



# Blessings and Musings

## The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

### OCTOBER, 2018

#### From the Pastor:

A few weeks ago we were trying to get our property in shape for the big wedding. Deborah's son, Joshua wanted a wedding in the country and our place was elected. I was trimming bushes and mowing the yard and Deborah was cleaning the house and setting up the garage for the food. But wouldn't you know it, just when we thought we had things in pretty good shape, a huge cottonwood tree cracked and fell into the pond right next to the pier.

It did not look good there, so I thought that maybe I could cut it apart and haul it out piece by piece with the tractor and cable. However, the pond is deep and there is no way to cut the tree up standing on the bottom. So, I got my rowboat out and my chainsaw and proceeded to try to cut up the whole tree from the boat. I know that you are already thinking that this doesn't sound like a good idea and I was kind of thinking that too, but I pressed onward in brainless fashion until I was bruised and scarred. I never did get the entire tree out, but I finally had enough sense to quit before I sawed one of my legs off. So, if you are tempted to think that your pastor is a fairly bright guy, all you need to remember is the phrase, "chainsaw in a rowboat"! That will cure you of that notion.

Now that I have my Medicare card I have noticed other seniors that still think that they are young and do silly things from time to time. For example, I talked to Bill Feldheiser and he related how he had been running his chainsaw for hours on end in 90 degree heat until he was sweating into his shoes. That doesn't sound like the best idea for a fellow his age either. He remembers "young Bill".

Our church secretary, Marilyn told me that just yesterday she was sitting in her chair in the church office and leaned over to grab her purse and the next thing she knew, she was sitting on the floor with a huge bruise and some bleeding on her arm. She claims that possibly her chair is demonic, but my theory is that this has more to do with "MOPS" (mysterious old people stuff) than the demonic.

Whatever the cause, it is a fact that some of us (and I won't mention any names) are getting older. It is also a fact that our body cannot do all of the things that we used to do, even though our brain tries to tell us differently.

Things happen in a hurry as we grow older and the next thing we know we are down on the floor or down in the shower or face first lying in the grass.

Sometimes we can't even explain what happened.

So, be careful, older Lutherans and don't assume that you can do what you have always done. Don't try to salvage the false pride; just ask for a little help once in a while so that it may go well with you and you may live long upon the earth!

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**DEATH**  
**JOANN SAUCEDO**  
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**Buried: August 31, 2018**



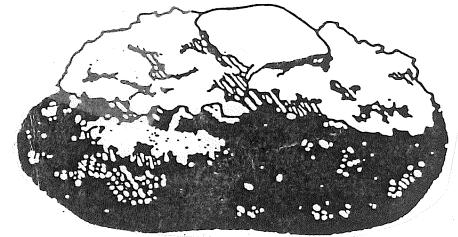
We five little Lutheran Church mice were having a discussion on a certain hard subject. We were discussing how hard it is to lose a mouse friend that you have known all your life from baby hood to adult. It is hard to lose a friend, but you have all the happy and said times together to remember.

We compared a close friend to organists. Doesn't sound like there would be a connection does it? It sure does have a connection. An organist's hardest funerals to play are for relatives. Then comes close friends and friends. People that you don't know are easier to play for at their funerals. All funerals are important and can be hard in their own way.

The ending fact for both close

friends and organists is that if you are playing for a Christian, you know they are in the wonderful arms of God the Father. That is great news to think about and to hold onto forever.

**SQUEEKY,**  
**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE**



### **POTATO FEAST**

We will be hosting our Potato Feast on Saturday October 20, 2018 from 4:00-7:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer to work on Saturday or if you would like to bring desserts sign the sheets on the table in the narthex.

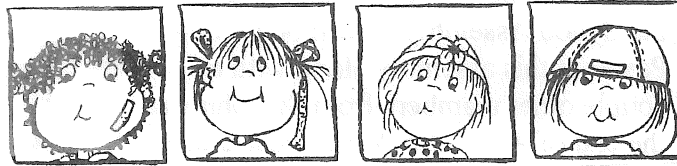
Desserts needed cakes, pies, cookies, brownies.

We need kitchen helpers, clean up people, pick up trays, help older people with their trays and getting their food, people to help with the drink table, and workers for carry out orders.

Price of the tickets are adult \$10.00 and \$11.00 at the door. Children's tickets are \$ 5.00.

## Sunday School Classes

9:30 - 10:25



Children's Class - taught by Andrea Barnett in Classroom #2. Andrea continues to build positive relationships in her classroom with a weekly Bible lesson and activities. This class is appropriate for all children.

Adult Class - Donna Key continues to teach lessons that are very relevant to everyday lives and events that we all face. It is a lively class with plenty of fun discussion and is located in the Bethel Room next to our Lounge.

## Free to Be Class

Mondays, 11:30-12:30



Join Pastor Kal for our long-time running class, Free to Be, which focuses on the 3 readings for our upcoming Sunday worship service. It is a fun class where Kal shares his expertise! Bring a friend and a snack too!!!

## Church Library



We want to remind everyone that we have a beautiful library at the end of the education wing that is very inviting with lots of books. It is a pleasant place to just sit down and read! There are lots of books that can be borrowed from our Lounge bookshelves, too. Feel free to browse around!

## Ponderosa Sunday Kids' Time

Sunday, October 7

9:30-10:25



We will have Kid activities on Pastor Kal & Deb's side porch before heading to the barn for our worship service and music by Mountain Laurel Band! Bring friends and relatives, and share how we have fun in worshipping our Lord! Breakfast treats will be served too!

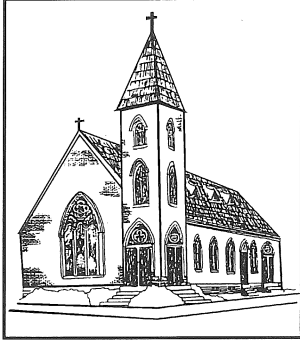
## Tutor/Mentoring Program

If the Lord has laid it on your heart to do something meaningful for the young people in our community, maybe this is the opportunity for you. Scott Owens said that the tutor/mentoring program in the Alexandria School system needs more adults to assist struggling students.

To be a tutor/mentor does not mean that you have to be a teacher by trade. It does not even mean that you have to have been a whiz bang student back when you were in school. It does mean that you would start a relationship with one special student and help them with their learning. It means that you would be a good listener to their struggles and an encourager to their dreams. It means that you would be one adult that they could count on to be consistently on their side, trying to help them and letting them know that they can do it. You would only need to give one hour per week at the Intermediate School. Call Scott Owens at 623-5380 if God is calling you for this simple, but meaningful work.

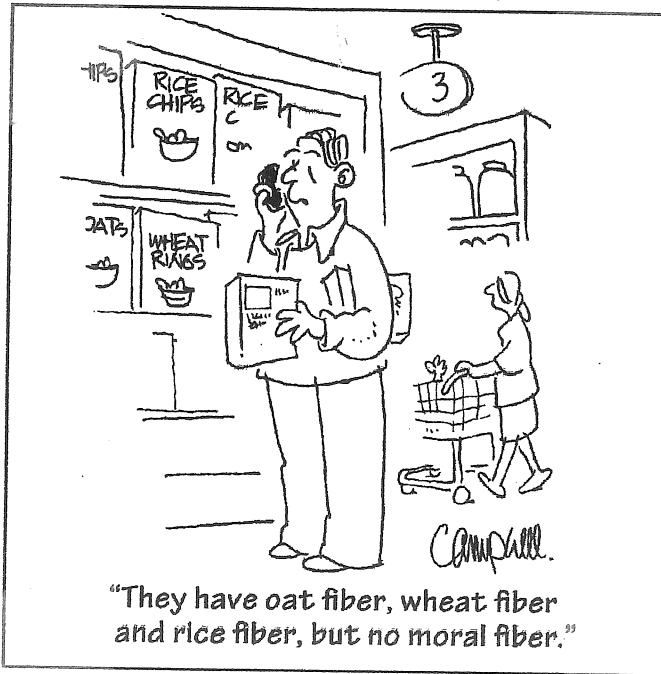
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"They have oat fiber, wheat fiber  
and rice fiber, but no moral fiber."

## October Participants



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7 Marilyn Pierce  
14 Marilyn Pierce  
21 Marilyn Pierce  
28 Marilyn Pierce

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

7  
14 Peggy Cox  
21 Andrea Barnett  
28 Dick Zarse

### GREETERS

7  
14 Becky Howard  
21  
28

### COUNTERS

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

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Shon Littlefield  
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