



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

SEPTEMBER, 2023

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10:30 A.M.

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From the Pastor:

Last week we were able to go down to Westfield, Indiana to have supper and spend some time with my daughter, her husband and the 3 grandsons. We had a great time and I was amazed at how fast those boys are growing up. The eldest boy, Everett informed us that he was not a kid anymore. He said, "I am 11 now so I am not a kid; I am a pre-teen"! Well, excuse me!

This next statement will undoubtedly fall under the heading of grandparent bragging, but I was so impressed with how well behaved and polite these 3 boys were. They were kind to one another (most of the time); they are respectful to their parents and have some social graces.

I am aware that these boys didn't get to be the way they are by accident. They have very good parents who know what they are doing in raising children. It is a joy for me to just sit back and watch how they parent those boys. They are united, loving, consistent, instructive, involved, encouraging and set firm boundaries. I thought to myself that if these 3 boys didn't turn out to be something, it wasn't because they didn't have a good start.

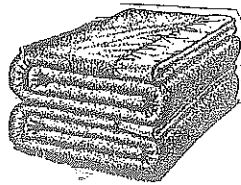
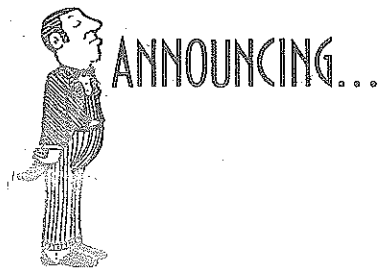
I have worked with so many people who grew up much differently than this, however and have really struggled in life as a result. The adult children of addicts and others who grew up in dysfunction are most times just guessing at what "normal" is and much of the time they are guessing wrong. My version of "normal" is whatever I grew up with or got used to and your version of "normal" is whatever you grew up with, but that may not be what most folks would consider within the bounds of "normal". Some people need help to discover what really is "normal" and helpful and sane.

I think of how lucky I am to have grown up in a functional, Christian, loving home. It could have gone differently because my mother grew up in an alcoholic, dysfunctional home and this might have not gone well for my siblings and me. Fortunately, my mother was smart enough to know what she didn't know about parenting and deferred to my father's way of parenting. Dad came from a great, Christian family and knew what he was doing and showed Mom how to do it. Dad was in fact, way ahead of his time when it came to discipline and other parenting skills.

I often wonder what I would have turned out to be if I had grown up in some of the dysfunctional, violent, neglectful families I have worked with in treatment. I suspect that I would be a much different person and would have led a much different life.

The only thing that is a drawback in growing up in a good, loving family is that whenever I screw something up in life, I have nobody to blame. It is all on me: I can't claim that I had a bad childhood, because I didn't. But all in all, I would still choose the good childhood and loving family rather than have a good excuse for bad behavior.

For those of you that were raised in loving, Christian homes, you really should get on your knees and thank the Lord every day for your luck. For those of you who weren't as lucky, there still is hope for you to get the help you need in counseling and self-help groups to have a rewarding and happy life.



Clean out your cupboards, clean out your drawers,
Get rid of your old stuff to make room for more!

Rummage Sale in our Church Basement

Friday, September 15, 9-5:00

Saturday, September 16, 9-2:00

Bring your items to the church, and place them on tables in the basement.

All proceeds go to the Ladies Aide for their many projects.

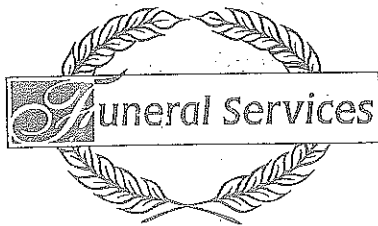
Thank you, in advance, for your participation, support, and helping to make this a fun event!!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCOUNTABILITY, INC.
BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE

July 2023

Income for July
\$10,890.10
Income Year to Date
\$ 78,381.35
Expenses for July
\$ 6,410.54
Expenses Year to Date
\$ 72,263.32
Net Income for July
\$ 4,479.61
Net Year to Date
\$ 6,118.38



DEATHS

RICHARD RODGERS HOWARD
DIED: JULY 19, 2023
FUNERAL SERVICE: JULY 25, 2023

ROBERT FLETCHER
DIED: JULY 26, 2023
FUNERAL SERVICE: AUGUST 1, 2023

DONNA STOOPS PIERCE
DIED: AUGUST 17, 2023
FUNERAL SERVICE: AUGUST 17,
2023

BAPTISM

KEZIA RAMONA COX
BORN: APRIL 22, 2021
BAPTIZED: JULY 30, 2023
PARENTS: CALEB AND MORGAN
COX
SPONSORS: PEGGY COX AND
CAROL SUE SMITH



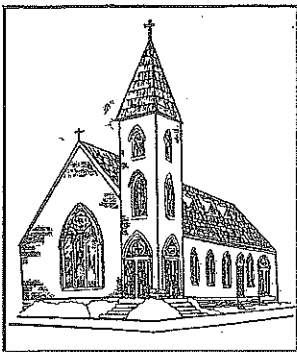
HEAR OUR PRAYERS, Connie Knigga, and Willodene Herrick. The Social Ministries Committee sends cards each month to Nursing home members and those who are sick. If you know of anyone that is sick please contact Marilyn in the church office or Becky Howard, Deacon of Social Ministries



The five little Lutheran Church mice have had a wonderful Summer. The weather has been hot most of the time and we have quit being COLD! Nice change. We haven't had bad storms like other places and just enough rain. Dick Zarse keeps a good eye on the inside and outside of the building. He is here about every day checking. We want to thank him for all he does for the church.

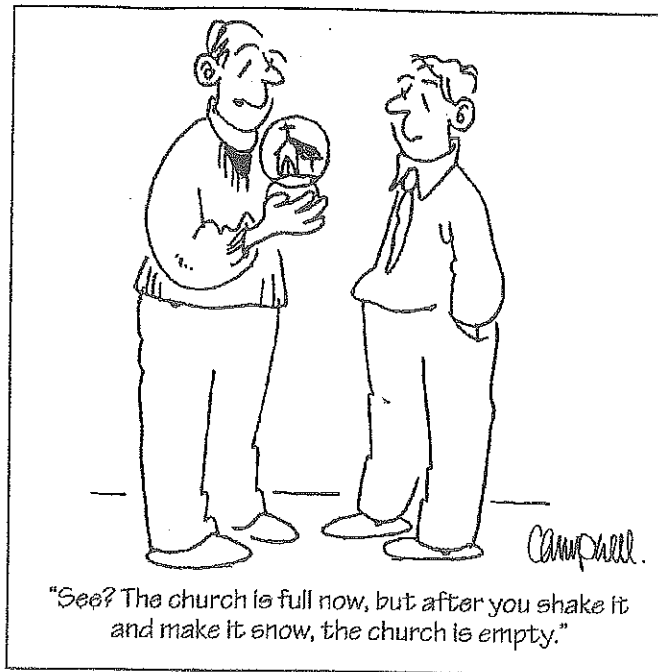
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24 Marilyn Pierce

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Dr. Herb Berner

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Kim Zarse
Dick Zarse

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3 David Shears
10 David Shears
17 David Shears
24 David Shears

ASSISTING MINISTERS

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