



# Blessings and Musings

## The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

### OCTOBER, 2019

#### From the Pastor:

There was a time when I was in grade school that I thought that I would like to grow up to be an artist. I had friends that could draw characters and paint pictures and do wonderful things with pencils and brushes. It just looked like such a fun and fulfilling way to make a living. The only problem was that after some attempts at this endeavor, I found out that I have absolutely no talent whatsoever at drawing or painting anything, unless it was painting the shed or the doghouse. I can't even draw a stick man that anybody could recognize as one. My brain tells me what I should do, but somewhere between there and my arm the message takes a dirt road and is lost.

The only thing that is remotely artistic that I can do is cut things and trim things. I cut my own hair and have for 35 years. I trim my bushes outside and do a relatively decent job of shaping them into cones and rectangles and mushrooms. I have been wondering if that would translate into any talent for carving things. I have looked at some of the beautiful woodwork that Bill Feldheiser has done and doubted that I could do anything close to that. He has some very realistic wooden ducks that he can use as decoys.

I read about an old Appalachian craftsman who carved duck decoys. He was asked by a tourist how he was able to carve these lifelike ducks. His answer was, "You just get in your head what a duck looks like and then cut away everything that doesn't look like a duck".

I wonder if that is the way it is with God when he looks at us. He looks at us as a rough chunk of wood, but envisions in His mind the kind of Christlike man or woman that might be hidden beneath all the bark and moss and knots. Then He begins the work of carving away everything that does not fit that image.

The only stumbling block to the Lord's process of fashioning us into beautiful "ducks" is that we need to surrender to his will and let Him work on us. That means that all of our experiences, both good and bad will be a part of this whittling process. Sometimes this is wonderful and sometimes it is painful, but in the end all of the things that we go through in this life help to shape us into God's beautiful work of art. When He gets through with us, we will find that He has carved away everything that does not conform to the image of His Son. The greed, selfishness, resentments and false pride are all cut away until we look like Jesus.

If you would like to be that likeness, put yourself in the Master Carver's hands and see what He can make of you.

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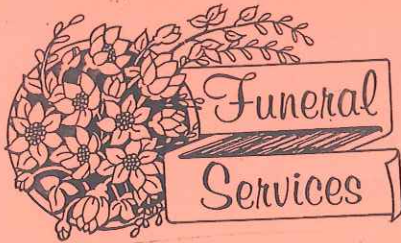
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### DEATHS

**THOMAS EARL COX**

**Died: August 30, 2019**

**Buried: September 6, 2019**

**JEAN KENDAL**

**Died: September 16, 2019**

**Buried: September 21, 2019**



Here comes the Fall season. We five little Lutheran Church mice like the colors of the season. Orange pumpkins, yellow, green, red, orange leaves on the trees which makes it a beautiful time of the year. Some green bushes turn red in the Fall.

God has provided us with all these pretty colors. Do we ever say "Thank you God for the beautiful colors and beautiful season?"

Next time you pray maybe you should say Thank you God for your beauty of the season. He would probably appreciate a big THANK YOU!!

**SQUEEKY,  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE**



### HEAVEN'S WEARHOUSE

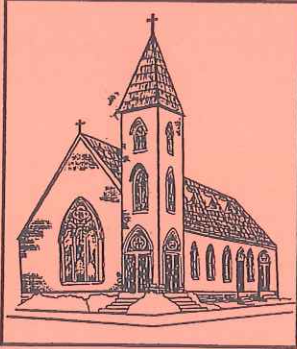
We are needing men help at the Wearhouse. We are open Monday from 4:00-6:00pm and Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:45am.

We will be needing men for the winter clothes change over on October 21 and 22 and also on October 28 and October 29. If you can help in any way contact Marilyn at 215-6088 or the church office 724-7611.

We need men all year round so if you have an extra minute we would appreciate your help.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00am Warehouse 1:00pm Office	2 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	3 9:00am Office 7:00pm Choir	4 9:00am Office 9:30 am Pantry	5
6 9:30 S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship	7 9am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30am B.C. 4:00pm Warehouse	8 9:00am Warehouse 1:00pm Office	9 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	10 9:00am Office 7:00pm Choir	11 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	12
13 9:30am S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship	14 9 am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30am B.C. 4:00pm Warehouse	15 9:00am Warehouse 1:00pm Office	16 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 6:00pm Church Council	17 9:00am Office 7:00pm Choir	18 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	19
20 9:30am S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship	21 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30am B.C. Warehouse 4pm	22 9:00am Warehouse 1:00pm Office	23 9:00 am Office 9:30am Pantry	24 9:00am Office 7:00pm Choir	25 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	26 POTATO FEAST 4:00- 7:00PM
27 9:30am S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship	28 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30am B.C. Warehouse 4pm	29 9:00am Warehouse 1:00pm Office	30 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	31 9:00am Office 7:00pm Choir		



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20 Peggy Cox  
27 Emily Closser

### GREETERS

6  
13  
20  
27

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David Shears/Carol Shears  
Becky Howard/Connie Knigga

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