



# Blessings and Musings

## The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

### NOVEMBER, 2022

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#### From the Pastor:

When you watch movies and programs on television, have you ever paid much attention to the viewer's ratings that a show has? There are those letters in the heading and some of them you might be familiar with and some of them maybe not. For example, a movie might be rated "G" for General Audience, or "R" for Restricted. The letters "AC" stands for Adult Content and "AL" stands for Adult Language. "BN" means there is Brief Nudity and "V" is for violence.

These designations are intended to give parents some idea what their children are watching and which things they might want them to avoid. It also helps adults to switch the channel from things they don't enjoy. For example, when they see a "V", they might not want to be subjected to a shoot-'em-up, violent movie. On the other hand, that may be exactly what they like.

However, I was watching an old Western recently and it had the letters "V" and "OC" under the title. I understood the "V", because there is oftentimes lots of violence in Westerns, but I was a little puzzled by the "OC" designation. I found out that it stands for Outdated Cultural Depictions.

I am not sure exactly what is meant by this, but it seems to have something to do with things that are now considered politically incorrect. For example, the traditional roles that women have may be limited to housekeeping and child-rearing and the thought of them being Doctors, lawyers and CEO's was not even considered at that time. This is considered outdated.

The roles of men and the roles of women are well defined in old movies. Men are supposed to be very macho and not very sensitive. There was no thought of gender lines being blurred or changed. In the old Westerns, there are saloon girls and there are nice girls and never the twain shall meet.

I even saw a rerun of "Gunsmoke" where a 9 year old boy was acting disrespectful and Marshall Dillon spanked him! That might be outdated. In the same episode, Marshall Dillon was exhausted and went up to Miss Kitty's room for supper, but then fell asleep on her bed and Miss Kitty just left the room. That seems a little outdated for our culture as well. I am thinking that if we had a modern day cultural depiction of this, Marshall Dillon and Miss Kitty wouldn't just be friends, but there would be a designation of "BN", brief nudity and "SC", sexual content!

I guess what it all comes down to is that our cultural depiction may be different today, but I am not sure that it is really any better than the outdated stuff. If "Bonanza" were a new show today, the Cartwright boys would not have all

remained celibate bachelors and the bunkhouse would probably look like a bordello!

Cultural patterns may change, but human nature does not. In every age we are as Martin Luther put it, "at the same time, saint and sinner". We do noble deeds and we do terrible things. We are made in the image of God and yet many times act like the devil.

My hunch is that the things that we see as appropriate today will look, at the very least, silly, if not just plain wrong 30 years from now. Fortunately, there is one thing that does not get outdated and never goes out of fashion and that is God's love for us and His understanding and grace and mercy. He is the changeless God for a changing world. That is a picture we can all enjoy.

CHURCH MEMBERS gave 62 items for Pete's Pantry so far this month.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will continue through November studying about the Holy Spirit and it's movement in our lives.

WE HAD 20 members participate in the Bowling toy drive.

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### Linked together

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A few years ago at the Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants, all physically or mentally disabled, assembled at the starting line for the 100-yard dash. At the gun, they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with a relish to run the race to the finish and win.

All, that is, except one boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times and began to cry. The other eight heard the boy cry. They slowed down and looked back. Then they all turned around and went back. Every one of them. One girl with Down's syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better." Then all nine linked arms and walked together to the finish line.

Everyone in the stadium stood, and the cheering went on for several minutes. People who were there are still telling the story. Why?

Because deep down we know this one thing: What matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What truly matters in this life is helping others win, even if it means slowing down and changing our course.

*-Homiletics*



We five Lutheran Church Mice were talking the other day, how fast this year has gone. Christmas will be here before we know it. Thanksgiving is very close. So sad that Thanksgiving doesn't get all the excitement like Christmas. In **November** we should be thanking God for all he has done for us during the year. When Christmas comes in **December**, is the excitement because Jesus was born or is it about how many gifts we are going to receive? In our mice family we make a birthday cake and decorate it for Jesus birthday. Do you do that too? Now we think of **October**. October is a pretty time of the year -- leaves turning pretty colors, pumpkins all around, and mums blooming. It is like God has gotten his paint brush out and makes everything beautiful for us. The down side to October is colder weather ugh!! Everything is dying and we hate the thought of winter coming. It seems like we have more winter than warm and sunny summer time. We five church mice are just giving you some things to think on during these last few months of the year.

**Squeaky,  
The Lutheran Church Mouse**



*Holy Baptism*

## **BAPTISMS**

**CALLIE SUE GILMAN**

**BORN: NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

**BAPTIZED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

**RYLEE MARIE GILMAN**

**BORN: NOVEMBER 25, 2020**

**BAPTIZED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

**RORY JOSEPH GILMAN**

**BORN: NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

**BAPTIZED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

*In  
Memory*

## **DEATH**

**THOMAS EUGENE HAAS**

**DIED: OCTOBER 10, 2022**

**BURIED: OCTOBER 15, 2022**

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### **Gladness in the house of the Lord**

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At the end of the service  
we all stood, stiffly and silently  
in our pews,  
as the choir and ministers moved out  
in stately procession.

Suddenly, a small band  
of children (little children)  
skipped laughingly  
in their own procession  
down another aisle.

Parents reached out  
to haul them back  
into the restraining pews,  
but a few of us  
quietly wished  
we could do as they did.

Set us free, Lord.  
Set us free.



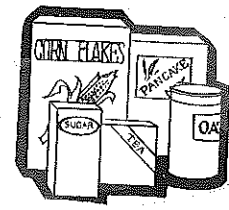
Members who need our prayers. Bob Fletcher, Connie Knigga, Willodene Herrick, Kathie Loser, Richard Howard, Ralph Grose, and Sarah Hall. The Social Ministries Committee sends cards each month to Nursing home members and those who are sick. If you know of anyone that is sick please contact Marilyn in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

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**ACCOUNTABILITY, INC.  
BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE**

September 2022

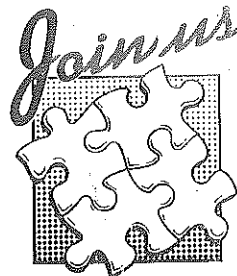
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\$ 9,883.00  
Income Year to Date  
\$ 79,171.37  
Expenses for September  
\$ 11,692.60  
Expenses Year to Date  
\$ 98,619.83  
Loss for September  
\$ -1,809.55  
Loss Year to Date  
\$ -19,448.00



### ITEMS OFTEN NEEDED FOR PETE'S PANTRY NOVEMBER

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.



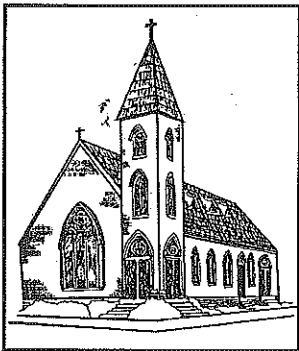
### For Bible Study

#### FREE TO BE BIBLE STUDY

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.

# NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:30 am S.S. & B.C. 10:30 am Worship	7 9:00 am Office 9:30 am Pantry	8 9:00 am Office	9 9:00 am Office 4:30pm Wearhouse open 6:00pm Church Council	10 9:00 am Office 9:30-10:50 am Pete's Pantry 7 pm Choir	11 9:00 am Office 1:00 pm Bible Study St. John Elwood	12 10:00 am Wearhouse open
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27 9:30am S.S. & B.C. 10:30am Worship	28 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	29 9:00 am Office	30 9:00 am Office 4:30 pm Wearhouse Open			



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20 Marilyn Pierce  
27 Marilyn Pierce

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13 David Shears  
20 David Shears  
27 David Shears

### LECTORS

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Peggy Cox  
Emily Closser  
Shon Littlefield

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Linda Howerton  
Amy McNally  
Jarid Frix

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Becky Howard  
Donna Key-Kerr