



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

OCTOBER, 2024

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From the Pastor:

This is the time of year when my pasture really looks pretty ragged. The cows are very selective when it comes to grazing. They don't just mow down everything in their path. They eat around the weeds and the vegetation that they don't like. They skirt around the cow floppers that have been deposited as well. Consequently, there are stretches that are nipped down very closely and then there are patches that stick up like a sore thumb. Some of these patches that stick up will be eaten down a bit when the weather gets cold and the grass stops growing and that is all that there is left, but for right now it is not a pretty sight.

But I am not nearly as concerned about the aesthetics of how the pasture looks as I am about the danger that lurks in some of those weeds that are sticking up. One of the weeds that I have had a run-in with is called Nightshade. A few years ago some of you saw me with my face all swollen up and red, because I pulled some Nightshade weeds with my leather gloves, but then absentmindedly, wiped the sweat off my face with my gloves. I was still working at the hospital at that time and Chaplain James told me that I could not visit on the pediatrics unit, because I would frighten the little children!

I have been much more careful since then. However, the real danger is to the little calves, because Nightshade is so toxic that it can kill them and in fact, has done exactly that. Cows know enough not to eat this weed, but baby calves, when they first start nibbling the grass, don't really know what they are eating and will eat weeds.

Because of this danger I have gone out every summer with my spade in my hand and have walked up and down the pasture stabbing out the Nightshade weeds. I have also stabbed out a lot of Iron Weeds and Velvet Weeds and other weeds with names I don't even know. It is a tedious task and one that I do not enjoy, but if you don't keep on top of this thing, the weeds will take over and you have a mess.

As I was out stabbing out weeds it struck me that this is pretty much the same situation that all of us have in dealing with sin. We have all of these defects of character that are part of being a sinful human being and we have to constantly be aware of how easily they can grow and take over our lives. We are required to be continually stabbing them out and the task is never done. It reminds me of what

my alcoholic dairy farmer friend said about recovery from his disease. He said, "Kal, do you know the only tough thing about recovery"? "No, what is it?" It is like milking cows. They never stay milked! There is work to do every day in our faith lives.

Just for Kids

Worship

People gather to worship God in many different places. Church buildings have different names. But each church has many of the same things in the church building and many of the same parts in the worship service. We worship the same God!

Here are some parts of worship and churches that are the same for many. Circle them in the puzzle. You will find them up, down, diagonal and across.

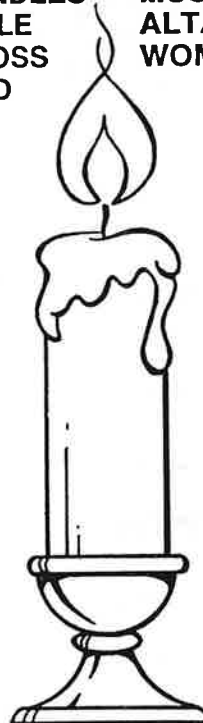
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WORSHIP AND PICNIC

We are having a joint worship service on October 6, 2024 with St. John Lutheran, Elwood at 10:30am. We will meet at the Rissman Ponderosa.

Just bring your chair, a dish to share and your joyful self.



We five little Lutheran Church mice really got a scare on Tuesday, September 2nd. We were checking out the church to see if everything was working. We started in the church office and there was Marilyn and Pastor Kal working on something.

Marilyn had to have the BIG gall bladder surgery and not the little one.

Marilyn would like to thank Pastor Kal and Shon Littlefield for keeping the office going until she could get back to the office.

Like the five little mice say, "If there isn't a gall bladder it shouldn't give her anymore trouble -- once healed."

We 5 mice know that God was in the operating room guiding the Doctors hands.

**From Squeaky,
The Lutheran Church Mouse**

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**DEATH
MERIA STEVENS
DIED: SEPT. 11, 2024
BURIED: SEPT. 14, 2024**



Electronic offerings options

Several people have asked about automated giving options for offerings. We determined that placing a payment collection service on the church's website would be cost prohibitive and would be a big liability to the church in protecting sensitive information. If you wish to send in your offerings electronically, the council suggests doing it thru your bank's bill pay feature to cut a check to the church or you can request the church's routing and transit and account number from Marilyn in the church office to set up an ACH payment from your bank account to the church's bank account. We do not have any of the automated cash applications such as Venmo right now.

If you have accounts with Thrivent, they can assist you with automated offerings as well. As always, we appreciate your offerings however you get them to us.

Thank you, Andrea Barnett



**Join us For Pete's Pantry
PET PARADE**

WHEN: October 13, 2024

WHERE: The Harrison - 19 Magnolia Dr, Alexandria (Golf Course)

Cost: \$5 (or bring toiletries equivalent to \$5)

Time Parade starts: 3 p.m.

SIGN UP TIME: 2:30 p.m.

All pets must be on a leash. All children must be accompanied by an adult. We will give prizes for the funniest pet costume, scariest, most unique, most look alike owner, clever/funniest and overall. Arrive 15-20 minutes early to register.

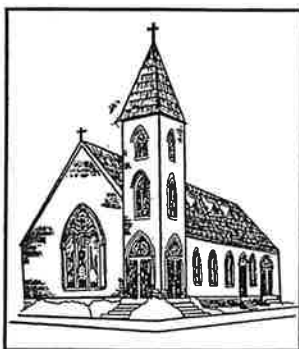
We will take the animals on a short walk-in front of our judges.

All proceeds benefit Pete's Pantry in Alexandria.

Additional information contact Marcie, 765-623-2926

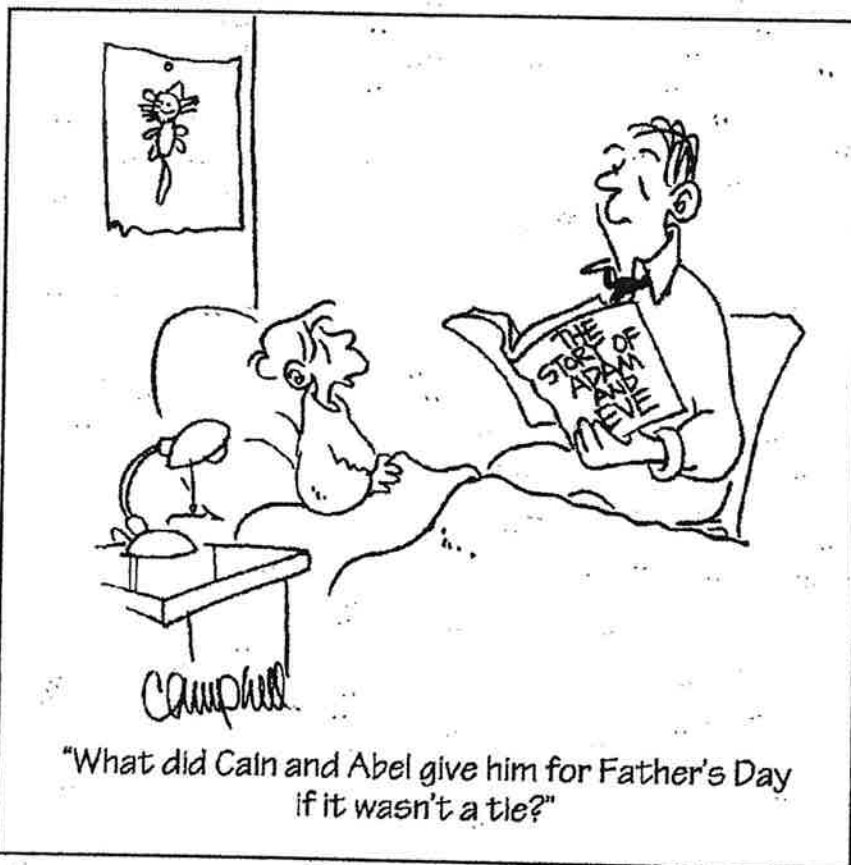
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| 6 9:30 am S.S. 10:30 am Worship at Ponderosa – church picnic | 7 9:00 am Office 9:30 am Pantry | 8 9:00 am Office | 9 9:00 am Office 4:30pm Warehouse open | 10 9:00 am Office 9:30-10:50 am Pete's Pantry 7 pm Choir | 11 9:00 am Office 1:00 pm Bible Study St. John Elwood | 12 10:00 am Warehouse open |
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OCT. 27 David Shears

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