



# Blessings and Musings

## The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

### NOVEMBER, 2018

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Most of you know that I like sports. I played a lot of sports when I was younger and now I enjoy watching sports. Our oldest grandson, Caleb is playing High School football again this year and we have made some trips to Ft. Wayne to watch him play.

Before we went to see the last game that Caleb played, his mother told us that he was quite nervous, because Grandpa was coming to watch him and he needed to play well. I was gratified that it made a difference to him that I was coming and that he wanted to do well for me, but I hoped that he didn't think that I was coming to be critical of him. I hoped that he wasn't pressured into thinking that he was going to get a score card from me on every little thing that he did wrong.

Apparently, he gets enough of these from his dad after every game. His dad tells him how he should have made his cuts sooner, how he needs to keep his hands down until the last second when the ball arrives, how he should concentrate and so on.

It seems more difficult for parents to just let their children play and have fun than it is for grandparents. Parents are invested in having their children succeed and maybe get a scholarship to keep college costs down. Grandparents have the luxury of just enjoying what the kids are doing. Grandparents have the time to listen to what the grandchildren are saying. They have the life experience to realize that life is short and if you can have a good time with sports or other activities, then that is good enough. Grandparents know that only one out of about 600,000 kids is going to go on to be a professional athlete, so enjoy your time in sports while you are in school and don't worry about being perfect.

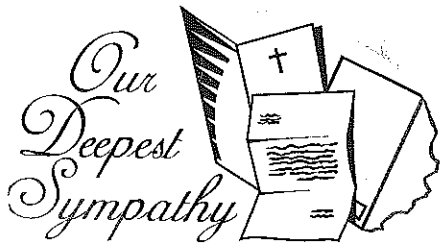
As much as I enjoy sports, I am aware that sport is becoming an all-consuming phenomenon in our culture. It even got so extreme that we couldn't seem to find a time to have confirmation class, because the kids had either volleyball or softball or baseball tournaments on Sunday mornings. It has come to be viewed as all important.

I think there are a lot of good values that can come from sports, such as: teamwork, sacrifice, hard-work and having fun, but that doesn't always happen either. I remember coaching Little League baseball when my son, Clint was young. There was a coaches meeting to deal with the behavior of coaches when the umpire made what they considered a bad call. I suggested that maybe the easiest way to deal with this is for each coach to simply decide before the season started that they were not going to argue any calls with the umpires, because it usually doesn't change them anyway and the calls generally even out over the

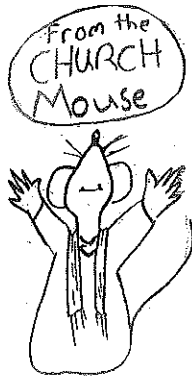
course of a game. The other coaches just looked at me like I had two heads and said, "Well you can't do that. If it is a bad call you're going to have to say something. You can't stop yourself"! I responded that if a coach isn't in control of his emotions well enough to make a decision to not argue, maybe coaching was not for him, because what was that teaching the boys?

There is enough negativity in the world without adding more. Besides, it always works better to praise what our children are doing right then to wait and jump on them when they are doing something wrong. Our children want to please us if they have any respect for us at all. We have a sign that hangs on the wall in our house that says, "Nothing improves a child's hearing like praise". Even the Lord Himself likes to be praised.

I'm going to another of my grandson's games tonight. I will remind myself to forget about anything he does wrong, praise what he does right and let him have fun with a good game.



**DEATH**  
**LINDA GILMAN**  
**Died: October 14, 2018**



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING** to each member at The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior from the five little Lutheran Church mice.

Thanksgiving is a time when we little mice really think about everything we should be thankful for in the past year. Our list is pretty long and we think your list might be long too.

We little mice pray that every family has a great Thanksgiving and a safe one.

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

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**HUMOR**

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Little girl questioning mother; " If men go to heaven too, how come there aren't any angels with beards?"

Mother; " because Dear, men only get in by a close shave."



**CALENDAR REMINDER**

There will be a Church Congregational Meeting on December 2, 2018 to approve the 2019 budget. Please plan to attend this important meeting.



**CHURCH COUNCIL**

The Church Council Meeting will be held on November 14, 2018 instead of November 21, 2018. Meeting will start at 6:00pm.

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**Oh, come on now!**

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The pastor became so distressed over the abundance of saloons in his community and the widespread drinking among his flock that one Sunday morning he preached a lengthy sermon against liquor.

"I wish there were no liquor on this earth," he declared. "I wrote to the President of the United States and asked him to give me a permit to enter all the saloons and carryout stores and gather up all the bottles filled with this terrible stuff."

"When I get that permit," he continued, "I'm going to empty all the whiskey kegs, bust all the beer bottles and pour all that liquor into the river, and on Thanksgiving morning you will see the river flowing high with liquor. I've said my piece. Now let the choir sing."

The director raised her baton, the organist sounded a chord and the choir members rose to their feet and sang, "Shall We Gather at the River."

—Medway United Methodist Church  
 Medway, OH

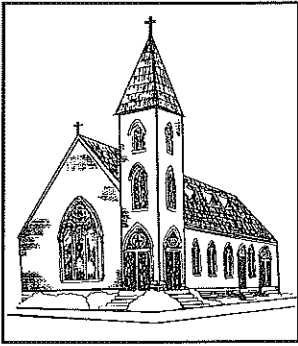
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# November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9:30am SS/BC 10:30am Worship</p> <p>4</p>	<p>9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30 am B.C. 4:00pm Wearhouse</p> <p>5</p>	<p>9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office</p> <p>6</p>	<p>9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry</p> <p>7</p>	<p>9:00am Office</p> <p>8</p>	<p>9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry</p> <p>9</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Veterans Day 9:30am SS/BC 10:30am Worship 11:30am Veterans Day Dinner</p> <p>11</p>	<p>9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30am B.C. 4:00pm Wearhouse</p> <p>12</p>	<p>9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office</p> <p>13</p>	<p>9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry  6:00 pm Church Council</p> <p>14</p>	<p>9:00am Office</p> <p>15</p>	<p>9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry</p> <p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
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<p>9:30am SS/BC 10:30am Worship</p> <p>25</p>	<p>9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30am B.C. 4:00pm Wearhouse</p> <p>26</p>	<p>9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office</p> <p>27</p>	<p>9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry</p> <p>28</p>	<p>9:00am Office</p> <p>29</p>	<p>9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry</p> <p>30</p>	



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18 Marilyn Pierce  
25 Marilyn Pierce

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4 Peggy Cox  
11 Emily Closser  
18 Dick Zarse  
25 Eddie Slaven

### GREETERS

4  
11  
18  
25

### COUNTERS

David Shears/Carol Shears  
Becky Howard/Connie Knigga  
Emiy Closser/Debbie Rissman  
Linda Howerton/Susie Remington

### LECTORS

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Nancy Sowers  
Paulette Haynes

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McDaniel

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