



# Blessings and Musings

## The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

### JULY, 2019

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**From the Pastor:**

Deborah and I had a really fun and restful vacation in Minnesota in May and I came back more relaxed and rested than I have been in some time. We didn't do very many things. We spent time with family, watched some girl's softball, played cards and went to three different Lutheran churches. We did some binge-watching of a couple Netflix series also.

But the best part of the trip was the way I was able to sleep. Maybe it was because I was by myself in my sister's basement where it is quiet, cool and dark as a tomb. Maybe it was because there was no stress of any kind and my mind was completely blank. Whatever it may have been, the result was that I slept like I have not slept since 1997. It didn't last when I got home, but it has been a little better.

My old prep school and college roommate, Greg Kaufmann and his wife came over from Wisconsin and visited for a couple days, which I really enjoyed. As per usual, Greg and I had to have a little project to work on while he was there. We picked up all the sticks and mowed my sister's lawn. We have a long history of work projects in various places. I help Greg with digging and weeding and rock piles at his place and he has helped my father and I many times out on the farm with pitching manure, fencing and other work.

My wife Deborah thinks that we are either crazy or workaholics and those might both be true, but there is something very satisfying about working at something with someone who is a good friend and having the feeling of accomplishment. We work awhile and then we talk awhile and it always feels good.

Bill Feldheiser and Bob Fletcher and I do the same kind of thing when we help each other cut and split wood for the winter. It is so much more fun to work together on these kinds of projects. We have solved many of the world's problems and sharpened our theology with a chainsaw in hand and a wood splitter nearby!

I oftentimes think that the body of Christ becomes closer knit when the bodies are at work together on some project like the "Potato Feast" at Our Blessed Savior or the "Spring Market" at St. John. Bodies in motion feel like something good is going on and that progress is being made.

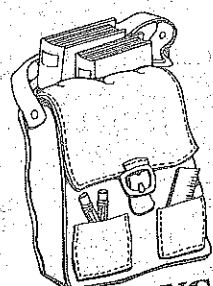
Maybe that is why I like working outside on projects. It feels like I have accomplished something. When I mow the lawn, every swath I take is one less to do. When we cut and split logs, every log is one more that is in the

barn for the cold winter. There is a sense of measurable, observable progress in work like this.

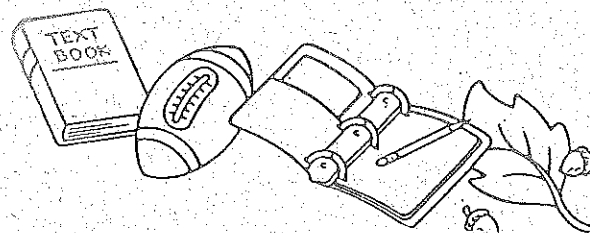
Contrasted to this is the kind of work that things like parish ministry, counseling and chaplaincy entail. There have been many days that I have gotten done with a day of counseling at the hospital and wondered if I really did anything that day. There are times in the parish likewise that I finish the week and wonder if anything was really accomplished, because you can't tell. There is no way to measure if your sermon had an impact on anybody or if your counsel was life-altering. You can't see and measure the progress like when you mow the lawn.

In some ways, it is sort of working by faith. You do the best you can and have faith that you are accomplishing something in people's lives. I think I can more fully understand Martin Luther's attitude when he talked about parish ministry. He said, "I preach my sermon on Sunday morning and then I go home and have my little glass of warm Wittenberg beer and then I sit back and let the Gospel do its work".

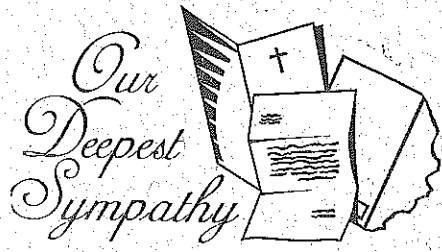
We all have work to do in this life and work to do in God's kingdom. It's always more fun and rewarding when we work together and God always rewards it.



**HEADING  
BACK TO  
SCHOOL**



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** are needed for the 2019-20 year. There is a box in the narthex. There also are envelopes for cash donations. Suggested supplies include folders, markers, crayons, colored pencils, blue or black pens, book bags, hand sanitizer, bleach wipes, and kleenex.



**DEATH**  
**JAMES FRÉDERICK STEVENS**  
Died: May 27, 2019  
Buried: June 3, 2019

## *The Ministry of Social Ministries*

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The new members of the Social Ministries Committee are:  
Connie Knigga, Lucy Hidalgo, Linda Holford, Beverly Stevens, Susie Remington, Louisa Hamilton, and Marilyn Pierce.

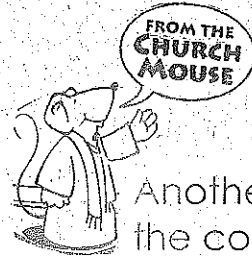
This committee has activities for the whole year. They are: Father's Day treats for the men, Christmas treats, Easter treats, send cards to sick shut-ins, and other events. If you know someone that is sick let Marilyn know so that a card can be sent to the individual. Thank you for your help.



### ITEM NEEDED

Box Tops for Education are needed to send to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona. We have saved box tops for this project for a number of years. Saving box tops help the school get things that they need.

If you would like to donate box tops put them in the basket on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

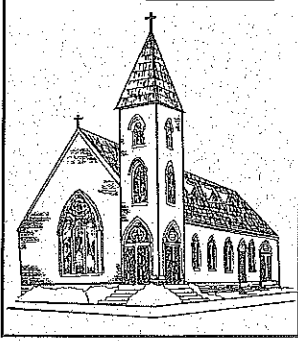


Another holiday is coming around the corner, namely the Fourth of July. While a lot of people enjoy fireworks there are some people who don't like them. Animals hate fireworks, especially the five little Lutheran Church mice, dogs, cats and other animals. It would be bad enough if you could only do it for one day and then shut them off. No, people think they have to start in June and go to August. We mice hate this time of the year. We have to hide every time we hear fireworks. Maybe in heaven there will not be those noisy fireworks to deal with anymore. It should be a calm and a loving place. That is what these mice are looking forward to - peace and quiet - NO FIREWORKS!!

**SQUEEKY,  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE**

# JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 4:00pm Wearhouse	2 9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office	3 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	5 9:00am Office 9:30 am Pantry	6
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## July Participants



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7 Marilyn Pierce  
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21 Marilyn Pierce  
28 Marilyn Pierce

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

7 Eddie Slaven  
14 Dick Zarse  
21  
28 Peggy Cox

### GREETERS

7  
14 Becky Howard  
21  
28

### COUNTERS

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

### LECTORS

Michael Slaven  
Linda Howerton  
Carol Shears  
Paulette Haynes

### SOUND EQUIPMENT

David Shears

### ALTAR GUILD

Debbie Rissman  
Susie Remington

### DEACONS

Donna Key-Kerr  
Tina Gilman  
George Bennett  
Becky Howard