



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

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I can now say that I have ministered to centenarians at both of my congregations. Eva Marie Ward lived to be 103 years old at St. John and now Marge Ray just celebrated her 100th birthday at Our Blessed Savior. Even though both of these women said that they didn't think that they did anything remarkable except keep living, it still seems like quite an accomplishment to me.

I teased Marge the Sunday after her birthday by saying that when most older people talk about "the war", they mean World War II, but Marge was born when World War I was still going on! I rubbed it in a little further by telling that Marge was born before fire was invented!

However, the feat of living past 100 would have not meant nearly as much if it had not been for the fact that both of these women have lived their lives for the Lord. They both remained faithful to the Lord and have served him in countless ways over the years.

Sometimes when people get to be old and infirm they wonder why they are still hanging around. My own father certainly wondered why the Lord didn't take him out of this world of pain. His exact quote was "I don't know what the Lord is piddling around with. I can't eat anything, I can't walk and my friends are all dead. What's the point? I'd like to get on to something better!" My mother-in-law, Vera has much the same attitude and is 94 years of age.

One of the remarkable things about Marge, however, is that she seems to still have an idea of why she is still on this earth and that is to continue to love and serve the Lord and her fellow human beings. Even though Marge can't see well, she still crochets lap robes for her friends. She still types letters for people who are shut-ins or are in nursing homes. When I visit these folks they never fail to mention the thrill they get from Marge's letters. They don't care that the spelling is off because Marge cannot see well. They just love the letters. Marge still cooks for me when I visit before church council meetings every month. I have probably eaten at least 130 meals at Marge's house over the years and every one of them was a joy, not just for the food (which is great), but for the fellowship, which is even better.

Being around Marge makes me feel better about old age and about my own aging process. I have started to try to look on the bright side of aging. Just the other day I started asking about the Senior Discount at all restaurants!

There are some other bonuses that being old can bring. You don't have to wait until it is dark to go to bed. Handicapped parking spaces are available. No more high heels for women. You are less likely to be arrested for loitering. You need

less sleep, but you can nap all you want anyway. You can say "When I was your age..." to more and more people. You can feel justified that they didn't even have Algebra when you went to school and you have never needed it anyway. Dining out costs less between 4 and 6p.m. Your investment in health insurance is finally starting to pay off. You can say blatantly opinionated things and nobody will argue with you.

Also, think of all the things that you can now throw away with impunity: maternity tops, tube tops, leftover wallpaper, hot pants, typewriters, fountain pens and photographs of people you can't remember.

Maybe I should stop concentrating so much on being on the "early check-out plan" to avoid old age woes and just take each day that the Lord gives me and do what I can with what I have. That's what Marge does and it works for her.

Evangelism more than sum of its letters

EVANGELISM means:

Enthusiasm

As Christians we let the world know we are ready to help in any way we can.

Vision

With vision we can look at every corner of life and recognize the gracious purposes of God.

Alive

The gospel helps people change and this change takes place ...

Now

Right now! Today! In this place!

Genuine

The change is for real because of Jesus Christ.

Expectant

We are people who expect big things to happen.

Learning

We learn God's Word and we apply that Word to today's living.

Insight

We look at relationships and situations with the eyes of Christ.

Seeking

We are always seeking out people and challenges with the gospel.

Mission

As Christians, it is our task to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through the way we act and how we talk.

—St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Itasca, IL



From the
CHURCH
Mouse



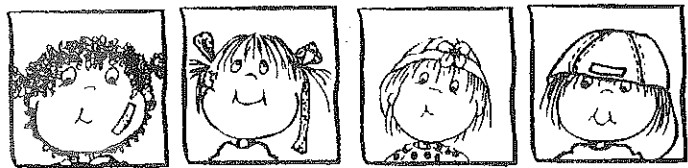
The end of May ended with a bang! One of the air conditioners in the church went bad. It was only 20 years old. We little mice think that it did a wonderful job all those years.

May 30th the electricity went off five times and back on at church. (and other places in town). One time when Marilyn was practicing the organ. Thank goodness the organ wasn't hurt. The elevator quit working and had to have a repairman look at it. The elevator is working again.

A church or your home can have things go wrong. You can't get yourself worked up and all out of sorts. You need the advice of Debbie Rissman who will tell you "LET IT GO."

Ask Property Deacon, Bill Feldheiser the following question. Who would you like not to get a phone call from? We five little Lutheran Church Mice know who he would say. It would be a call from MARILYN. When she calls something has gone wrong at church. You name it..... it can break. Sometimes Bill Feldheiser is kept real busy with things at church. We mice like him a lot! Hi Bill.

**SQUEEKY,
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE**



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

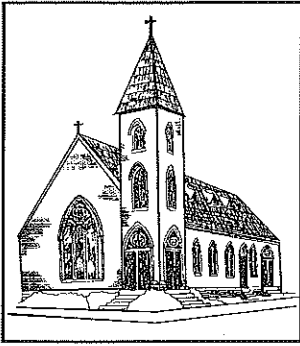
We would like to partner with local churches for the Back to School Drive. The program provides Alexandria children with supplies needed to be successful in the 2018-19 school year. Members of the adult Sunday School Class have decided to donate cash for back packs. School supplies will also be accepted. 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 questions contact Donna Key-Kerr: 278-3180. Thank you.

Suggested supplies include:

Spiral bound notebooks
Composition notebooks
3 ring binders
Trapper Keepers
#2 pencils
Pencil holders or bags
Black or blue pens
Folders
Glue stix
16 or 24 count crayons
Markers
Colored pencils
Dry erase markers
Rulers
Scissors
Hand sanitizer
Kleenex tissues
Clorox wipes

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am No S/S or Adult Class 10:30am Worship	2 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 4:00 pm Wearhouse	3 9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office	4 OFFICE/ PANTRY CLOSED FOR 4 TH OF JULY	5 9:00am Office	6 9:00 am Office 9:30am Pantry	7
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15 9:30am No S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship	16 9am Office 9:30am Pantry 4:00pm Wearhouse	17 9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office	18 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 6:00pm Church Council	19 9:00am Office	20 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	21
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- 1 Marilyn Pierce
- 8 Marilyn Pierce
- 15 Marilyn Pierce
- 22 Marilyn Pierce
- 29 Marilyn Pierce

ASSISTING MINISTERS

- 1 Andrea Barnett
- 8 Emily Closser
- 15 Michael Thompson
- 22 Peggy Cox
- 29 Eddie Slaven

GREETERS

- 1
- 8 Becky Howard
- 15
- 22
- 29

COUNTERS

- Emily Closser/Debbie Rissman
- Linda Howerton/Susie Remington
- June Zirkle/Marilyn Pierce
- David Shears/Carol Shears
- Becky Howard/Connie Knigga

LECTORS

- Linda Howerton
- Nancy Sowers
- Becca Key
- Kathie Loser
- Michael Slaven

SOUND EQUIPMENT

- David Shears

ALTAR GUILD

- Bonnie Haas
- Tammy DiRuzza

DEACON

- Becky Howard
- June Zirkle
- Tammy DiRuzza
- Tina Gilman
- Donna Key