



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

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My secretary, Marilyn and I were talking about how weird it has been to not have church two Sundays in a row because of the winter weather. If it is going to snow or ice, it seems it always starts on a Saturday and then goes into Sunday morning and we have to call church off. I suggested that the forces of evil must be working overtime to keep us from gathering together to worship. Marilyn responded that she would like to punch the devil right in the nose. My thought was to wonder if I could actually kill the devil, would God be glad that His enemy was gone, or would He be displeased at my murder of Satan.

I'll never get a chance to try this out, of course, because Satan is a fallen angel and as such, is not able to be killed, but it is an interesting thing to muse over. My hunch is that God would even have mercy on His worst enemy, because that is who He is. God is love.

This consideration then led me to probably the thorniest of all theological questions and that is the question of evil in the world. Why must we have evil? Why doesn't God do something about it? If God is all powerful why doesn't He just make it so that we can't sin and the forces of evil are destroyed now instead of in the future?

I have tossed these and other questions around many times in my mind at night when I cannot sleep and I always come up with the same answer, namely, "I don't know". But I want to know. That is the thing that has gotten humans into trouble since the beginning of time.

Think back to the first man and first woman. Wasn't that desire to know everything like God the reason they got into trouble? Wasn't that the temptation given by the serpent that was too great to turn down? The serpent told Eve that she would not die if she ate the fruit from the forbidden tree. No, on the contrary, he told her - you will be like God, knowing good and evil. That is what they wanted, to know everything. They were not satisfied with being God's good creation - they wanted to be the Creator!

If I am honest, that is what I want too. I want to know everything. I don't like being kept in the dark until I get to heaven. I want to know now. I have to go by faith that God knows what He is doing. It would be so much easier if I had knowledge about all this. Of course, then if I knew, it wouldn't be faith- it would be knowledge. I would like to nail down all the mysteries of God.

But this side of the grave I'm not going to be able to know these mysteries. I either trust God or I don't. The Lord is either everything to me or He is nothing. Faith isn't always comfortable, but it works.



We five little Lutheran Church mice have been dreaming about Spring and Summer. We have been thinking about warm weather, lots of sun, green grass, green leaves on the trees, getting out walking, sitting on the porch and enjoying God's world. The days are getting a little bit longer each day. So when you are down and depressed, think and dream about the good Spring and Summer days that are just around the corner.

**SQUEEKY,
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE**

ASH WEDNESDAY

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Our Ash Wednesday service will be a joint service between The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior and St. John Lutheran Church in Elwood being held here at Alexandria at 7:00 pm. The Maundy Thursday service will be a joint service

between The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior and St. John Lutheran Church Elwood. This service will be held at St. John Lutheran Elwood starting at 7:00pm.



Please, Mom and Dad

My hands are small ... I don't mean to spill my milk.
My legs are short ... please slow down so I can keep up with you.
Don't slap my hands when I touch something bright and pretty ... I don't understand.
Please look at me when I talk to you ... it lets me know you are really listening.
My feelings are tender ... don't nag me all day ...
Let me make mistakes without feeling stupid.
Don't expect the bed I make or the picture I draw to be perfect ... just love me for trying.
Remember I am a child, not a small adult ... sometimes I don't understand what you are saying, but I'm not ignoring you.
I love you so much ... please love me just for being me, not just for the things I do.

—Seybert United Methodist Church
Bellevue, Ohio



THANK YOU

Janice Little would like to thank the congregation for all the Christmas cards and best wishes for her. She would like to say hi to everyone and hopes that they had a wonderful holiday season.



It is so exciting to have nearly 30 of us attending 'The Church Basement Ladies' at The Paramount Theater, Anderson! Here are the dinner & theater plans:

Tuesday, April 2nd

- * 5:30 ~ Meet at El Chile Poblano, St. Rd. 9 South (next to First Baptist Church), Alexandria, for dinner
- * 6:30 ~ Carpool from El Chile Poblano to park near The Paramount Theater. There is a free parking garage a half block north of the theater on Meridian St., Anderson
- * 7:00 ~ Arrive at The Paramount. Anyone who is not coming to dinner can meet us at the theater, where your tickets will be available at Will Call. Allow plenty of time to get them!!
- * 7:30 ~ The play begins!

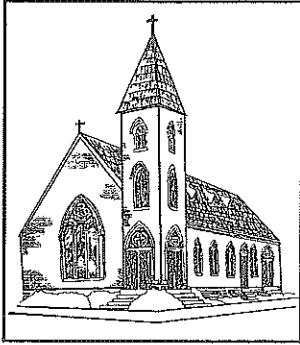
Kim Zarse will have tickets in advance at dinner, or they will be at Will Call for those who are not able to join for dinner. So, please let Kim know what you plan to do. Tickets are \$35 each, which includes ticket, fees, & \$1 donation to Paramount Theater.

If there is anyone who wishes to purchase tickets, they are still available by going online or calling The Paramount Theater, Anderson. 765-642-1234 or theandersonparamount.org

Thank you for helping to make this a fun event for all!!!

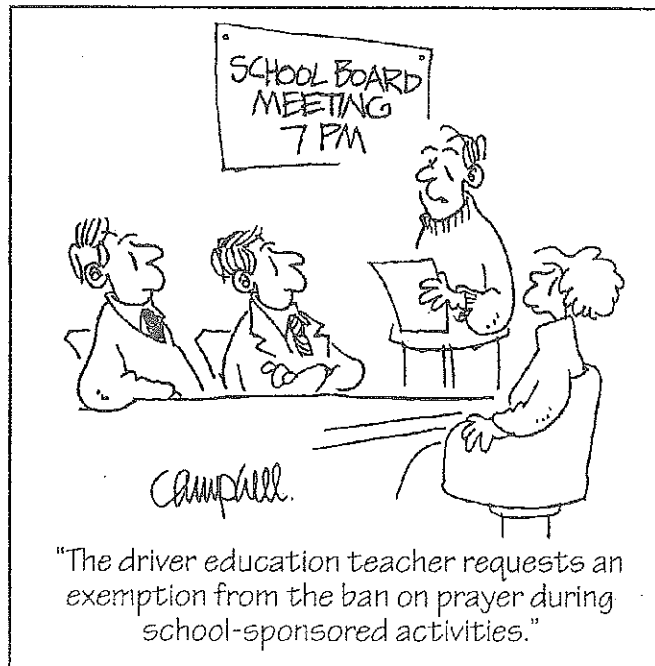
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17 Marilyn Pierce
24 Marilyn Pierce
31 Marilyn Pierce

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6 Andrea Barnett
10 Peggy Cox
17 Emily Closser
24 Mike Thompson
31 Dick Zarse

GREETERS

3
6
10 Becky Howard
17 Susie Remington
24
31

COUNTERS

Emily Closser/Debbie Rissman

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June Zirkle/Marilyn pierce

David/Carol Shears

Becky Howard/Connie Knigga

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