



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

APRIL, 2019

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From the Pastor:

Several weeks ago I made the trip up to Wisconsin to do the Grief and Loss presentation to the community of Barron, Wisconsin. As you may have seen on the news, this is a town that had been shocked by the brutal murder of a husband and wife. Their 13 year old daughter had been abducted after the murders and held prisoner for 88 days until she escaped. The citizens are trying not to over react and keep their children locked behind closed doors, because that will just make them anxious and depressed. They seem resilient and are grieving in healthy ways.

Everything went well on this trip and I also presented information to all the pastors of that synod about chemical dependency, which was well received.

About the only thing that didn't go well was that it was a very cold trip, because the weather was brutal and the heat went out on my old Buick. I had the heater worked on three times before this trip and the mechanic thought he finally had the answer, but he didn't. Consequently, all the way from Wisconsin to Minnesota and then back to Indiana I drove with two coats on, my big winter hat, a scarf and mittens. I was fortunate to find travelling days that were just clear and cold, but not sloppy, because I could never have kept the windshield clear without heat. I set a new personal record for the shortest amount of time to go from Preston, Minnesota to Indiana, because I never even stopped to eat, but just kept going to make it out of the cold.

I thought that I did very well, but my wife, Deborah thinks I'm nuts. She said, "You are the only man that I know who would drive around in the winter in Minnesota without any heat in a vehicle. You should have sold that car and gotten a new one a long time ago". "Well", I replied, "I'm not one to give up on a good vehicle easily". I don't know if I am crazy or just sentimental. The Buick was my dad's old car and I brought it back from Minnesota when he died. I also kept his old pickup truck a few years longer than I probably should have before selling it as well.

However, my best defense against insanity could be a spiritual defense. Maybe I'm not crazy or sentimental. Maybe I'm just using this ordeal as an opportunity to work on my impatience and intolerance in regards to my mechanic. Or perhaps I'm just faithful. Maybe I treat the old Buick like the Lord treated the children of Israel. They let the Lord down time and again, but He stuck with them. He

does the same for us. We are faithless and He is faithful. We forget Him and He never forgets us. We transgress and He forgives. We curse Him and He blesses us.

You see, that's a much more positive way to look at this whole situation. However, my wife still looks at me askance and utters the Hoosier expression that indicates mental deficiency. She concludes by saying, "You ain't right!"



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!

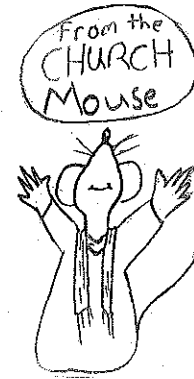
Kim Zarse will have tickets in advance at dinner, or they will be at Will Call for those who are not able to join for dinner. So, please let Kim know what you plan to do. Tickets are \$35 each, which includes ticket, fees, & \$1 donation to Paramount Theater.

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!!!

ERF MONTHLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2019



FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

183 Families served----- 574 total people
 44 Families served 1st time this year---- 148 total people
 183 Families received Commodities---- 574 total people

COST OF FOOD PURCHASED:

Second Harvest Food Bank----- \$3,016.01
 Walmart----- 523.44
 Aldi Foods----- 000000
 Red Gold----- 000000
 Harvest Market ----- 000.00
 \$ 3,539.45

FOOD ITEMS DONATED:

Clubs, Businesses, Organizations,
 Schools, Individuals----- 2,970
 Churches----- 915
 3,885

CASH DONATIONS:

Churches----- \$ 884.62
 Businesses, Clubs, Memorials----- 25.00
 Individuals----- 561.00
 \$ 1,470.62

EXPENSES:

Operational Expenses----- \$ 000.00
 Lutheran Church Electric----- 70.00
 Phone & Postage----- 79.89
 \$ 149.89

VOLUNTEER HOURS----- 564.5

We five little Lutheran Church mice are kept busy each week watching the people come in for food at Pete's Pantry.

We also notice how many hours Sue and Donnie Allen spend here each week working after hours. They have helpers, Suzy Nelson and Carol McCoy. It takes a lot of time to get everything done each week to keep the Pantry going.

It isn't a three morning day operation. They spend many hours buying food, bringing food to the Pantry, cleaning the pantry, taking boxes to Schott's Auction, ordering food, waiting on the truck to deliver food, and other things that need to be done.

All of the Pantry volunteers work hard each week keeping the Pantry going. All are important for the work of God and feeding his people. If you would like to volunteer come on down. We mice wonder if we could volunteer. People would probably be scared of us being there.

**Squeeky,
 The Lutheran Church Mouse**



BAPTISM

LEVI DAVID KELLY

BORN: JANUARY 10, 2019

BAPTISM: MARCH 17, 2019

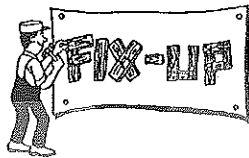
Son of Anna and Joe Kelly

Grandparents: Dick and Kim Zarse



IMPORTANT DATE

The church council will meet on April 10, 2019 instead of the third Wednesday in April. The time will be the same at 6:00 pm.



CLEANING DAY

On April 27th there will be a Spring clean up day planned. This is to give the church a cleaning and to do work on the all the closets that need to be cleaned out. Some things need to be kept and others need to be thrown away. If you would like to help with this cleaning just plan to attend. It will start at 1:00 PM.



REMINDER

There will be a Church Congregational Meeting on April 14, 2019 right after the worship service. Plan to attend this meeting. Mark your calendars.



THRIVENT DOLLARS

If you want to send your Thrivent dollars to the church you still have time to do it.

Flowers

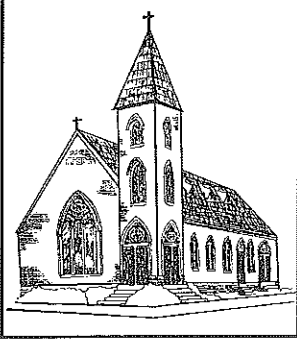


DAISIES IN A VASE

The youth will again be selling daisies in a vase for Mother's Day. The price this year will be \$6.00.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 9:30am S.S./ B.C. 10:30am Worship	8 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30am B.C. 4:00pm Wearhouse	9 9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office	10 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 6:00pm Church Council Mtg.	11 9:00am Office	12 9:00am Office 9:30 am Pantry	13
14 9:30 S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worsh. Congregational Mtg after Serv.	15 9am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30am B.C. 4:00pm Wearhouse	16 9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office	17 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	18 9:00am Office 7:00pm Maundy Thurs. Serv. At St.John Elwood	19 9:00am Off. 9:30am Pantry 6:30pm Good Fri Serv. former Ch of God	20
21 8:30 am Breakfast 10:30am Easter Worship	22 9 am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30 B.C. 4:00pm Wearhouse	23 9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office	24 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	25 9:00am Office	26 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	27 1:00pm Spring Cleaning Day
28 9:30am S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship	29 9:00am Office 9:30 am Pantry 11:30 B.C. 4pm Wearhouse	30 9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office				
31 9:30am S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship						



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ORGANIST

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

ASSISTING MINISTERS

7 Emily Closser
14 Andrea Barnett
21 Mike Thompson
28 Eddie Slaven

GREETERS

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14
21
28

COUNTERS

Emily Closser/Debbie Rissman
Linda Howerton/Susie Remington
June Zirkle/Marilyn Pierce
David Shears/Carol Shears

LECTORS

Audrey Salazar
Shon Littlefield
Becca Key-Kerr
Michael Slaven

SOUND EQUIPMENT

David Shears

ALTAR GUILD

Richard Thompson
Emily Closser

DEACONS

Tammy DiRuzza
Becky Howard
June Zirkle
Donne Key-Kerr