



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

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I suppose that I was being nostalgic this summer when we were baling hay at our place. I had a hard time even finding anybody who wanted to bale my hay in small square bales, because almost everything is done in big, round bales nowadays, because there is no hand labor doing it that way. I like the small squares because I don't need a lot of machinery to handle them and they are easy to sell.

The nostalgia came when I remembered being seven years old and my father telling me that I was old enough to drive the tractor with the baler and rack behind it. He was stacking the bales on the rack behind me. It was a type of rite of passage to be considered old enough and skilled enough to do this job. It also meant that it took one less man to do that job, which was important in a family farm operation. I was proud to be able to do that job and I would have let my brain fry in the heat rather than quit and go in the house.

Another step in the progression to manhood on the farm came when you were considered old enough to start stacking those bales, either on the rack or in the barn or both. I recall a lot of pride in being able to do a man's work. There were times when the bales were a little wet and heavy and when I grabbed one it almost picked my feet up off the ground, but I was not going to surrender and let it beat me.

So, when we were unloading hay this summer, it took me back to all of those memories. Fortunately, I had a young college student named Ben Smith who was helping me unload and stack the bales in my barn. We stacked them up to the rafters to make room for the annual Picnic at the Ponderosa with the worship service in the barn. I told Ben that he was literally one in a million, because there are so few farmers now and fewer farmers with livestock and fewer who put up square bales. Besides that, he is not a farm kid and that makes him a rare bird, doing this kind of work. He liked that and was proud to think of himself that way.

We put up 573 bales and I was pretty much a puddle on the floor by the time the day was done, but it still felt great to do what I like to call "real work" for a change.

I was thinking what a shame it is that kids now have very few opportunities to do "real work". They do not know the joy of working your guts out and seeing what you have accomplished when you are done. I believe something important is lost from not having this kind of experience.

The only disappointing part of the day of baling was that I had 3 grandsons in the house who chose not to come out and help their "poor old poverty-stricken grandfather" with the stacking. From my standpoint, although they are not huge young men, they still are old enough at ages 15, 12 and 12 to at least come out and give it a try. They are certainly far older than I was when I started throwing bales.

I know that this kind of talk definitely throws me into the "old fogey" category of saying things like how tough we used to have it and kids just don't want to work these days and other statements like that, but I don't care. There is something sad about kids sitting in the house watching cartoons and swiping their cell phones in the air conditioning while their grandfather is in the barn sweating down into his shoes. I don't think I could have ever sat and watched my grandfather do that and not lift a finger to help.

I suppose that these boys are not different than any other boys nowadays, but I think they have missed something that could have not only been a help to their grandfather, but could have also increased their self-esteem and joy in helping. Oh well, maybe next summer.

MISSION UPDATE

MISSION OUTREACH

For part of our local mission outreach, The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior is donating \$500 to Beauty for Ashes, which provides transitional housing, accountability, and life management education in a nurturing environment, down the street from us. Their goal, at Beauty for Ashes, is to help women develop stability - emotionally, spiritually, and financially - during their 16 to 18 month stay, while accepting God's love and guidance as a spiritual resource.

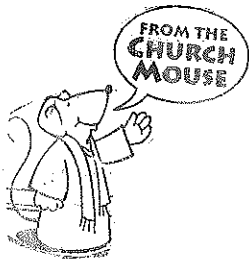
We are proud to assist our sisters in Christ with this donation presented Sunday, September 8, following our worship service and with refreshments in the narthex afterwards. Frank and Anna Baldwin will be here to accept the check.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, memorial gifts, and other acts of kindness during the loss of our loved one.

The Family of James Fredric Stevens Sr.



This Lutheran Church has a lot of animals that watch over the Church and other areas. We have five Church mice, Squeeky, Scotty, Tiny, Angel, and Smiley. They look after the Church 24-7.

Then we have a Lutheran Dog named Penny. She looks after things at her home, and makes sure there are not any non members at the Church when the heat or air conditioners are turned on sometime on Saturdays.

She has her routine down to an art. She goes to the left air conditioner/furnace then stops and lets the thermostat get turned on. Then it is go by the organ and check and look to see if it is okay and then

over to the front air conditioner/furnace and wait until it is turned on. Then she goes down the side aisle and has to check the sound desk and then out to the narthex. Sometimes she check Pastor Kal's office and Marilyn's office.

At her home she watches over her territory. Four large birds that were black were making a lot of noise and she started barking at them. They didn't like her barking at them and all at once they flew away.

We mice stay real quite when we see and know that Penny is around the Church.

Squeeky, The Lutheran Church Mouse



UPDATE

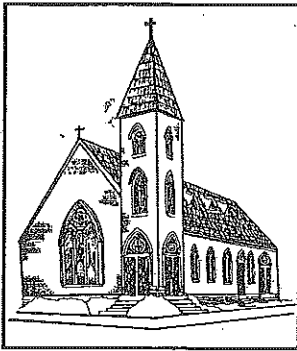
The Adult Class will be studying "The Lost Books of the Bible" as presented by The Lutheran Hour Ministry. This is a great opportunity to discuss and enjoy with our fun and friendly Sunday School group.

Andrea continues to teach the children lively lessons each week.

Anyone interested in taking Confirmation Class needs to contact Becca Key-Kerr or Pastor Kal for more information. Join us! 9:30-10:30 am. **No Sunday School - September 1, 2019 Labor Day Weekend.**

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship	2 Office, Pantry, Heaven's Warehouse Closed	3 9:00am Warehouse 1:00pm Office	4 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	5 9:00am Office	6 9:00am Office 9:30 am Pantry	7
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22 9:30am S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship	23 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 4:00pm Warehouse	24 9:00am Warehouse 1:00pm Office	25 9:00 am Office 9:30am Pantry	26 9:00am Office	27 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	28
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22 Marilyn Pierce
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15 Andrea Barnett
22 Emily Closser
29 Dick Zarse

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8 Becky Howard
15 June Zirkle
22 Susie Remington
29 June Zirkle

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