



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

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From the Pastor:

I have trouble sleeping most nights. I lost my sleep pattern in 1997 and never have been able to regain it. I do several things to stop the overproduction of thought, so that I can get sleepy again and go back to sleep. I play Parcheesi to help focus in on one thing. I play Solitaire on the computer. I read boring technical or theological books to make me sleepy. None of it works very well.

However, sometimes I just turn on the television and turn the volume down and see if the droning of the voices can let me fall back asleep. The downside of doing this is that sometimes as I am channel surfing in the middle of the night I find something that catches my attention and then I can't fall asleep.

One program that made me stop in my tracks and pay attention is a program on Channel 280 called "Dr. Pimple Popper". When I first tuned in I thought to myself, "What in the world could this bizarre thing be"? It turns out that it is a show about a beautiful and kindly Dermatologist/Plastic Surgeon named Dr. Sandra Lee who is faced with a daunting array of skin rashes, cysts, bumps and lipomas.

There are people with cysts all over their bodies, people with huge keloid lumps hanging off their ears, folks with huge bumps protruding from their arms, legs and backs and others with scaly, fish flesh on their feet and legs. Almost all of the people portrayed end up feeling very self-conscious about their maladies and try to hide them in various ways by wearing hats, combing their hair over, covering all their body with long clothing in the summer, etc.

The thing that is most surprising to me, however, is the amount of time that these individuals have had their condition before coming to see Dr. Lee. It is not at all uncommon for people to have waited 10 years, 15 years or 20 years before they decide to do anything about their physical condition. Sometimes they have been told that it will just go away and they hang onto that hope. Sometimes they don't want to find out that maybe they have cancer. Sometimes they just procrastinate because they are deathly afraid of having surgery. Whatever the reason, these folks are suffering needlessly.

There are physicians like Dr. Lee that are ready to help and it is very sad to think of how much pain and shame has been endured for so long just because a person refuses help or denies that they need help. We cannot keep pretending health when we are not healthy.

It strikes me that we do the same kind of thing with our spiritual health as well. We pretend spiritual health when we are sick with sin. For example, we may have had a huge resentment growing like a cancerous lump inside us for years and

pretend that it doesn't harm us. We may have a bad case of self-righteousness that allows us to look down our noses at drug addicts, divorced people, welfare recipients and minority groups and pretend that this doesn't damage our hearts. We may be riddled with shame because of a dysfunctional family of origin and never say a word about it and let it continue to shackle our lives. We may be filled with self-pity that shuts out the sunlight of the spirit and keeps us miserable.

We have a physician for these spiritual maladies as well. In fact, we have the One called the Great Physician who can probe our inmost heart and diagnose our problems. He can not only diagnose a fatal disobedience or rebelliousness against God, but can heal it if we surrender ourselves and allow Him to do it.

Need a good Doctor? Just for luck we have one. No appointment necessary. Just show up and tell Him your troubles.



Lenten Services

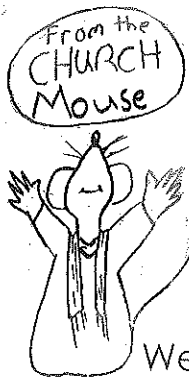
Our special services for this Lenten Season will include joint services at Our Blessed Savior and at St. John. The Ash Wednesday service will be here at Our Blessed Savior on Feb. 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and will include the traditional imposition of ashes.

The Maundy Thursday service will be held at St. John on April 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and will include Holy Communion.

The Good Friday community Service will be held on April 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian Church.

Easter Sunday will begin with the 9:00 a.m. Easter breakfast, followed by the Easter egg hunt and Easter service at 10:30 a.m.





We five little Lutheran Church mice have been **COLD** so we took a month vacation and tried to stay warm.

We watched Dick Zarse redo the wall going down to the basement. We tried to stay out of his way but, it would have been a lot of fun to play in his paint. We took a vote and decided not to play in his paint, we don't think Dick would have been to happy with us.

We love to listen to the choir practice each Thursday evening. We have to be real careful not to get walked on, since we are so little.

Have you asked any of your friends to come to church with you lately? We sure do have good sermons each week. We mice love Sunday morning worship and seeing all our human friends. You don't see us but, we see you!

**Love from Squeaky,
The Lutheran Church Mouse**



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with Souper Bowl of Caring with your participation. We were able to donate \$301 and 186 items to Pete's Pantry for alleviating hunger in our community.



EASTER FLOWERS

You may pick up your Easter flowers after the Easter morning service. There will be a list on the organ of the kind of flowers you ordered and how many of each kind.



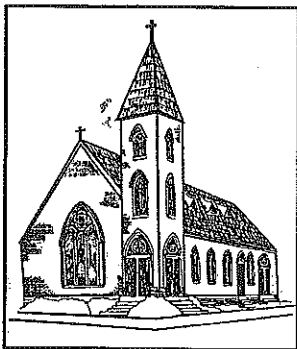
EASTER SUNDAY

Do you think we could fill up the church on Easter Sunday?

BECAUSE if we can why can't we do it every Sunday. It is so good to get your week started good by hearing words from the Lord. That also helps us for the coming week, having fellowship with other believers.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am S.S./B.C. 10:30am Worship	2 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:30am B.C. 4:00pm Wearhouse	3 9:00am Wearhouse 1:00pm Office	4 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	5 9:00am Office 7:00PM Choir Practice	6 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	7
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8
15
22
29

GREETERS

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8 June Zirkle
15 June Zirkle
22 June Zirkle
29

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