



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

MARCH, 2022

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From the Pastor:

This past Sunday may have been the best day that I have had in a long time. It is not that anything spectacular happened; it was just a very relaxing and deeply satisfying day.

After I lead worship at the two churches I usually enjoy a fine meal and then feel that there is a large chair in the living room that is calling me for a little nap. That happened and then I felt ready to watch NFL football with the AFC and NFC championship games.

However, the best part of the day came when two of my good friends and former colleagues, Bruce and Al came over to watch the games with me. The games were excellent with last second and overtime wins and we had a wonderful supper of marinated chops, potatoes and home-grown corn. It was just perfect!

Sometimes I think that watching the games is just an excuse for us to get together and tease one another, talk big and share a laugh or a concern. Our grandson, Caleb, who is 20 years old has joined us before, but he told his grandmother, "those old guys just talk too much". Apparently, he likes to focus on the games and finds our banter distracting, which is of course, just silly.

The thing that really stood out to me was how rewarding it is to have good friends that you can count on. I have my old college roommate, Greg and my colleagues from the drug treatment center, Bruce, Al and Jim that I can always trust. In fact, I would trust my life to any one of those four guys. I'm not sure how many people could say that, so I am certainly blessed.

I am doubly blessed, because I also had good, sane and Godly parents and family members that were always there for me as I grew up. But I realize that not everybody is that lucky. I have worked with enough dysfunctional families to know how damaging it can be to grow up in shame and dysfunction.

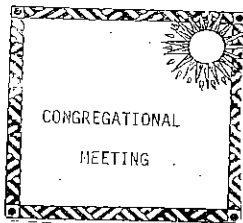
Many times children who grew up amidst this dysfunction are desperately seeking acceptance and love and sanity, but they can't find it in their family of origin. They keep going back there even as adults, but do not get what they need. It reminds me of an old well with a bucket and windlass. These folks keep lowering their bucket in the family well again and again, but the only thing they come up with is dust. They are seeking what Jesus called "the living waters", but they can't get it there.

This is where having good friends comes in to help a person get what they need. There is a saying that I have heard before that refers to this and that is

"Friends are family that you choose". When you lower your bucket down into the well of a friend, you can get that living water.

There is, of course, some risk in building friendships. To know and be known by another can be a challenge, but the rewards far outweigh the risks. My grandfather used to say, "If you want to have good friends, you have to be a good friend." That is true.

So, exciting football is nice and good food is great, but having good friends is the best.



Congregational Meeting

Our regular quarterly congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, March 13th immediately after the service. One issue that will be discussed is a recommendation by the church council to simplify the budget and accounting system for the church. We currently have numerous separate accounts that are difficult for our new accounting firm to keep track of. We would like to keep the accounting cost to a minimum if possible. The council proposal is to combine several of these accounts into just a few major accounts. This would not mean that members could not still support specific projects in the church, but the accounting of them would be simpler.



DEATHS

GRACIANO SAUCEDO

DIED: FEBRUARY 3, 2022

BURIED: FEBRUARY 12, 2022

ROBERT MICHAEL GILMAN

DIED: FEBRUARY 5, 2022

LUCINDA RANGEL HIDALGO

DIED: FEBRUARY 8, 2022

BURIED:



WHAT A FRIEND

Lucy Hidalgo is a friend who will be missed by a lot of people in church and out of the church area.

She was interested in doing work for the church. She worked many years for the Food Pantry. She worked many years at Heaven's Wearhouse.

She wanted to do things for the church and we put her to work folding the celebrates for the bulletins. She had her special way to do them and it took a load off me. I have missed her a lot over the last months. Now I fold the celebrates and I know that my folding is not as good as she did. When Tim was in the hospital she would never let me go see him without her going too. She was very right; she made it easier for me to deal with Tim's physical things.

Tim and Lucy would tease each other and I miss hearing them teasing each other. Lucy and I went to the grocery together and ate out a lot. God sends different people in your life when you need a special person to get you through the bad times. God sent me Lucy and thank you God for sending her to me. Be at peace Lucy. We will miss you.

Your friend, Marilyn

Oh, come on now!

The pastor became so distressed over the abundance of saloons in his community and the widespread drinking among his flock that one Sunday morning he preached a lengthy sermon against liquor.

"I wish there were no liquor on this earth," he declared. "I wrote to the President of the United States and asked him to give me a permit to enter all the saloons and carryout stores and gather up all the bottles filled with this terrible stuff."

"When I get that permit," he continued, "I'm going to empty all the whiskey kegs, bust all the beer bottles and pour all that liquor into the river, and on Thanksgiving morning you will see the river flowing high with liquor. I've said my piece. Now let the choir sing."

The director raised her baron, the organist sounded a chord and the choir members rose to their feet and sang, "Shall We Gather at the River."

—Medway United Methodist Church
Medway, OH

What's inside matters

To look at a building like Albert Hall, or even St. Paul's, from the outside, you would have no such impression of its vastness or grandeur as you receive from its interior. And so with Christian truth, it is really and mightily true only from within.

—John Killinger



We five little Lutheran Church mice are so ready for Spring to get here. You have to have patience and Spring will come. Sometimes we get impatient when we want to get out of cold weather and get some warmer weather.

It made us little mice think real hard about God and his patience with us. Just think how God has to be with all of us when we always do the wrong things that probably hurt God real deeply.

He loves us all with all His heart and gives us another chance and forgives us our sins if we ask him to forgive us and take our sins away. What patience he has for us, because he does it over and over.

We have a wonderful Father in heaven looking out for us. When we want to blame God for a death or something bad that has happened in our lives, we had better think twice.

A minister once told us little mice "don't blame God. That was from the devil. God only does good things; he doesn't do evil things in your life." He wants us all to be with him in heaven. We have a very patient God.

FROM SQUEEKY

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE



THE PARAMOUNT

The Paramount will present a play on church basement ladies on **March 31st**

at 3:00pm We need to know if anyone is interested in going to this play. all seats are \$35.00 If you are interested let Donna Key-Know.

Council News

YEAR 2022 ELECTIONS

Thinking ahead for 2022. Elections of Officers and Deacons are coming up in May. These are the offices that will need elected.

President:	One year term
Vice President:	One year term
Secretary:	One year term
Deacon:	Two year term

We will need to elect another Deacon for Christian Education. This is a two year term and after two years can be elected for another two years.

Tina Gilman and Bethany Bennett can be elected for another year. Their term will be up in 2023.

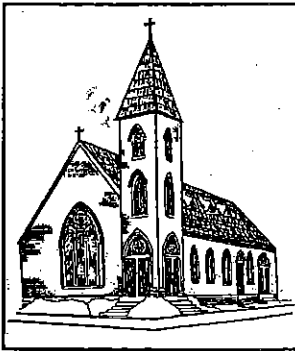
We will need to elect a new Vice President. This is for a one year term. That person can be elected again for a one year term.

If you would like to run for one of the empty offices please let Tina Gilman know you are interested.

Pray about it and if you would be interested then let someone know. It is our love of God to work for his kingdom.

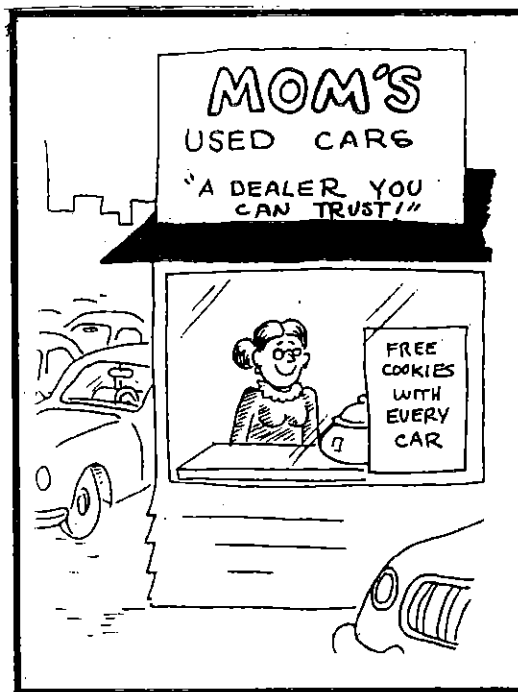
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:30am S.S. & B.C. 10:30am Worship	7 9:00am Office 9:30 am Pantry 11:00am Bible Study	8 9:00am Office	9 9:00am Office 4:30pm Warehouse Wed. service	10 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	11 9:00am Office	12 9:00am Warehouse Open for shopping only
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March Participants



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6 Marilyn Pierce
13 Marilyn Pierce
20 Marilyn Pierce
27 Marilyn Pierce

SOUND EQUIPMENT

2 David Shears
6 David Shears
13 David Shears
20 David Shear
27 David Shears

LECTORS

Becca Key-Kerr
Ron Haas
Tina Gilman
Donna Key-Kerr
Becca Key-Kerr

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Dick Zarse
Emily Closser
Peggy Cox
Shon Littlefield

ALTAR GUILD

Becky Howard
Susie Reminton

DEACONS

Becca Key-Kerr
Tammy DiRuzza
Becky Howard
George Bennett