

Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

JUNE, 2020

From the Pastor:

As I am writing this article, everything is still closed down in our state because of the Corona Virus pandemic. I don't have any idea how long this will go on, but I am hoping that all of you folks are taking precautions so that you don't get sick or spread the disease and make others sick. There are things that we can all do that will lessen the threat of this disease, such as: social distancing, face masks, washing hands and staying out of hospitals and care centers. We all know about these things and know that these things will work, but it appears that there are many folks who are getting pretty tired of it all and are disregarding the protocols for health and safety.

Our secretary at St. John, Julie, said that she went to Walmart the other day and was amazed at the flaunting of the safety signs that was going on. There are clear signs that show one-way traffic is supposed to happen in the aisles, but people were walking past one another going both ways and brushing up against one another. They didn't seem to care about social distancing at all.

Bill Feldheiser said that he saw the same thing at Lowe's and at the grocery store. People were clumping together as if they didn't have a care in the world and were crowding in on him at the check-out line, even though there are signs on the floor that show the proper distance that should be maintained.

What that says is that people want what they want, when they want it. Humans are able to sacrifice for a little while, but then it is business as usual. Even when the laws of health are very clear, there is blatant disregard of it. There is a "hooray for me and the heck with the rest" kind of attitude.

This reminds me very much of the Old Testament lesson that I was reading recently. The children of Israel had the law of the Lord and they had all agreed that they would keep this law. However, they soon wanted their own way and stopped doing what the law demanded. Then there was always a consequence such as another world power running over them and conquering them. Usually God's people did one of two things or both. They would either chase after other gods or they would neglect those who were disadvantaged in their midst or both.

After the consequence, then the people would cry out to the Lord and ask Him why he had deserted them and why He was dealing harshly with them. Then the Lord would forgive them and restore them and for a very

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short time, they would be thankful and grateful. But then it was again business as usual and they would do the same things all over again and the cycle would be repeated.

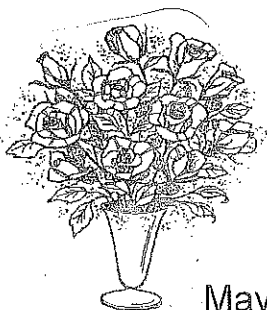
My old colleague, Jim, used to have a saying for situations like this. He would look at sick repetitive actions and say, "You know, we really don't make many mistakes in life - we just make the same ones over and over again."

I am hoping that this will not happen to us concerning the Corona crisis. I hope that we do not get selfish and decide we are going to do whatever we want and thus, endanger other people. I hope we will not give up our vigilance too soon and engender another resurgence of sickness and deaths from the virus.

I hope that we can return to normal and gather together for worship and for other activities, but I ask you to join me in not getting too impatient or too selfish during this trying time.



Father's Day



ALTAR FLOWERS

May 24, 2020 Mr. and Mrs. Toby Gilman donated Altar Flowers in celebration of the birthday of their son, Matthew on May 23, 2020.

From the
CHURCH
Mouse



We five little Lutheran Church mice want to say **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** to all the Father's in the congregation.

Sooner or later we will be able to come to church for a Sunday morning service. It will be so wonderful for the five church mice, we will see all our Christian friends again. We know how much we need each other and now we know the reason -- We are all family! We never realized what it meant to see each other each Sunday and we took it for granted. That will never happen again with the five Lutheran Church mice. You members will be extra important to us.

Keep safe and we will get to see each other soon hopefully.

From Squeaky,
The Lutheran Church Mouse



We have several people to thank for loving deeds being done. Bill Feldheiser each Sunday calls people who are home alone and see how they are doing. Pastor Kal, David and Carol Shears do a GREAT job with the weekly services. They are all going great work.



A big thank you to all the members who have been sending in their offerings each week. The bills keep coming in like always and we appreciate the time you take to send your offerings into the church office. It makes life easier for our treasurer, Nancy Sowers. It doesn't matter whether you write a check or have the bank write your check and they will send it to the church office. Thanks again for helping your church stay on board. Thanks again!



ITEMS NEEDED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

We need your address and new phone numbers of all members who have changed their phone numbers and addresses. If you haven't gotten in touch with the church office please do soon as soon as possible. This is important so we can stay in touch with you. If we have to cancel church we give you a call. You might want to call the church office to see what phone number we have on file for you. Thanks again.



BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank Mick Bowen for building the beautiful bench for the Pantry volunteers to sit on waiting for clients each Thursday morning. They did not have a place to rest and now with thoughtfulness of Mick they have a place to sit down. It is a white bench and looks so nice by the church. Drive by and see it. You might tell Mick thanks when we reopen the church. Thanks again Mick.



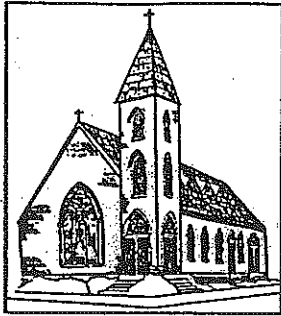
SOME THOUGHTS

With this virus and not getting to go to church have you found yourself getting closer to God? I have and was surprised because I thought I was close to God. Being alone, staying at home and more time to think it hit me that I needed to start doing my devotions each day. Before the virus I didn't find the time to do the devotions. I found that I am praying more than before and my prayers have gotten different. I find I am more concerned about members and how they are doing and feeling. Calling on the phone more to see how members that live alone are doing. You

even look out after your neighbors more than before. I have noticed that I have more patience with other people. How much I have missed, like going out to a restaurant to sit down and eat a meal, going to church, going to the grocery store, going shopping, being in a crowd, feeling free to do anything at any given time, being with friends and family. I know there are many more things that have changed. Now you order groceries on line and pick them up, order items from Amazon and have them delivered to your home. You go to the drive in for your medicine needs and try not to go into stores unless you just have to some time. The thing that is one of the biggest problems when you live alone - is loneliness. You have no one to talk to unless you call someone or they call you. I can talk to Penny my dog but she doesn't seem to talk back. When this is all done and over, looking back will be the loneliness and I will look at my friends and family a whole lot different. They will be very important to me and I thought they already were important but they will all be EXTRA SPECIAL when I can see them again. I have a wonderful Sister, Anita Wise that will talk to me any time I need to cry, or just talk. She wants me to call any time of the day and night if I need to talk. Have any of you had someone like that in your life right now? I sure hope so because those people are very special and they show their love for you and for the Lord that they love about all things. Take care and be brave, we will get through this with God by our side, holding our hand.

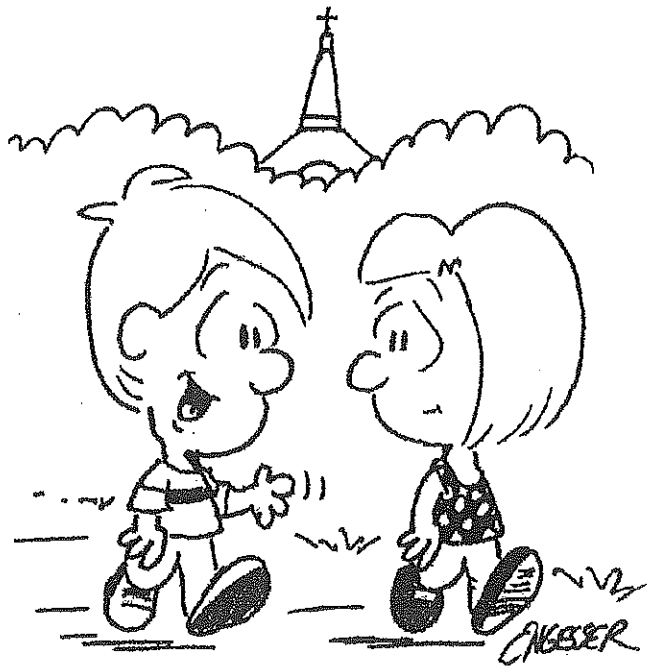
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