



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

OCTOBER, 2022

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From the Pastor:

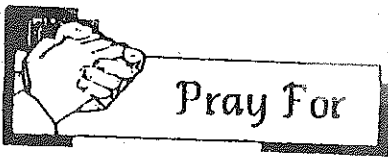
For many months now I have been having trouble with the tires on my car. It seems that one back tire was losing about 3 or 4 pounds of pressure every day and the other back tire was losing about 2 or 3 pounds per day. I would run the old Buick into the barn, turn on the air compressor and fill up these 2 tires about every third day. It didn't take all that long, but it was certainly a nuisance. I kept telling myself that I probably should have this checked out, but I didn't want to spend the money to do it, because these are old tires on an old car and a fella doesn't want to go crazy throwing good money after bad.

This is probably the same reason that I have not had the heater fixed either. All last winter I went without heat in the car, because a mechanic told me that he would have to take the dashboard off and it would be a complicated and expensive repair. So, I just made sure I had an extra jacket and hat and gloves and made it through the winter. I told myself that maybe I would get a new car before this next winter, but now I am wavering on that and think that since I make a lot of short trips, I can get through another winter or maybe last until the Buick dies. But the Buick doesn't act like it wants to die, so there you are.

That may make some sense, but this business with the tires is kind of silly. I finally decided that I was going to take the car to the tire shop and have them fix the worst leaker and they fixed it right up. To my surprise, when I went to pay them for this service the manager told me that since I had bought the tires there, there was no charge, since they took care of all maintenance as part of the deal. So, I decided that they should take a look at the other leaker the next time I went to town and they fixed that one too for no charge. What a deal!

I ended up feeling pretty foolish about this whole situation. Here I was going out to the barn every third day and checking tires and blowing up tires and all I had to do was take them in and have them fixed for free. I started humming the old hymn that I learned in Sunday School, "What a friend we have in Jesus". The lines I resonated to were, "Oh what peace we often forfeit; Oh what needless pain we bear..." It seems that was exactly what I had been doing – forfeiting peace and needlessly bearing pain for no good reason. Does this sound familiar?

I'm not sure what this situation says about me, but it looks like I am a minimalist, a tight-wad and the king of "get by". I generally do not procrastinate about most things, but I do when it comes to self-care. This is not good. I am a baptized child of God and am worth taking care of. I can't wait for my annual Medicare physical to get everything fixed up. That's the spirit!



PRAYER LIST

Members who need our prayers. Bob Fletcher, Connie Knigga, Willodene Herrick, Kathie Loser, Richard Howard, Ralph Grose, and Sarah Hall. The Social Ministries Committee sends cards each month to Nursing home members and those who are sick. If you know of anyone that is sick please contact Marilyn in the church office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCOUNTABILITY, INC. BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE

August 2022

Income for August
\$ 6,633.00
Income Year to Date
\$69,288.37
Expenses for August
\$9,546.24
Expenses Year to Date
\$86,933.23
Loss for August
- \$2,913.58
Loss Year to Date
- \$17,644.45



CHOIR REHEARSAL

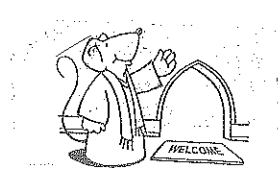
The choir will start rehearsing each Thursday at 7:00pm in the choir room. They will meet here at The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior, starting Sept. 29th.



ITEMS OFTEN NEEDED FOR PETE'S PANTRY OCTOBER

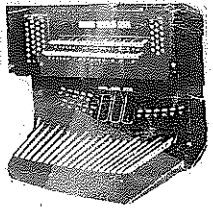
Bread/Buns Soups of All Kinds
Baked Beans Kidney or Black Beans
Diced Tomatoes Instant Potatoes
Stove Top Stuffing - Turkey & Chicken
Rice - 1 pound bag white or brown
Can Pumpkin
Cereal and Instant Oatmeal
Can Sweet Potatoes or Yams
Coffee, Spices, Sugar, Flour
Personal Care Items

****PETE'S PANTRY CAN BUY MEAT FOR \$.19 A POUND AND MANY TYPES OF DAIRY ITEMS COST \$.10 A POUND. MONEY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HELP THE PANTRY.



We five Lutheran Church Mice had a great meal after the Worship Service on September 11, 2022. We honored the Community first responders with a church dinner. The chicken was so good and the chicken came from Horner's Market. Randy French fixed the chicken for us and he did an excellent job. All the pitch-in dishes and desserts were wonderful. We had 55 in the church service and saw a lot of our friends and new people. It was a very enjoyable day. Three Elwood people from St. John Lutheran came over for the dinner. It was our first church dinner in 2 1/2 years. If you weren't able to come you missed out on great fellowship and wonderful food. We five Lutheran mice ate your part of the meal and were we ever full!

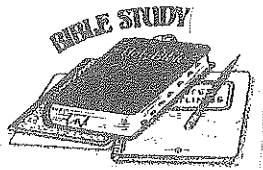
Squeaky,
The Lutheran Church Mouse



ORGAN CONCERT

There will be a Reformation Organ Concert at St. John Lutheran in Elwood at 7:00pm on October 28, 2022.

Sarah Williams will be performing organ, piano and vocal selections. She will be doing Reformation music and "A Mighty Fortress" will be included. There will be a reception following the concert. Sarah has been a church organist for 30 years and has a Masters Degree in Music performance from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.



FREE TO BE BIBLE CLASS

As part of moving towards a shared ministry, we are going to have a combined Bible Class with both Our Blessed Savior and St. John participating. The class will be held at St. John on Friday afternoons at 1:00p.m. This is always a good gathering with lively discussion and good fellowship. Come and bring a friend.



LADIES' AID

The Ladies' Aid helps the church in many ways. A lot of times we are asked to provide chicken for the meals, we buy eternal candles, Communion wine, supplies for the kitchen and other things that come up that the church needs. Remember when we had Ladies' Aid meetings each month and we all paid dues? We don't have our monthly meetings any more but the need for money is still present. The above items are not cheap; they can be expensive. If you would like to give to the Ladies' Aid, there are envelopes in the narthex for you to use. We just had to buy a new microwave for the kitchen. It was good we had it Sunday, Sept. 11th for our dinner. Our old micowave just gave up the ghost. If you have any questions, ask Marilyn.


The secret of the bended knee

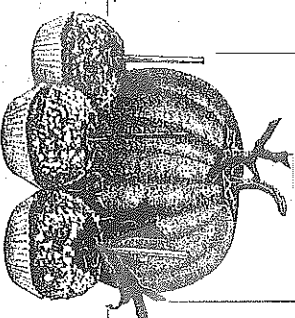
Have you ever watched a bird sleeping on its perch and never falling off? The secret is the tendons of the bird's legs. They are so constructed that when the leg is bent at the knee, the claws contract and grip like a steel trap. The bended knee gives the bird the ability to hold on to his perch so tightly.

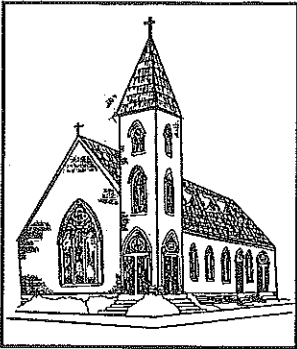
Isn't this also the secret of the holding power of the Christian? When Daniel was surrounded by a pagan environment, tempted to compromise with evil, urged to weaken his grip on God, he refused to let go. He held firm when others faltered because he was a man of prayer. He knew the power of the bended knee.

—Gate City United Methodist Church

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October Participants



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9 Marilyn Pierce
16 Marilyn Pierce
23 Marilyn Pierce
30 Marilyn Pierce

SOUND EQUIPMENT

2 David Shears
9 David Shears
16 David Shears
23 David Shears
30 David Shears

LECTORS

Becca Key-Kerr

Dr. Herb Berner

Donna Key-Kerr

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Shon Littlefield
Andrea Barnett
Peggy Cox
Emily Closser
Dick Zarse

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Bonnie Haas
Tammy DiRuzza

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Becky Howard
Tina Gilman
Steve Holcomb
George Bennett