



Blessings and Musings

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When I went home to Minnesota for vacation I was made aware of something that I should have known before and that is that we often pay little attention to the things that are very close to us. We had a sort of family reunion while there and my nephew and his family came from Pennsylvania and were all excited to see the sights of Southeastern Minnesota. They persuaded us to all go to some tourist attractions that are very close to the farm, but those of us who lived there had never seen.

We went to the Laura Ingalls Wilder museum and saw one of the sites that Laura had lived in during her family's "Little House on the Prairie" wanderings. It was a fascinating look at how pioneers lived and survived.

We also toured the Niagara Cave and this was a much bigger deal than I had ever imagined. The cave is one-half mile long and goes down 200 feet below the surface. It has waterfalls, stalagmites and all kinds of rock formations. Our tour guide told the story of how the farmer who owned the land couldn't find 3 of his pigs and finally saw them deep down in a sinkhole and was able to get help and rescue them. Explorers then dug out some of the mud and found the extensive cave. The whole thing is surrounded by cornfields and would never be noticed except for the sign in front and the building that sits over the entrance.

My brother and his family also run an outfitter business that rents canoes, kayaks and inner tubes to people to float down the river and this was something that nobody ever thought of doing 40 years ago. The family all went tubing down the river and had a great time.

All three of these attractions are not more than 25 miles from our farmstead and one of them, the Root River, runs right through the farm, yet we had never visited them or utilized them. Likewise, Judy Stevens admitted to me that she has lived in Indiana her entire life and has never seen the Indianapolis 500 race! Apparently, only people from 5 states away can see the value of these things. Jesus of Nazareth commented on this when he said, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own people."

I believe that is the way it is sometimes with the people around us who are close to us. We may be so familiar with them that we do not notice what special people they are. During our family reunion time we did some reminiscing about what remarkable people our parents and grandparents were. They were people who knew how to sacrifice and put their family members first. They were people of faith who trusted in the Lord. They were people who maintained a sense of humor even after being struck with tragedy and loss. They were people who

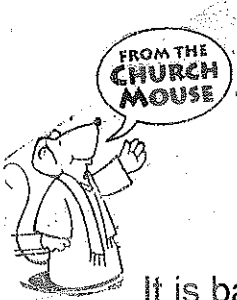
knew how to deal with pain without drugs. I wonder if other people appreciated them more than we did, however. I hope not.

There are amazing people all around us and we need to see them and appreciate them. Some of them are like the Niagara Cave who don't look like much at first, but have a depth to them that is truly impressive if we take the time to get below the surface. I guess we just need to look close to home to make sure that we don't miss some remarkable people.

Have you ever thought about this familiar
Psalm in this way?

The Lord is my Shepherd	(That's Relationship!)
I shall not want	(That's Supply!)
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures	(That's Rest!)
He leadeth me beside the still waters	(That's Refreshment!)
He restoreth my soul	(That's Healing!)
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness	(That's Guidance!)
For His name sake	(That's Purpose!)
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death	(That's Testing!)
I will fear no evil	(That's Protection!)
For Thou art with me	(That's Faithfulness!)
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me	(That's Discipline!)
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies	(That's Hope!)
Thou annointest my head with oil	(That's Consecration!)
My cup runneth over	(That's Abundance!)
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life	(That's Blessing!)
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord	(That's Security!)
Forever.	(That's Eternity!)

Face it... the Lord is crazy about you. What is most
valuable is not what we have in our lives, but WHO
we have in our lives!



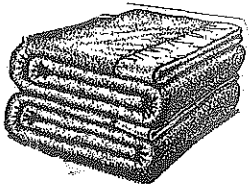
It is back to school already.

Where has the summer gone? Now our garden is growing with all the rain that God has given to our plants and we have tomatoes, green beans, corn, peas, watermelons, cantaloupes, cucumbers, strawberries, beets, potatoes, lettuce, green onions, large onions, and pumpkins.

We are hoping that the Ladies' Aid will let us use their stove so that we can put our vegetables in jars and use a canner to get them sealed and cooked for winter.

God sends us rain, sunshine, warm air and then we have food for winter and summer. Thank you God for helping our gardens.

From Squeeky,
The Lutheran Church Mouse



HEAVEN'S WEARHOUSE

We are open each second and fourth Wednesday and Saturday in the month of August. We are not needing any clothes at this time. We are taking household items, sheets, pillow cases, kitchen, bathroom towels, curtains and dishes. Remember Wednesdays you can bring household items for now and Saturdays are only for shopping. If you know of any people that need clothes send them to the Warehouse on

Saturdays. We have plenty of clothes. Debbie Rissman and Marilyn Pierce are Co Directors of Heaven's Wearhouse. Debbie is over the Wednesday crew and Marilyn is over the Saturday. If there is a special need for clothes or household items you can get it touch with either Debbie or Marilyn.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY FUNDRAISER

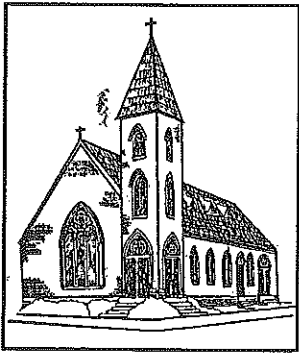
The Back to School Supply Coordinators were VERY grateful to receive our donations of money and some needed school supplies. Our church raised \$418.00 and 3 sacks of supplies. Thank you members for supporting this important community mission.

Another shout out goes to the Adult Sunday School group! There was a dire call for cookies made for the Back to School Event. Within 20 minutes of a text asking for some donations our group responded and we suddenly had 33 dozen cookies promised! Amazing! Thank you members! The coordinators were again amazed at our church's action.

Adult Sunday School will continue through most of August to study the book of Revelations. Beginning Sept. 12th the adult Sunday School will begin the study called "Spoken" - it is over the book of Psalms. This will be lead by Becca Key-Kerr.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am S.S. & 10:30 am Worship	2 9:00 am Office 9:30-10:50 am Pete's Pantry	3 9:00 am Office	4 9:00 am Office	5 9:00 am Office 9:30-10:50 am Pete's Pantry	6 9:00 am Office	7
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