



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

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As I was writing last month's newsletter article I had a moment of gratitude for how much easier this task is than it used to be back in the old days. I remember when I was in High School and College that writing any term paper or article or any kind of writing was a real chore, because you couldn't make any mistakes and correct them easily like you can now with the computer.

My grandchildren can't believe that we used to have to go through such a cumbersome process with a typewriter just to get a paper done. I explained to them that we had a product called "Whiteout" that you used to brush a white film over a mistaken letter and then you could type the correct letter on top of it. The next technological breakthrough came when the "Erasing ribbon" was invented and you could just type over a mistake with this handy ribbon.

The grandkids wondered why we just didn't use the "backspace" or the "delete" button on the typewriter and they were amazed that we didn't have a "delete" button like we do now on the computer. In those days, when you had a "typo" it was a real process to get your paper right with the world.

This started me thinking how nice it would be if we just had some kind of "delete" button for other mistakes that we make in our lives. I could just go back after that unkind comment I made when I called my sister an idiot and hit the "delete" button and it never happened. I could back up and make some different decisions on some of the relationships that I have had and delete the ones that didn't turn out well. I would be able to reverse some of the stupid and dangerous things I have done working on the farm and prevent injuries by hitting the "delete" button. There are so many times when this would come in handy.

This "delete" button would work well for any kind of sin that we might have as well. But the problem is that sin is not just some typo that can be easily corrected. Sin is not just a bunch of little no-no's that we can whiteout or erase or delete. Sin, with a capital "S" means distance from God. It means that we are not close to God and are not following His will and His ways. Each thought, word and deed that goes astray earns us death.

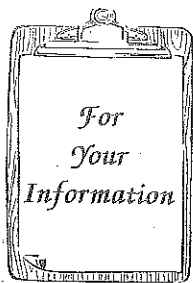
But the Good News is that the Lord loves us enough to give us our own "delete" key if we are a Christian. Jesus invented this on Calvary when He said, "It is finished". That is the "delete" key of God. Our sins are totally erased.

I used this notion at the drug treatment center after having a patient type in all their examples on their moral inventory. They confessed these things and then I asked them to hit the "delete" button. I told them that that is how God now sees their transgressions. They are gone. Delete from us, Oh Lord.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCOUNTABILITY, INC.
BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE
May 2023

Income for May
\$ 17,396.00
Income Year to Date
\$ 59,547.25
Expenses for May
\$ 9,687.77
Expenses Year to Date
\$ 54,028.01
Net Income for May
\$ 7,708.28
Net Year to Date
\$ 5,519.49



WEARHOUSE NEWS

The Wearhouse will be open on
Wednesdays for DONATIONS ONLY.
From 4:30-6:30pm. Shopping is for
Saturdays only.

Shopping days are the second and
fourth Saturday of each month from
10:00am-12:00pm. NO DONATIONS
TAKEN ON SATURDAYS.

Thank You!

We would like to thank all the people
going off the church council. They have
worked hard keeping everything going in
the church.

Going off this year is President: Tina
Gilman, Secretary: Bethany Bennett,
Vice President: David Shears, and
Social Ministries Deacon: Marilyn
Pierce. We say a big thank you to
each one of them.



NEW JANITOR

Since the death of Linda Holford, our
janitor, we have a new janitor and that is
Amy McNally. She is doing a very
good job. You can go to her if you
have any concerns or see something
that needs to be changed. She is very
easy to talk to. Welcome to the staff,
Amy at The Lutheran Church Of Our
Blessed Savior.



PRAYER LIST MEMBERS WHO NEED
OUR PRAYERS, Connie Knigga,
Willodene Herrick, Richard Howard,
and Ralph Grose. 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.



We five little Lutheran Church mice have been busy this summer. We can't believe how fast this year has gone by. We haven't even had time to go on a picnic. You know how we love food and crumbs. We might have to wait on a picnic until Pastor Kal and Debbie have their picnic for the two churches.

How in the world does God take care of his world plus all his people everyday of the year. He must be real busy and we can't even get a picnic planned.

We mice aren't sure but doesn't school start in another month? It seems like school just got out.

FROM SQUEEKY, THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE

Council News

CONGREGATION MEETING

There will be a Congregation meeting on July 9th after the worship Service to elect Officers and a Social Ministries Deacon and to approve the budget for this coming year.



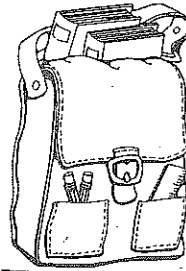
HOMEMADE COOKIES

If you would like to bake some cookies for the Back To School Rally, let Donna Key-Kerr or Stephanie Salazar know.

Five Sundays in a month

When there are five Sundays in a month. On the fifth Sunday of that month there will be a joint council meeting between The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior and St. John Lutheran. When Pastor Hubert was here he looked in the records and our right name is The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior and not Our Blessed Savior. We had a history lesson. When Marilyn has to type the church name you will see it as The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior.





**HEADING
BACK TO
SCHOOL**

BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY

This is the 15th Annual Alexandria Schools Back to School Rally Night. All students enrolled in Alexandria Schools will be invited. Area churches and businesses have worked on collecting school supplies, back packs and other items so students can start the year on a positive note and provide many parents help with these items. There will also be free food and drink with a dessert. Often there are opportunities for haircuts and other helpful information for families. Our Blessed Savior will once again be having free will offering after each service on July 2, July 9, July 16, and July 23.



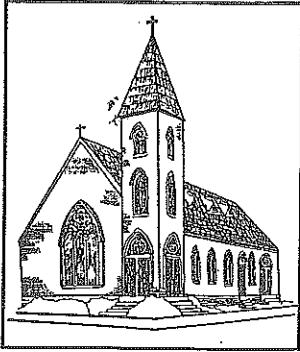
COOKIES FOR THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL RALLY

Our Blessed Savior has been known to be the biggest contributor of homemade cookies for this rally of all cookie donations. This rally actually needs about 200+ baggies of 2 cookies for the rally meal that is free to all. Please let Donna Key or Stephanie Salazar know if you would be able to donate any baked cookies for this event to be help the last week of July.

NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL JULY 9, 2023



*Items donated to PETE'S PANTRY FOR JUNE = 27
Items needed for JULY = Tomato Soup, Canned Dinners
Raviola, Beeforoni, Spaghetti O's, etc.*



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July Participants



ORGANIST

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

Becca Key-Kerr
Stephanie Salazar
Ron Haas
Carol Shears
Becca Key-Kerr

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Shon Littlefield
Dick Zarse
Peggy Cox
Andrea Barnett
Emily Closser

ALTAR GUILD

Debbie Rissman
Susie Remington

DEACONS

Donna Key-Kerr
Becky Howard
George Bennett
Donna Key-Kerr
Tina Gilman

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30am S.S. & B.C. 10:30am Worship	3 9:00am Office	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 9am Office 4:30-6:30pm Wearhouse DONATIONS ONLY	6 9am Office 9:30am Pantry	7 9am Office	8 10:00am- 12:00pm Wearhouse SHOPPING ONLY
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