



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

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I like to watch sports on television and there were a lot of great events to watch this summer. The Olympics is always great drama to see who is going to get all the gold medals and which country will have the most medals and so on. The golf season wound up as well with the FedEx Cup that included several exciting playoff rounds to determine a winner. The U.S. Open Tennis Tournament was quite surprising with two teenagers battling for the women's championship and a man going for the Grand Slam. The baseball season is rapidly heading towards the playoffs and now the football season has started so there will be more winners and losers there too.

As a culture we don't seem to like things to end in a tie. There has to be a winner and there has to be a loser. A tie seems a little like kissing your sister – it's alright, but it doesn't really do much to excite you. But what if we could come up with some things that would not be win-lose, but win-win? Wouldn't that be much better? I don't know if we could accept that, but it might be nice to try.

I was thinking about one win-win situation and that is being a Christian. No matter what happens to us in our life, if we are in Christ, we cannot lose. If we are alive and have faith in Christ, we will always have the strength to get through whatever the forces of evil can throw at us. We will always know that although the forces of evil will give us a run for our money this side of the grave, they cannot ultimately win. That has already been decided.

On the other hand, if we die, we win again. When we die there is no more suffering, no more sickness, no more sorrow and no more death. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

People have accused me of being morbid, because I have talked often about the joy of dying and getting on to something better. The "early check-out plan" as I call it, seems a very reasonable desire as part of the win-win benefit of being a Christian. I don't believe that I am going anyplace worse than here, so why not get there? As my father put it when he was confined to the nursing home, "I don't know what the Lord is piddling around with. I can't eat, I can't walk and my friends are all dead – what's the point? I would like to get on to something better"! I am with you on that one, Dad.

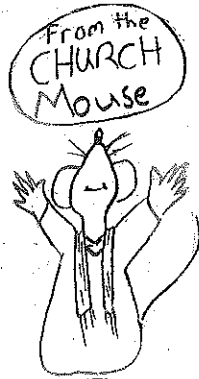
It is only the fear of the unknown that prevents us from celebrating the second win of the win-win situation. We know what suffering is and we know what pain is and we are used to that. We don't know what death is like or what is beyond death, so we hesitate and hang on to what we know. So, no matter if we live or if we die we are with the Lord. That is a true win-win.



Thanks
a Bunch!

THANK YOU

Kathie Loser would like to thank everyone for all the cards that have been sent to her and all the prayers that have been prayed for her.



We five little Lutheran Church mice had a serious talk this week about Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up so fast. We pray that while you are having your Thanksgiving meal that you take time to give thanks to God for your food, health, wealth, house, clothes, job and everything God has given you during the year.

It makes the five of us little mice so mad that some Christmas cards say HAPPY HOLIDAYS instead of MERRY CHRISTMAS. None of the mice at The Lutheran Church NEVER buy Christmas cards that say Happy Holidays on them. If that is all we can buy, then we mark out Happy Holidays and write Merry Christmas. How hard is it to say Merry Christmas? Whose birthday is it anyway? Jesus birthday --NOT Happy Holidays birthday. Who is Happy Holidays - NO ONE! Think on that -

Christmas might be a lot different when you think whose birthday is on Christmas Day. We will not stop saying MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

*The Ministry of
Social Ministries*

SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

This year the Social Ministries Committee will again return to members giving Christmas cards to members. Just bring your cards and put in the church of the stand then the committee will put them in alphabetical order and you may pick up your cards. None will be mailed. If you do not check each Sunday and don't pick your cards up they will be thrown away at the last day. You may start bringing your cards on December 5th to December 26th. We have some Christmas cards with the inside of the church on them for free. They are on the table in the Narthex. take as many as you would like. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn.



STAFF GIFTS

If you would like to donate to the Christmas Staff Gifts there are envelopes on the table in the Narthex with the other envelopes. Please do not write checks to the church for the staff gifts. It makes it very difficult. Please just put cash in the envelopes only.

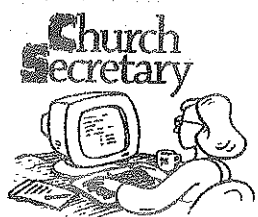


The adult Sunday School class will begin Advent preparation beginning Sunday, November 28 and continue each Sunday through December 19 from 9:30- 10:20 am. The theme of each lesson will be the Wonders of HIS Love. Besides bible lessons and warm Christian fellowship, there will be fun crafts made to share with others and special treats. If you would like to learn more, please join us.

The Children's Sunday School will be taking a free will offering after each Sunday service beginning November 7th and will continue through Nov 28th. This offering is to be used to support the Alexandria Toy Drive. Due to Covid for the last year and a half they have not been able to do the extensive fund raising as in years past. We all know that Christmas is not about presents but remember the excitement as a child when you woke up on Christmas morning knowing there were surprises waiting for just you. Last year there were 140 families and 304 children ages 0-11 who were provided toys. Thank you in advance for your support.

"Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!" Please join us for a Christmas Dinner Celebration right after the December 5th Church Service. Meat will be provided by Ladies Aid. Bring a side dish to share. Bring your friends! Let us reflect on our blessings as a church family as we take time to laugh and share good cheer with one another.

Pete's Pantry is going strong thanks to volunteers and area churches. Monetary donations are always welcome. A pound of food can be purchased for \$.19! Every donation of \$10.00 provides up to 40 meals and resources for families and individuals. Pete's Pantry can always use plastic grocery bags and 12 count empty egg cartons. Other items that are needed are canned vegetables, soups, rice, juices, toothpaste, and body wash. Pete's Pantry wishes to say thank you for the continued support of this important mission.

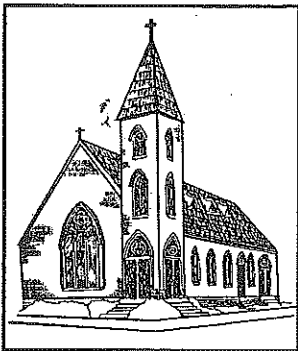


SIGN UP SHEET

On the table in the narthex there is a sign-up sheet for you to sign if you would like to have your 2021 envelopes for tax purposes. If you have any questions contact Marilyn in the church office.

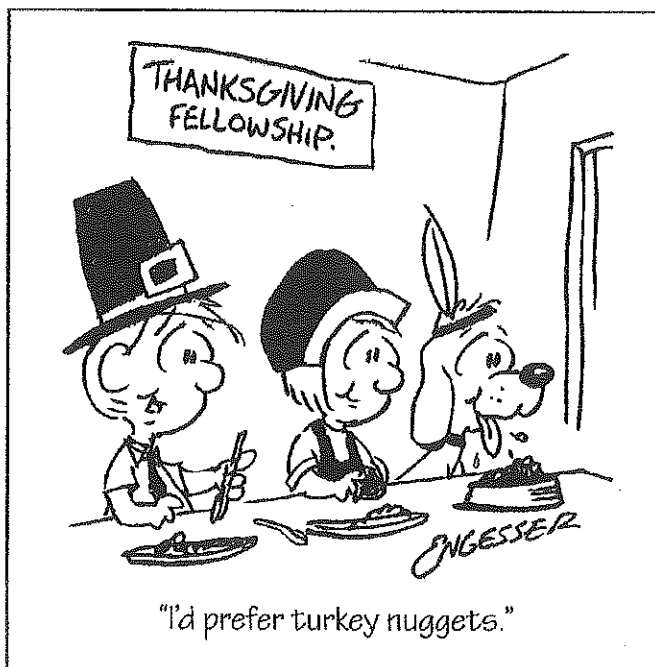
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00am Office 9:30am- 10:50am Pete's Pantry	2 9:00am Office	3 9:00am Office	4 9:00am Office 9:30am 10:50am Pete's Pantry	5 9:00am Office	6
7 9:30am S.S. & B.C. 10:30am Worship	8 9:00am Office 9:30am- 10:50am Pete's Pantry	9 9:00am Office	10 9:00am Office 4:30-6:30pm Warehouse open Bring items	11 9:00am Office 9:30-10:50am Pete's Pantry	12 9:00am Office	13 9:00am Heaven's Warehouse open Shopping only
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28 David Shears

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