



# Blessings and Musings

## The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

### APRIL, 2023

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Part of the process of becoming a shared ministry/ two point parish is that I would have to receive a new call. I am currently called to Our Blessed Savior, but am only contracted year to year at St. John. I would have to receive a call to the new entity of the two point parish if both congregations vote to begin this shared ministry. This is not a big deal, since I have been functioning as the pastor of both parishes for over 8 years and I would accept such a call.

This possibility has had me reflecting on the whole notion of the divine call. Lutherans teach that a person is called to ministry and then called to minister at a particular place. A minister stays at that place until he or she feels called to a different place or different kind of ministry.

As far as the original call to ministry, I really cannot explain that. I knew that I was going to be a Lutheran minister towards the end of my sixth grade year of school. I don't really know how to describe it. I didn't have a blinding light that knocked me off my horse like Saul did when he became Paul. I had no ministers in my family background, so it was not carrying on a family tradition. I just gradually became attracted to the notion that I wanted to not just have a job, but I wanted a profession and something that was important.

I know that I was influenced by our new pastor. His son was my age and became my best friend and I spent a lot of time in the parsonage. I found out that ministers were just regular people who put their pants on one leg at a time just like everybody else, but they dealt with things that were important like: God, family, birth, death and relationships. Our pastor was sincere and interesting, but he was also fun and I was drawn to him.

Certainly my family of origin was a great influence on me also. My grandfather was a great man of faith and loved the Lord and served him every day. Every day of the week after supper you could see Grandpa John sitting at the dining room table with his big Bible out reading Scriptures. He was a simple, hard-working farmer and had few needs of his own, but was always generous to the church and to others in need. If a thing was right, it was right and you did it and if a thing was wrong, it was wrong and you didn't do it. It was that simple.

My parents set a terrific example when it came to faith life and the church. We never asked if we were going to church. If it was Sunday, we were going. If there was work to do at the church, we were going to be doing it. We had devotions at home and discussions about our faith at the supper table. My mother and father had a rock solid faith that the Lord knew what he was doing and if tough times came, they knew the Lord would be with them to see it through.

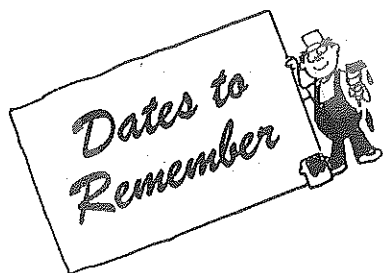
I believe that all of these people and these experiences somehow added up to my feeling called to professional ministry. But I am not the only one that is called by God. Martin Luther made it clear that every Christian has a calling. He called it the royal priesthood of all believers. That means that you are called to be a Christian wherever you are.

You may be called to be a Christian farmer, a Christian teacher, a Christian homemaker, a Christian nurse or a Christian grandparent. Wherever you are and whatever you do, you are called to do it as a Christian, with all of the values and moral standards that Christ showed us when he was on this earth.

There is not a big distinction between being a pastor and being a lay person. One does not have a calling and the other simply a job. Every Christian has a calling and what you do in your little part of the world is as important as anyone else's calling.

We are all called by God in our baptisms to be followers of Him and part of His family. We live out our baptismal calling when we share the love of God in Christ Jesus by what we say and by what we do in our daily lives. When we do that we are definitely walking wet in our baptisms and living out our calling.

### **SCHEDULE FOR PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, AND EASTER SUNDAY**



**April 2, 2023 - Palm Sunday - 10:30am**

**April 6, 2023 - Maundy Thursday -  
7:00 pm at St. John Lutheran Elwood**

**April 9, 2023 - Easter Egg Hunt -  
9:30am**

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10:30am**



### PRAYER LIST

Members who need our prayers. Bob Fletcher, Connie Knigga, Willodene Herrick, Richard Howard, Ralph Grose, and Dean Morehead. The family of Larry Barnett and the family of Linda Holford. 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  
FEBRUARY 2023

Income for  
February  
\$ 9,864.00  
Income Year to Date  
\$ 21,866.00  
Expenses for February  
\$ 11,459.85  
Expenses Year to Date  
\$ 22,016.44  
Net Income for  
February  
\$ -1,595.80  
Loss Year to Date  
\$ -150.34



We five little Lutheran Church mice would like to thank all the faithful people who volunteer each week for being Assisting Ministers, Lectors, and Deacons.

Thanks for saying "YES" when Donna Key-Kerr, Deacon of Worship, asks you to volunteer on a given Sunday.

If you would like to volunteer, just tell Donna and she would be glad to put your name on her list.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the Sunday School people on Easter Sunday.

We mice love to watch the children find their eggs and see the smiles on their faces. It is a fun time and the day our Savior rose from the dead. You can't get any better than that.

We mice say, He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

From Squeeky,  
The Lutheran Church Mouse

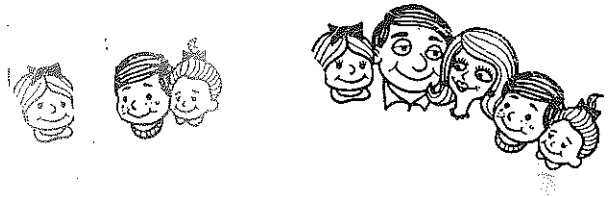
P.S. From the whole mouse family at The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior . We mice say HAPPY EASTER TO EACH ONE OF YOU AND REMEMBER OUR LORD ROSE FROM THE DEAD TODAY FOR EACH ONE OF US. Squeeky, Angel, Scotty, Tiny, and Smiley.



**NEEDS FOR PETE'S PANTRY FOR  
APRIL**

- |                                                                           |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Cookie Mixes                                                              | Pudding Mixes |
| Soups                                                                     | Baked Beans   |
| Grape Jelly                                                               | Crackers      |
| Bread/Buns                                                                | Pastas        |
| Cereal                                                                    |               |
| Personal Care Items                                                       |               |
| Mustard, Ketchup or Mayonnaise                                            |               |
| Canned Chicken, Tuna or other canned Meats                                |               |
| Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash or Bar Soap, Deodorant                    |               |
| Rice - 1 pound bag, white or brown                                        |               |
| Fruit - can peaches, pineapple, mandarin oranges, applesauce, mixed fruit |               |

**\*\*\*\*\*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 SECURE AS MANY LOW COST ITEMS AS POSSIBLE EACH WEEK.**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG  
HUNT**

The Sunday School will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for all children ages Toddler up to Confirmation age (2yrs - 11 yrs, older children are welcome to assist the younger ones with crafts and games, etc.).

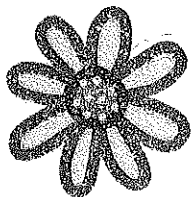
Activities will start around 9:30am and run thru 10:20am. Easter morning 04-09-23 in the Bethel Room and Lounge Area. Join us for crafts, egg hunting and re-telling of the Easter Story. We will decide Easter morning whether the hunt will take place indoors or outside. Join us for fund activities, stories and prizes.



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
for APRIL 23, 2023.**

There will be a Synod Representative attending both services at St. John Lutheran in Elwood. Then will attend the service at The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior in Alexandria. After each service there will be a meeting to vote if we want to become a 2.0 parish with Elwood Church. This is an important meeting. Plan to attend.

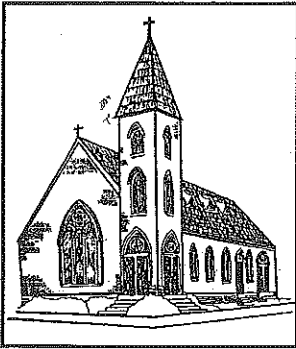
*Happy Easter  
For Heaven's Warehouse*



*Steven L Shaper  
my home church is  
First Baptist Church  
of  
alexandria, ind.  
Bless you*

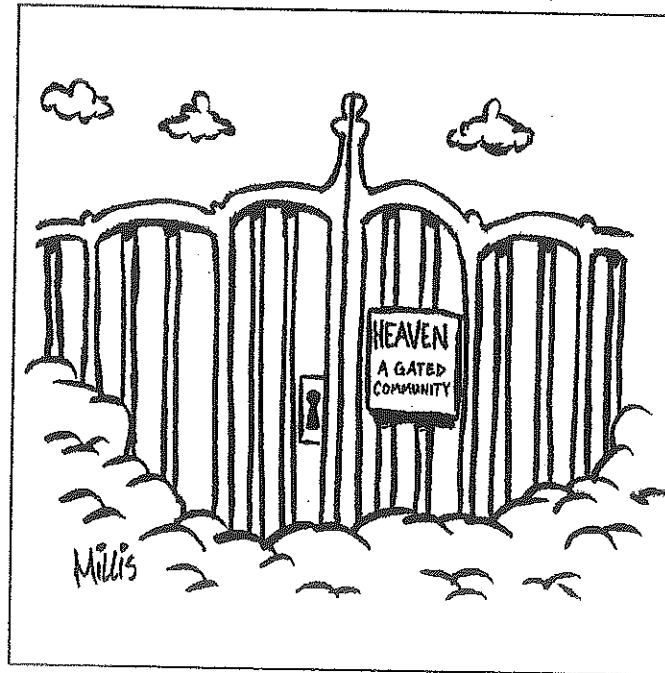
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 am S.S. & B.C. 10:30 am Worship	3 9:00 am Office 9:30 am Pantry	4. 9:00 am Office	5 9 am Office Warehouse closed	6 9:00 am Office 9:30 am Pantry 7 pm Maundy Thurs Elwood	7 9:00 am Office 1:00 pm Bible Study St. John Elwood	8 Warehouse closed
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30 9:30 am S.S. & B.C. 10:30 am Worship						



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## April Participants



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2 Marilyn Pierce  
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

Dr. Herb Berner  
Becca Key-Kerr  
Ron Haas  
Carol Shears  
Donna key-Kerr

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

Mike Thompson  
Shon Littlefield  
Emily Closser  
Peggy Cox  
Andrea Barnett

### ALTAR GUILD

Emily Closser  
Dick Thompson

### DEACONS

George Bennett  
Becky Howard  
Tina Gilman  
Steve Holcomb  
Tammy DiRuzza