



# Blessings and Musings

## The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

### APRIL, 2017

#### From the Pastor:

**Pastor:**  
Kal Rissman

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June Zirkle

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Marilyn Pierce

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and Fri.  
Tues. 1:00-3:30pm

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**Sunday School:**  
9:30 A.M.

**Worship:**  
10:30 A.M.

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The time to turn cows out into the pasture is getting closer and that means that it is time to fix fence. Every spring there are places in the fence that are compromised by falling limbs, flood damage and old, rusty wire. I remember an old poem that said, "Good fences make good neighbors". I would like to be a good neighbor and avoid the past incidences when I have had cattle grazing in my neighbor's back yard. You just can't count on the good nature of cows to stay where you want them – they have to have clear boundaries. My father used to say that a fence should be "horse high, hog tight and bull strong".

As I was stretching wire and pounding posts I started thinking about human interactions from a boundaries standpoint. One way of viewing mental health is to see if we have firm ego boundaries. What I mean by that is that we are open to other people, but we set limits on them too and don't let them take advantage of us.

Almost every week during group therapy on Psychiatry I hear stories of how people have had their boundaries violated. Their stories usually include being shamed mercilessly as children either by physical, mental, sexual or spiritual abuse, or by neglect. These folks have been given a rich spirit of nobodiness and worthlessness by the shaming acts done to them and now have boundary problems in their adult life.

If we continue our fencing metaphor for boundaries, we tend to go to one of two extremes. We may have no fence at all – the fence is laying flat on the ground and anyone can come and do whatever they want. This diffuse boundary gives off a vibe to predators that they can do anything without repercussion.

The other extreme is to build a fence 15 feet high and 3 feet thick with cut glass and razor wire on the top. Now we believe we are well defended and nobody can get in to hurt us. The problem with this is that there is no gate in the impenetrable fence and while it may be true that nobody can get in to hurt us, we also can't get out and nobody can get in to help us. We have not built a fortress, but a prison.

Mental health is somewhere in between these extremes. We have a nice strong fence with a gate in it and we decide who is coming in and who is not and we decide how long they will stay. It is clear that not everybody is trustworthy, so it is folly to trust everybody. However, it is just as crazy to trust nobody. We test the spirits to see who is trustworthy and then we let those folks in. God gave us not only Himself, but each other to help and understand.



## WE RECEIVE LETTERS

Dear Friends in Christ,

**Thank** you for the donations of Box Tops and/or Campbell Soup Labels. The collection of Box Tops for our school; Navajo Christian Preparatory Academy, assist the school financially and so we wish to continue with the program.

**Campbell** Soup labels were discontinued in July 2016. All remaining labels were sent to Solheim Lutheran Home in Los Angeles, CA for collection, packaging and processed.

**Box** top labels (General Mills Products) will still need to be sent to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission address: PO Box 354, Rock Point, AZ. 86545. We appreciate your support to the Navajo Christian Preparatory Acedemy and Navajo Lutheran Mission.

Sincerely,  
Lovelea Begay, Mission Manager

(PS Marilyn sends our box tops to the Navajo Mission) Thank you for all the box tops that you as a congregation collect for this worthy cause. I am sure that it is appreciated very much.

# THANK YOU!

## THANK YOU CARD FOR Heaven's Wearhouse,

**Thank** you for the sheets and material you recently gave us. This will eventually find its way into our LWR quilts. Since 2008 we have made 1200 quilts. Recently many of those quilts contain material from Heavens Wearhouse. We have been able to give you 141 finished quilts for your mission in Alexandria.

**God** truly works in wonderful ways!

**Anita Wise,  
LWR Quilters**

**Also** from all the quilters at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven, Indiana.

**Mary Ann Bulman, Peg Doty, Laura Hargens, Lois Zuecker, Martha Heckler, Collen Peters, Ruth Evans, Rose Sweet, Marge Myers, Joyce Dawner, and Marilyn Messmann.**

**All** the volunteers at Heaven's Wearhouse appreciate cards like this. We all work hard each week to help the needy of our area. We appreciate all the hard work the New Haven Church does with their quilts. They have given us quilts to let the people that are cold have some warmth. Thank you ladies for all your time, hard work, and caring for the needy.

**Marilyn, Debbie, Connie, Lucy, Janet, Ernie, Joey, Cathy, Joann, Amanda, and Dondra,**



## EASTER FLOWER DONORS

### LILLIES:

Marilyn Pierce	Becky Howard
Lucy Hidalgo	Donna Pierce
Roselynn Brown	Donna Key
MM George Bennett	

### DAFFODILS:

Becky Howard	Andrea Barnett
Kim Zarse	Donna Key

### TULIPS:

Joann Saucedo	Tina Gilman
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Marta Holcomb	Bill McDaniel
Bob Fletcher	Emily Closser

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MM David Shears	June Zirkle
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Beverly McDaniel	No Name
Dondra Bennett	Marta Holcomb
Stephanie Salazar	

### PALM BRANCHES:

June Zirkle  
Beverly Stevens  
Bill Feldheiser

### LILY BLOSSOMS:

Becky Howard	Beverly Stevens
Connie Knigga	Kathie Loser

We would like to thank everyone who donated flowers to make our Easter Service a real joy.

Easter Celebration for Our Kids!

9:15 to 10:15 AM in the Bethel Room next to our Lounge  
Andrea & helpers will have several fun activities to celebrate including the introduction of Martin Luther.  
Come and join the fun, festivities, and prizes!  
Friends & Relatives are welcome too!

# APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 9:30am Sunday School/BC 10:30am Worship	<b>3</b> 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF 11:30pm Free To Be 4:00pm Heavens W.	<b>4</b> 9:00am Heavens W. 1:00pm Office Hours	<b>5</b> 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Office Hours	<b>7</b> 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30am Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30am Worship Palm Sun.	<b>10</b> 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF 11:30am Free To Be 4:00pm Heavens W.	<b>11</b> 9:00am Heavens W. 1:00pm Office Hours	<b>12</b> 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Office Hours <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Maundy</b> <b>Thursday at</b> <b>St. John</b> <b>Elwood</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF Good Friday Community Service	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:30am Breakfast 9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Worship	<b>17</b> 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF 11:30am Free To Be 4:00pm Heavens W.	<b>18</b> 9:00am Heavens W. 1:00pm Office Hours	<b>19</b> 9:00am Office Hours <b>7:00PM</b> <b>CHURCH</b> <b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Office Hours	<b>21</b> 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF	<b>22</b>
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<b>30</b>						



"Sing the  
Resurrection  
Song"



**DEATH**

**LEONA AULER**

**Died: February 23, 2017**

**Buried: March 1, 2017**



We five little Lutheran Church mice are great on history. So we had a discussion about The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior's history. The church was built by Clara Graff of Philadelphia and had been presented by her as a gift to the United Lutheran Synod. In her will, Clara had formed the clause that the building must always be owned and used by Lutherans. The second stipulation was that there would **never be a bell in the church tower.** Following the gift of the church building, an interesting situation caused a change in direction for Lutherans in Alexandria. There were, at the time, two Lutheran churches in Alexandria, one known as St. John's, which was comprised mostly of German immigrants and their descendants, and the Evangelical or English Lutheran Church, which had many members of Swedish extraction.

Frank Johnson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, approached Henry Auler with the idea of merging to form a new Lutheran church. From 1918 the church as been known as The Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior.

The local congregation bought the church for \$100.00. Since that day, the church has been known as the "The Hundred Dollar Church."

So don't go looking for a **bell in the bell tower, because there isn't one there and never will be.** P.S. we five little mice have already looked and guess what? **NO BELL!!**

**SQUEEKY,  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE**

## Council News

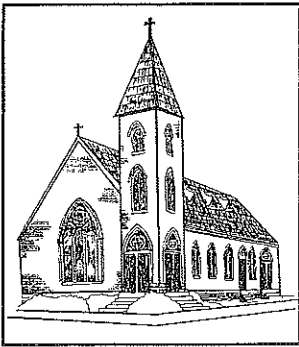
### CHURCH COUNCIL MARCH

Vectren will send us a refund of \$300 for the installation of the new furnace and thermostat.

If you shop at Payless or Kroger's stop at courtesy booth and ask how to have points go to our church. Then every time you swipe your card the church will get credit and a monthly check.

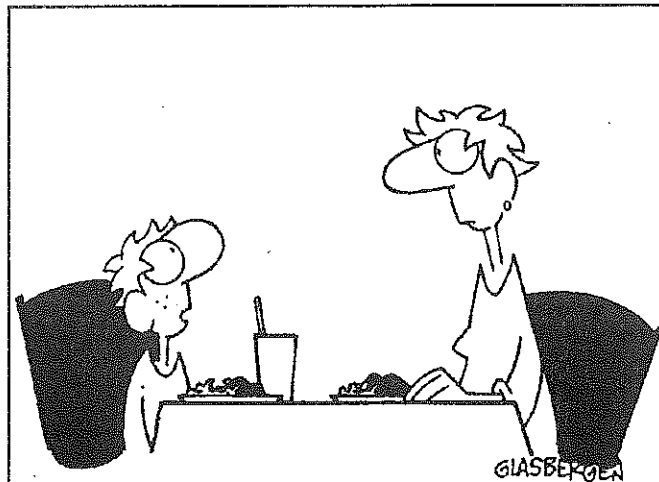
We will have a breakfast Easter Sunday along with an Easter Egg Hunt.

The Social Ministries Committee will have Easter Eggs filled with chocolate candy for both adults and children on Easter Sunday.



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"Some religions don't eat meat on Friday  
because there's separation of  
church and steak."

## April Participants



### ORGANIST

2 Marilyn Pierce  
9 Marilyn Pierce  
16 Marilyn Pierce  
23 Marilyn Pierce  
30 Marilyn Pierce

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

2 Andrea Barnett  
9 Emily Closser  
16 Mike Thompson  
23 Dick Zarse  
30 Peggy Cox

### GREETERS

2  
9 Becky Howard  
16  
23 Joyce Johnson  
30

### COUNTERS

Beverly Stevens/Janice Little  
Linda Howerton/Susie Remington  
June Zirkle/Marilyn Pierce  
David Shears/Carol Shears  
Becky Howard/Timothy Pierce

### LECTORS

Kathie Loser  
Dr. Herb Berner  
Eddie Slaven  
Paulette Haynes  
Nancy Sowers

### SOUND EQUIPMENT

Timothy Pierce

### ALTAR GUILD

Emily Closser  
Richard Thompson

### DEACON

Donna Key-Kerr  
Becky Howard  
June Zirkle  
George Bennett  
Steve Holcomb