



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

JULY, 2024

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From the Pastor:

I make it a point to get together with my old buddies that I used to work with at the treatment center. Every month we choose a restaurant in Muncie and go and eat hearty, talk big and tell lies to each other like buddies do. We usually cover the subjects of our current health status, what our families have been doing and what is going on in the world of sports. Sometimes we just observe the people around us and make comments.

On this last luncheon we noticed that one of the waitresses had bright green hair. "How do you like that color hair on that waitress", Bruce asked? "It looks so natural" I replied sarcastically. "Well, sometimes I think people just want to be noticed", Al said more charitably. It was something that didn't bother us a lot, but we felt obliged to denigrate it just a little.

There are people out there who do a lot more irritating things than that, however. On my drive home that day I pulled up at a 4-way stop sign and another car pulled up right after me. I was clearly there first, but the other car bulldozed his way through the intersection with no regard to my position and I had to slam on my brakes. I said a bad word and proceeded to go on a little rant to myself about how inconsiderate and self-centered some people can be.

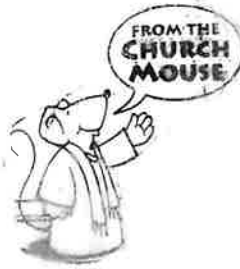
As the day continued on I observed more people doing things that were irritating, like being impatient, intolerant and phony. I was really on a roll in taking other people's inventories.

Then I remembered what my old supervisor once told me and I had to shut up. He said that whenever you run into another person that really pulls your chain and makes you upset, you can be certain that they have some characteristic in an exaggerated way that you do not want to see in yourself. In other words, you may not be as bad as that person who irritates you, because they are obviously over the top, but you have some of that same irritating stuff in you. If you did not have some of it, they would never bother you.

That is a little tough to admit to, but true. Whenever I find myself taking somebody else's inventory, there are things going on inside of me that I really don't want to see. It is always easier to find somebody who is doing worse than I am. But it is much healthier to look at myself and ask, "Where have I been selfish, excuse-making, dishonest, prideful, resentful, intolerant, impatient and fearful?" What are the character defects that I need to work on? The season of Pentecost is the time to call on God's Spirit to help me look at myself, not others and see what needs cleansing and renewal. The inventory is mine not the other's.

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
\$ 8,067.99
Expenses Year to Date
\$ 31,988.74
Net Income for March
\$ -1,202.95
Net Year to Date
\$ -546.99

We little five Lutheran Church mice really got confused this month. We went into Marilyn's office to visit and there was Pastor Kal doing Secretary work.

We found out that Marilyn was in the hospital. Now what do we call Pastor Kal? Pastor - Secretary, Secretary + Pastor, or Pastor Kal? I guess we will call him Pastor Kal.

Marilyn is back in the church office until her surgery. She will be out of the office 1 or 2 days hopefully.

David and Carol Shears helped out with office work along with Pastor Kal. We want to thank the mail people too, Donna Key-Kerr and Dick Zarse.



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.

From **Squeaky,**
The Lutheran Church Mouse

**Tact is the rare
ability to keep silent
while two friends
argue and all the
time you know they
both are wrong.**

LIMITED VISION

by Helen Kitchell Evans

At times it seems I look at life
Through a foggy microscope;
My visions's often limited,
When I feel I cannot cope.

My concerns, so often selfish,
Overlooking those in need;
Forgetting thanks for what I have,
And I have much, indeed.

Dear Lord, give me a thankful heart,
And widen my narrow vision;
Let my thoughts transcend my Self
As I make each life decision.

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Greetings:

Please share this letter with your congregation.

I want to start this message with a big thank you for all your support in the past. Your support allowed us to have a successful ministry to the school children of Alexandria, but the need is growing.

I know several churches have already started collecting money for this year. With these funds we are able to support more than just school supplies last year. The donations last year (thanks in part to the Eagle Riders) were used to provide secondary students testing for certification, tuition to trade programs, and military testing.

If you would consider monetary donations rather collecting supplies, we have discovered that our discount allows us to purchase a larger quantity of supplies than individual purchases. We are able to work with Staples in Muncie for bulk buying and the donation funds are multiplied. Monetary donations can be easily made by check to First Baptist Church with (Back to School Rally) in the memo line. Even more important than financial donations, please pray for this to be an opportunity to show Christ to our community.

The Rally will be held Monday, July 29th from 5-7 PM at the First Baptist Church. Please contact us if you would like to serve in pre-rally preparations or at the rally. We have a real need for people to volunteer to help serve. This Rally is wonderful community outreach that is very much appreciated by our schools!

Representing the Rally committee,

Gerry Cloncs

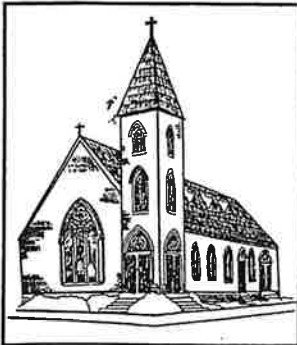
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00am Office 9:30 am. Pantry	2 9:00am Office	3 9:00am Office 4:30pm Wearhouse	4 Office/Pantry closed for Independence Day	6 9:00am Office	6
7 9:30am S.S. & B.C. 10:30am Worship	8 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	9 9:00am Office	10 9:00am Office 4:40pm Wearhouse	11 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	12 9:00am Office	13 10:00am- 12:00pm Wearhouse shopping only
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Becky Howard

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JUL 7
JUL 14 Richard Thompson
JUL 21
JUL 28

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JUL 7 David Shears
JUL 14 David Shears
JUL 21 David Shears
JUL 28 David Shears

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Peggy Cox
Shon Littlefield
Dick Zarse