



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

MAY, 2022

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From the Pastor:

I'm not sure if anybody ever drove by at the right time to see me, but it must be quite a sight. I am referring to the times when our driveway is flooded after a heavy rain and I have been prepared by parking the car at the end of the driveway before the storm. The next morning I put on my hip waders and slog my way through the water and then change into my shoes before driving away. People might pay money to get a picture of Pastor Kal with his clerical collar sticking out above those hip waders!

This flooding is a recurring problem and every time we get a 2 to 3 inch rain we can count on the creek overflowing into all the low areas surrounding it. Unfortunately, our front pasture and driveway are part of this overflow area. Sometimes the water on the backside of the pond flows into the pond and then out the front side making the property look like just one big lake with some trees sticking out of it.

The driveway flooding is a nuisance, but the worst part is the destructive force that this flood water exerts as it runs back down into the creek when the rain subsides. It happened again this spring. The receding water ripped my fence out and broke off the corner post and left barbed wire dangling out into the creek. With Dick Thompson's help I got a new corner post and pounded the steel posts back in and restrung the barbed wire, but it is a nuisance.

You wouldn't really think that water flowing through 4 strands of barbed wire would do any damage and it actually won't, if water is all there is. But the problem is that there was more than just water in my pasture. There were sticks and limbs that fell over the winter. There was also a huge wad of cornstalks and soybean stubble that had floated from the neighbor's field across the driveway and into the pasture. This mixture of wood and stubble had lodged up against the fence, making a pretty solid wall and it is this combination that gave the water something to push against. This solid wall was no match for the power of that volume of water.

I probably could have done something before the rains came to minimize the problem. I could have picked up all the sticks and limbs in the pasture and I could have taken the pitchfork out and forked over at least some of the corn and bean stalks. There still would have been some stubble build up, but it might not have had the strength to bowl over the fence. But I didn't do that.

I was thinking that this flooding thing could be a metaphor for life. The water represents the ever changing flow of events in our lives. Sometimes it is moving slowly and sometimes very swiftly. But the thing that makes the flow through the fence of our lives problematic is all of the other stuff that we have let pile up. For example, when we do not deal with our resentments one at a time and instead let them pile up, that is something that could exert great pressure on us. When we let other people's expectations of us creep in, that is something the water can really push against. When we procrastinate and let tasks pile up, it blocks the flow of the water of life and makes it destructive. When we hold on to our grief and obsess on our losses, the wall is building and force will be applied. When our false pride and perfectionism kick in then the flow of living waters is interrupted. Even the simple obtaining of too many objects and toys can block the flow.

In the Scriptures water is described as being both life giving and as representing chaos. It appears that when we don't have too many things blocking the water, it is the living waters that Jesus talked about. When we do have too much stuff blocking the way, the waters are dangerous and destructive. Hopefully, this recent Lenten season has been a good time for us to clean out the trash and let the living waters flow.

Council News

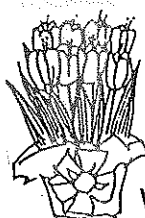
TO BE ELECTED

President: Tina Gilman

Vice-President: David Shears

Secretary: Bethany Bennett

Deacon of Christian Education:



A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who donated Easter flowers this Easter.

They are as follows:

Marilyn Pierce	MM Toby Gilman
Emily Closser	MM Randy Loser
Donna Key-Kerr	MM Dan Barnett
Becky Howard	Stephanie Salazar
Peggy Cox	MM Dick Zarse
MM George Bennett	
MM Mick Bowen	June Zirkle

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 (President) and Bethany Bennett (Secretary) 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.

We five little Lutheran Mice were talking and we started listing all the months with special holidays.

- January - New Year's Day
- February - Valentines Day
- March - St. Patrick's Day
- April - Easter
- May - Memorial Day
- June - Weddings
- July - Fourth of July
- August - Vacations/ School Starts
- September - Labor Day
- October - Halloween
- November - Thanksgiving Day
- December - Christmas Eve Serv.
- Christmas Day

We little mice were surprised to see that each month has at least one special holiday. What is more special than holidays, is knowing that God is in each month directing us through the months.

The dollars and the church

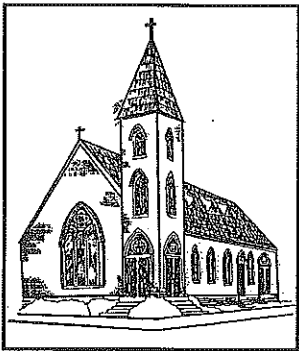
The dollar is a miraculous thing. It's our personal energy reduced to portable form and endowed with power we do not ourselves possess. It can go where we cannot go; speak languages we cannot speak; lift burdens we cannot lift; save lives which we cannot deal with directly. Our dollar given to the church buys more to relieve human needs than any other place we might choose to invest it.

-Harry Emerson Fosdick

Squeaky,
The Lutheran Church Mouse

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am S.S. & B.C. 10:30am Worship	2 9:00am Office 9:30 am Pantry	3 9:00am Office	4 9:00am Office 4:30pm-6:30pm Warehouse	5 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	6 9:00am Office	7
8 9:30am S.S. & B.C. 10:30am Worship Palm Sunday	9 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	10 9:00am Office	11 9:00am Office 4:30pm-6:30pm Warehouse	12 9am Office 9:30 am Pantry 7pm Maundy Thur. at St John Elwood	13 9:00am Office	14 10:00- 12:00pm Warehouse Shopping only
15 9:30am S.S. & B.C. 10:30am Worship	16 9 am Office 9:30am Pantry 11:00am Bible Study	17 9:00am Office	18 9:00am Office 4:30pm-6:30pm Warehouse 6PM Council	19 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	20 9:00am Office	21
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May Participants



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- 1 Marilyn Pierce
- 8 Marilyn Pierce
- 15 Marilyn Pierce
- 22 Marilyn Pierce
- 29 Marilyn Pierce

LECTORS

ALTAR GUILD

- Becky Howard
- Sharon Thompson

SOUND EQUIPMENT

- 1 David Shears
- 8 David Shears
- 15 David Shears
- 22 David Shears
- 29 David Shears

ASSISTING MINISTERS

DEACONS