



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

JUNE, 2024

From the Pastor:

It was a good vacation. I was able to get done all the things that I wanted to do. I climbed up the antenna and cleaned the roof off and cleaned the gutters on my sister's house. I mowed her lawn and spoke to two of her Bible classes. I helped my nephew put up some electric fence so he could let his cows out on grass. I went to the livestock auction one afternoon and marveled at how high beef is now. We went out to supper with my brother and his wife and saw their son and his girlfriend too.

It is a good thing to get things done on vacation, but the best part was just relaxing and not thinking about much of anything. We played cards and Parcheesi. We binge-watched some movie series. We ate great food and talked and laughed.

However, the real purpose of this trip was much more serious. My old prep school and college roommate, Greg Kaufmann is my closest friend and his wife, Diane, died after several surgery complications. We left Minnesota and went to Eau Claire, Wisconsin for the memorial service. As funerals go this one was pretty joyous. Although everyone will miss Diane, nobody wanted her to go through more of the suffering that she had endured. Diane was a solid Christian and a great servant of the Lord and she was as ready to go be with the Lord as anybody I have ever heard.

The memorial service reflected the joy of a Christian finally getting to go home. One thing that I noticed was that the reading of the obituary was actually longer than the sermon. Diane had done so many wonderful things in her life that it took that long just to list all of them. She was a deacon and a deaconess and had been in charge of many projects. She had visited their companion synods in Malawi, Africa and in Brazil and was highly regarded by the Christians in those countries. One of the signs of how much Greg and Diane were loved and respected was that there were at least 30 clergy in attendance and the church was full.

Before she died, Diane said that when she got to heaven she was going to ask the lord two questions: "Why is it so difficult to enter into this world and why is it so hard to get out of it?" Those are both good questions, but I think the real question for most of us has more to do with what we accomplish in between these two events. When we look back on our lives, what will we say that we said or did that had eternal significance? Did we do things that made a difference in people's lives or was it just more stuff. Send your spirit, Lord, to help us to do important and needful things!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCOUNTABILITY, INC.
BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE

APRIL 2024

Income for March
\$ 6,865.00
Income Year to Date
\$ 31,338.70
Expenses for March
\$ 8,067.95
Expenses Year to Date
\$ 31,988.74
Net Income for March
\$ -1,202.95
Net Year to Date
\$ -546.99



DAISIES IN A VASE

Daisies in a vase were all taken. We need to ask for vases to be returned for next year. The Wearhouse didn't get as many this past year. You can put them in Marilyn's office or on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your help.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Andrea Barnett will continue to teach kid's Sunday School throughout the summer if they want to come. Donna Key-Kerr will do the same with the adult bible class.



CHURCH COUNCIL

If anyone wants to run for office this year please tell David Shears or Marilyn.

If we have no new candidates we will just install the current officers, because they are all eligible to run again and have consented to serve again.



We little five Lutheran Church mice have been watching the members at work here.

Dick Zarse cleaned the carpet in the entrance hall way coming into the narthex. Unfortunately 2 days the stain was where you could see it again. Mike Thompson sees that the lawn gets mowed each week. Amy McNally makes sure that the church is cleaned each week. Shon Littlefield fixed the trash container that was broken. Donna Key-Kerr makes sure that things for the service are ready to go and that the banners are changed.

Marilyn, Debbie, Addy, Linda Nelson, Joe Miller and Carol D. keep the Wearhouse going each week. It takes all of us working together to keep everything going.

**From Squeaky,
The Lutheran Church Mouse**



THANK YOU DAISIES IN A VASE

Becky Howard
Marilyn Pierce
Susie Remington
Kim Zarse
Beverly McDaniel
Roberta Benedict
Donna Key-Kerr

Dondra Bennett
Bethany Bennett
Judy Stevens
Andrea Barnett
Amy McNally
Mike Thompson

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 LOSER Anniversary celebration from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.
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 4:30pm Wearhouse open Donations only	6 9:00 am Office 9:30 am Pantry	7 9:00 am Office	8 10:00 am Wearhouse open shopping only
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Campbell

"When I think of all the men I could've married!"

JUNE PARTICIPANTS



ORGANIST

Jun 2 Marilyn Pierce
JUN 9 Richard Thompson
JUN 16 Marilyn Pierce
JUN 23 Marilyn Pierce
JUN 30 Marilyn Pierce

SOUND EQUIPMENT

JUN 2 David Shears
JUN 9 David Shears
JUN 16 David Shears
JUN 23 David Shears
JUN 30 David Shears

LECTORS

Becca Key-Kerr
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Stephanie Salazar
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Kathie Loser

ASSISTING MINISTER

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Emily Closser
Andrea Barnett
Mike Thompson
Shon Littlefield

ALTAR GUILD

Judy Stevens
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