



# Blessings and Musings

## The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

### JULY, 2017

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

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I recently got the results back from my annual health screening. My health coach was very proud of me because I was in the “desirable range” for just about everything. This includes things like blood pressure, cholesterol, sugar levels, body mass index, etc. However, I told my coach that although this was good, it was kind of working against my plan to die early and avoid all the old age suffering that I saw my parents go through. As most of you know, I have been talking to the Lord about the “early check-out plan” but if I keep doing healthy things, I might just live a long time and I don’t want that. Actually, what I really want is to live well, be healthy and then die quickly and painlessly. Is that too much to ask?

However, there is that part of human nature that seems to want to live on, even when it is no longer very fun or rewarding. The will to survive is strong. My mother-in-law, Vera has been struggling with this same thing recently. She is 93 years old and keeps saying that she doesn’t know why she is still living. She takes 15 different pills for various maladies such as: diabetes, high blood pressure, blood clots and heart problems. She and my wife, Deborah had talked this all over and decided that she wanted to just get off all medications and let come what may. When they went to the Doctor and asked him about taking her off all the medications, he hesitated, but said he would do it if that is what she really wanted. It was at this point that Vera began backpedaling and decided that maybe she would stay on all the pills. It is one thing to talk about dying, but quite another to do something that might hasten that process.

Death looks so final on this side of the grave. As Christians we know that there really is no death for us. Death is just a doorway that we walk through to more and greater life. But it is hard to remember that when we come face to face with death. We know what this life is like with all of its pain and heartaches, but we don’t know what death and the beyond is like – we just have to trust and believe. For most of us the fear of the unknown is more powerful than the pain of that which we get used to.

I always admired my father’s attitude about death. In one of our last conversations he said, “I don’t know what the Lord is piddling around with. I can’t walk, I can’t eat anything and my friends are all dead. What’s the point? I’d like to get on to something better”!

I guess that’s where I am on this issue too. I would like to get on to something better, but I trust that the Lord will be with me and utilize me until then. Come, Lord Jesus and make it soon.



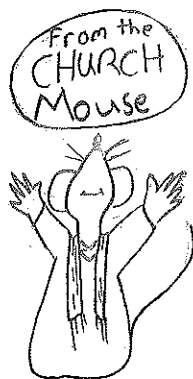
### IN THE MAIL

We received a note from the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Arizona.

Thanks for helping our school be the best it can be. We really appreciate everything you do!

Thanks for all the box tops you send to us.

Sincerely,  
Navajo Lutheran Mission



We five little Lutheran Church mice have been having fun. We enjoy the summer hot days. We were so tired of rain every day, it became depressing for us. Nice warm days and beautiful sun and we are happy little campers.

We enjoy being in the sun, sitting under a tree by the parking lot, reading a good book and just praying to God. It is at this time we

can enjoy God's wonderful creation.

We pray that you will have a great summer to enjoy. Just remember when you go on vacation to look up a church for Sunday Service. Just remember we can take vacations, but God doesn't take a vacation from us.

**SQUEEKY,  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE**

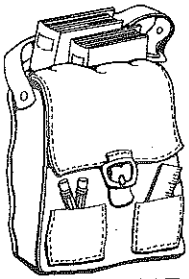


### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to man the Washington Street doors each Sunday morning. The doors will open at 8:30am-10:30am. The doors will be locked when the service begins at 10:30am. The doors **will not opened** unless there is a volunteer for that Sunday.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bill Feldheiser to put your name on the list of volunteers.

This is going to be a two month trial period and then a final decision will be made.



## **HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN ALEXANDRIA MONDAY JULY 24TH, 5-7PM**

We would like to partner with local churches for the Back to School Drive. The program provides Alexandria children with supplies needed to be successful in the 2017-18 school year. Members of the adult Sunday School Class have decided to donate cash for back packs. School supplies will also be accepted. There is a box in the narthex for any supplies you would like to contribute or envelopes on the table for cash donations. If you have any questions contact Donna Key-Kerr - 278-3180.

We will have a **free will door offering** on **July 23rd** after the worship service.

#### **SUGGESTED SUPPLIES INCLUDE:**

**Spiral bound notebooks**  
**Composition notebooks**  
**3 ring binders**  
**Trapper Keepers**  
**#2 pencils**  
**Black or blue pens**  
**Folders**  
**Glue stix**

**16 or 24 count crayons**  
**Dry erase makers**  
**Rulers**  
**Scissors**  
**Hand sanitizer**  
**Kleenex tissues**  
**Clorox wipes**  
**Pencil holders or bags**  
**Colored pencils**  
**Markers**

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### **Dear Lord, I haven't time to pray**

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The tyrant clock commands my day.  
It rousts me out of peaceful bed  
In harsh and strident tones I dread.  
While breakfast cooks, it watches me,  
Marking time relentlessly.  
It urges me to hurry on  
Until the kids are ready, gone.  
But nagging still, it goads me more  
To wash the dishes, sweep the floor,  
Get myself all dressed to go  
To scheduled meetings in a row.  
Never letting up a tick!

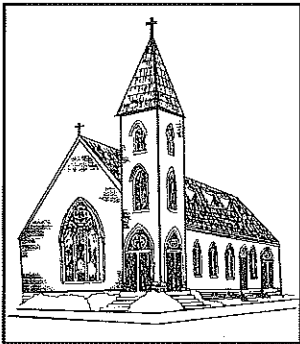
Lord, I haven't time to pray;  
The tyrant clock commands my day.

That's not true, is it Lord?  
The clock is no tyrant. It's merely a box of gears  
invented to measure time.  
I must command my day — and all my days.  
The clock is an aid by which I can gauge my plans,  
by which I can organize my tasks.  
The choice of tasks is mine. I must command my day.  
Lord, I need thy guidance.  
My plans must be worthy ones, worked out in a  
set-apart time with thee.  
Amen.

—Lutheran Church of the Atonement  
Barrington, IL

# JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship	3 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am Pantry 4:00pm Wearhouse	4 9:00am Office, Pantry, and Wearhouse closed for holiday	5 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am Pantry	6 9:00 am Office Hours	7 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am Pantry	8
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## July Participants



### ORGANIST

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

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

2 Andrea Barnett  
9 Dick Zarse  
16 Eddie Slaven  
23 Peggy Cox  
30 Mike Thompson

### GREETERS

2  
9 Becky Howard  
16  
23  
30

### COUNTERS

David/Carol Shears  
Becky Howard/Connie Knigga  
George/Dondra Bennett  
Linda Howerton/Susie Remington  
June Zirkle/Marilyn Pierce

### LECTORS

Janice Feldheiser  
Joann Saucedo  
Michael Slaven  
Donna Key-Kerr  
Kathie Loser

### SOUND EQUIPMENT

David Shears

### ALTAR GUILD

Bonnie Haas  
Tammy DiRuzza

### DEACON

George Bennett  
June Zirkle  
Tammy DiRuzza  
Becky Howard  
Donna Key-Kerr