



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

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From the Pastor:

As I was preparing for the Transfiguration Sunday sermon, it struck me how appropriate this was for a culture like ours. Jesus took the disciples up on a high mountain and there He was transfigured before them. His face was glowing and his robe was dazzling white. The disciples finally got to see Him in all His divine glory and they really liked what they saw. They wanted to just pitch tent and stay there. This was the kind of splendiferous stuff that they had thought they were signing on for when they became disciples. Jesus had always talked about Himself as being the son of man, but now they were seeing Him turn into the Son of God!

We too, like the disciples, are obsessed with transfigurations and transformations of various kinds. If you watch television for an hour or so, you will be inundated with all of the kinds of transformations that various companies think you should have. Cosmetics products, deodorants, health and fitness opportunities, weight loss and plastic surgeries are all available to help transform you.

These things may be helpful. It certainly is a good idea to lose weight, be healthy, smell nice and look attractive. However, these outside changes don't really do much for what are the other problems inside us. They don't really get at things like selfishness, dishonesty, false pride, phoniness, envy, greed, impatience and intolerance. We have to work on these areas in some other way.

The first thing we have to do is admit that we have some of these character defects. We can't do anything about a problem area if we are unwilling to admit that it is a problem. If we remain in denial, nothing good can ever happen.

The next thing we must do is be connected to the power source that is bigger than we are to help us to do what we can't seem to do. This is where our faith comes in and we ask the Lord to help us to drop these defects of character.

The final step is to have a plan for working on our problem areas. It is one thing to think about becoming a different person, but quite another to do something about it. So, we make a plan of measurable, observable actions that are different than what we usually do and then do them. With the help of the Lord, we act as if we are different. That is not phony – it is learning. We act like a more loving, forgiving, selfless and patient person until we become that person. With the Lord's strength, when we keep acting as if... we actually become! That is what the disciples did and that is what we can do.



Get Well Soon

HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Sheri Baker-Sullivan and Marlene Berner. 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.

A prayer

Lord, make all clever people kind;
Grant tired people rest;
With all who mourn or toil or fear
Abide, most friendly Guest.

In sickness, Lord, grant comfort sweet;
To all who are in pain;

And those who've strayed from life's true path
Bring gently back again.

—All Saints' Church
Philadelphia, PA

Look at the light

Do not look at the temptations, confusions, corruptions, but at the light which discovers them, that makes them manifest; and with the same light you will feel over them, to receive power to stand against them ... For looking down at sin, and corruption, and distraction, you are swallowed up in it; but look at the light which discovers them, you will see over them. That will give victory; and you will find grace and strength and there is the first step of peace.

—George Fox

Why is it?

"Why is it", the rich man asked his minister, "that people call me stingy when everyone knows I'm leaving everything to the church when I die?" The minister responded with the story of the pig and the cow: The pig was unpopular and the cow beloved. "People speak warmly of your gentle nature and your soulful eyes," the pig said to the cow. "They think you're generous because each day you give them milk for cream. But what about me? I give bacon and ham and bristles for brushes. They even pickle my feet. Yet no one likes me. Why is that?" "Perhaps," the cow answered, "It's because I give while I'm still living."

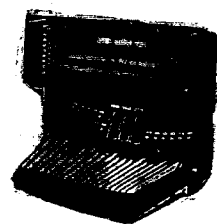
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We five little Lutheran Church mice were a little scared the other day. We were sleeping and when we woke up it was so bright that it hurt our eyes. We hadn't seen the sun in so long, it gave us a scare. It was so wonderful to know the sun was still here. We mice thought that someone stole it. We try to take care of the church. We might be little but, we are MIGHTY! We follow Dick Zarse around the church when he is checking out the church. Dick comes to check the church about every day. We love to follow him but, we are very quiet.



Sometime we will need to go on a visit to the First Baptist Church to check on Pastor Michael. Pastor Michael volunteers at Pete's Pantry on Thursdays. There is another Pastor that goes down to the pantry area and talks to clients on Mondays and that is our own Pastor Kal.


**Squeeky,
The Lutheran Church Mouse**



♪ Special Celebration Day for Marilyn ♪
Sunday, April 14th

Worship Service - 10:30

Followed by Pitch-In Dinner 
& Honoring Marilyn for her 70 years of being a church organist!! And, many years of being our church secretary!! 

Please join us for this very special & fun day! 

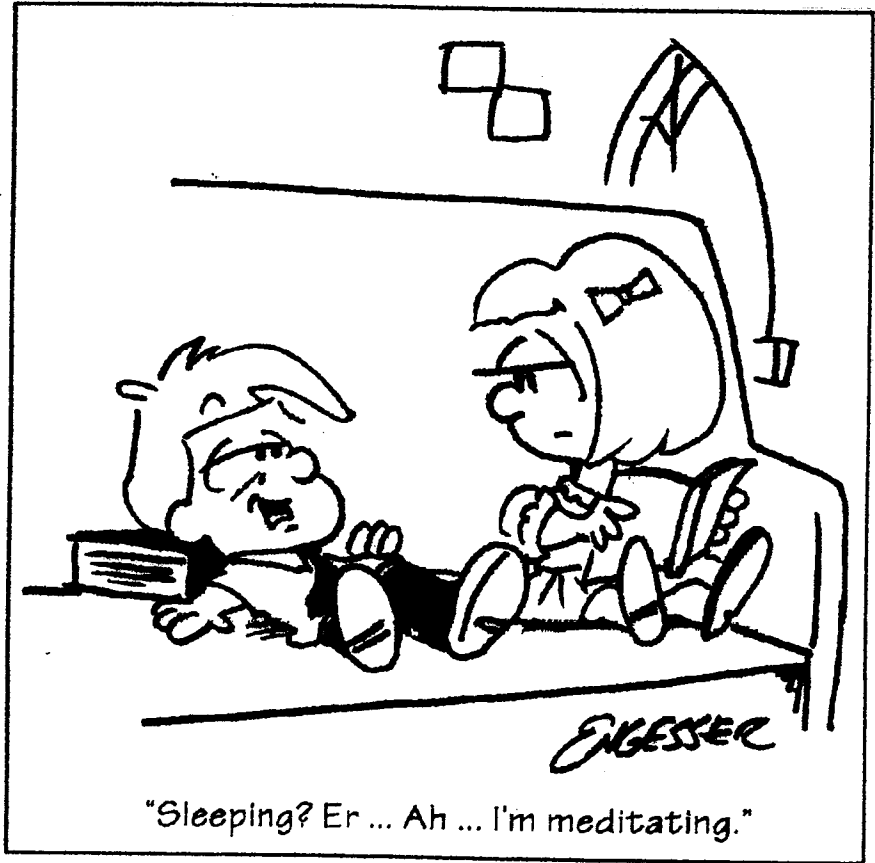
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1. 9:00 am Office 1:00 pm Bible Study St. John Elwood	2.
3 9:30 am S.S. & B.C. 10:30 am Worship	4 9:00 am Office 9:30 am Pantry	5. 9:00 am Office	6 9 am Office 4:30pm Wearhouse	7 9:00 am Office 9:30 am Pantry 7 pm Choir Alexandria	8 9:00 am Office 1:00 pm Bible Study St. John Elwood	9 10:00 am Wearhouse open shopping only
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March Participants



ORGANIST

- Mar 3 Richard Thompson
- Mar 10 Richard Thompson
- Mar 17 Marilyn Pierce
- Mar 24 Marilyn Pierce
- Mar 28 Maundy Thursday at St. John Elwood
- Mar 31 Marilyn Pierce

Deacon

- March 3 – Tammy DiRuzza
- March 10 – Tina Gilman
- March 17 **George Bennett**
- March 24 – Tina Gilman
- March 31 **Becky Howard**

SOUND EQUIPMENT

- Mar 3 David Shears
- Mar 10 David Shears
- Mar 17 David Shears
- Mar 24 David Shears
- Mar 31 David Shears

Assisting Minister

- March 3 – Mike Thompson
- March 10 – Emily Closser
- March 17 – Peggy Cox
- March 24 – Shon Littlefield
- March 31 – Shon Littlefield

Lector

- March 3 – Kathy Loser
- March 10 – Donna Key-Kerr
- March 17 – Ron Haas
- March 24 – Becca Key-Kerr
- March 31 – Carol Shears