



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

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One of the irritating things about getting older is that you seem to have more medical tests and procedures all the time. Going for a medical check-up begins to feel kind of like taking your old car to the mechanic. You know that once they get it up on the hoist, they are bound to find something wrong with it.

I can remember my father complaining about this as his Doctor always wanted to check out a few more things as he got older. One day Dad came in for his regular blood draw and his Doctor told him that while he was there he should have his annual physical exam. "Oh, I don't think I need that", Dad replied, "I'm pretty spry". "Yes, Bill, we need to get a baseline on these things", she responded. So the nurse took his vital signs and got all the info needed. Then the Doctor said, "Bill, we also need to do a prostate exam". "Oh, I don't think so", Dad hastily replied. "Yes, we have to have that too", she insisted. Then Dad, who was a bit of a character, said "Well, alright Little Doctor, but this year when you do that prostate exam I want you to do me a favor". "What is that", she said suspiciously? "This year when you do that prostate exam I want you to use two fingers, because I would like a second opinion"! He was one of her favorite patients.

Unfortunately, not all of these exams and medical tests are that funny. Deborah and I both did our Cologuard colon tests recently or as I like to call it "Crap-in-a-box". Mine was fine, but Deborah's showed something irregular that they wanted to check out further, so she was scheduled for a full colonoscopy. Deborah did not sleep well for 2 weeks before this test. She was convinced in her own mind that she had cancer of the colon and she dreaded going to the hospital to have this confirmed.

One factor in Deborah's thinking was that her father had died of colon cancer and her older brother had died of cancer. She was certain that the same fate awaited her. It turned out, however, that she did not have cancer and is fine. You can imagine the relief that we both had at that point.

Our fears can oftentimes overwhelm us, even if they are not well-founded. One way to look at fear is to remember what the letters F-E-A-R stand for, namely, "False Evidence Appearing Real". 90% of what we fear will never happen and it is much more productive to forget fear and just deal with the other 10% when it occurs.

The phrase "Fear not" appears over 70 times in the Scriptures, but it is still difficult not to succumb to it. "Fear not, the Lord is with you".



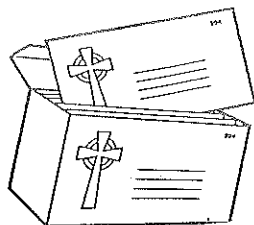
ALTAR FLOWERS

NOVEMBER 29TH ALTAR FLOWERS

By Emily Closser in celebration of the birthdays of her father, Richard Thompson on December 12th, Jeff Closser on December 7th, and Richard and Ruth Thompson's Anniversary on December 18th.

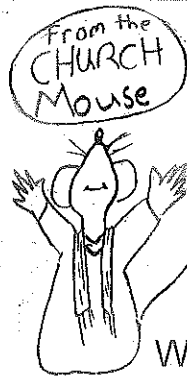
DECEMBER 6TH ALTAR FLOWERS

By Donna Pierce in celebration of the birthday of her daughter, Amy.



CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

You may pick up your 2021 offering envelopes any morning during the week from Monday to Friday. Office is open from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Some member numbers have changed. So it is important to get your new envelopes.



We five little Lutheran Church mice had a great Christmas. We received a lot of gifts. We loved our gifts but we had more fun reading the Christmas story of Jesus being born in Bethlehem. We love to sing so we sang every Christmas carol that has been written.

We all stopped for a few minutes and got into some serious discussions about what the year 2021 will bring. We decided that God is always in charge and we have to use the wisdom that he has given us to make good choices.

The food pantry has really had a lot of people coming to the tail gate give away of food. The volunteers have really been kept busy. We little mice wish for you a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

From Squeaky,
The Lutheran Church Mouse



THANK YOU

The church staff, Pastor Kal, Marilyn, and Linda would like to thank the members for their Christmas gifts. They are appreciated. Thanks so very much!

ALWAYS PRAISE HIM

(By Marilyn Forrester)

When I am lonely, I praise Him
and He is here

When I am hurt, I praise Him
and He soothes my soul

When I am sad, I praise Him
and He comforts me

When I am sick, I praise Him
and He heals me

When I have no funds, I praise Him
and He provides my need

When I am weak, I praise Him
and He gives me strength

When I am anxious, I praise Him
and He gives me peace

When I am down, I praise Him
and He lifts me up

When I have a heavy burden, I praise Him
and He adorns me with His Garment of Praise.

**There is a lot of power in praising and
worshiping God!**

Knock, and it shall not be opened

The Board of Deacons was being briefed on techniques for making church calls. One newly elected member was obviously timid about her responsibilities. The pastor told her, "You'll find it helpful, before you make the call, to spend a few moments talking to God about it."

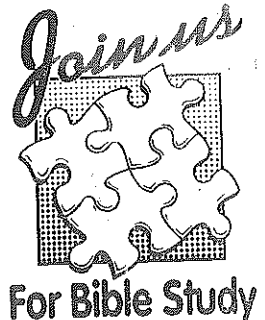
A week later, the timid one thanked the pastor for his advice and said, "I tried it when I went out on my call and it works. I prayed that the people wouldn't be home, and they weren't!"

—Presbyterian Life



CHURCH STATEMENTS

Your church statements of the offerings that you have given for the year will be mailed to you hopefully the first week of January. If you have any question about your statement just call Marilyn at the church office any Monday through Friday mornings between 9:00am-12:00pm. If you do not get your statement let Marilyn know and she will make you another statement and mail it to you.

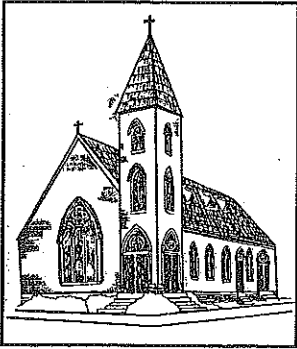


ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The adult Bible class is meeting every Tuesday evening at 6:00pm at Donna Key-Kerr's house for their study of the scriptures. This will go on during the church being closed due to the Covid virus. Wear your mask and plan to attend this nice class. This class went caroling to different members and everyone they visited appreciated their singing of carols. They really sounded good and it was good to see them in person. Even Penny the Lutheran dog enjoyed their singing and was on her best behavior. Thank you for the wonderful caroling!!

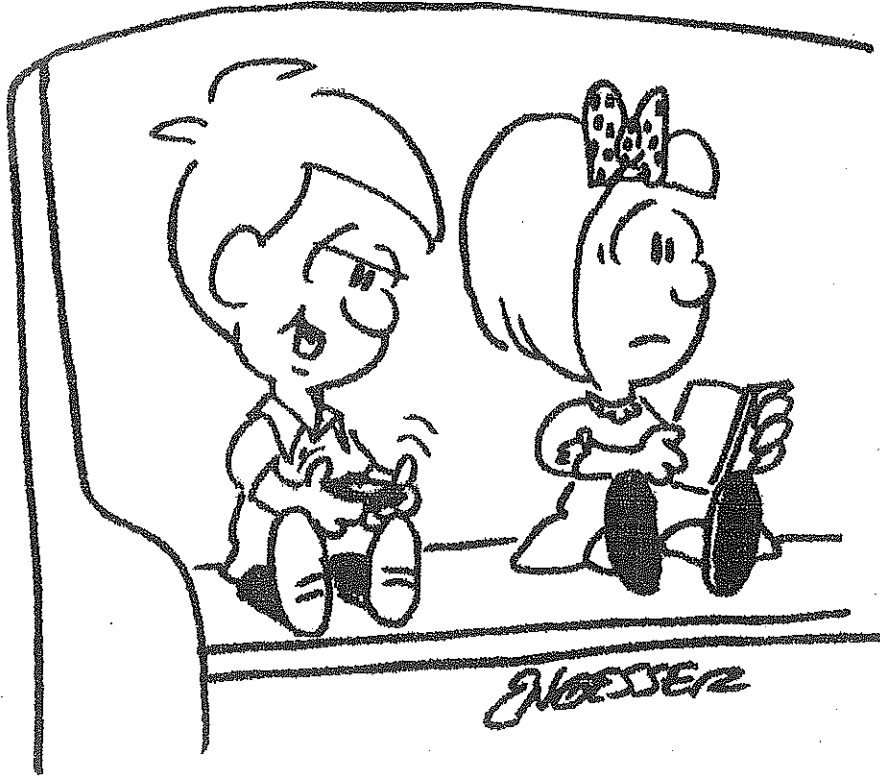
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17	18 9 am Office	19 9:00am Office 9:30- 11:30am Tailgate in parking lot	20 9:00am Office 6:00pm Church Council ?	21 9:00am Office 9:30-11:30am Tailgate in parking lot	22 9:00am Office	23
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"I'm following pastor on Twitter."

January Participants

