

Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

DECEMBER, 2024

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From the Pastor:

Last week I made a rather momentous decision and went to the Tipton Post Office to apply for a U.S. Passport. What led me to this action is an opportunity that came up to go on a trip to Scotland and Germany with my old prep school and college roommate, Rev. Gregory Kaufmann. His wife died last spring and my wife, Deborah has made it clear that she is not going out of this country. Therefore, that leaves the two of us goobers to trot around Europe and hopefully, have a great time just like we did in the old days.

The trip is led by another Lutheran minister friend of ours and should be a good one. We are going to begin by following the trail of the Christian mystics from Scotland to Ireland to England and see some of the churches and ruins that helped to shape the Christian faith. Later on we are going to head to Germany for a Lutherland tour. We will go to Eislaben where Luther was born and died, to Ehrfurt, where he studied, to Wittenberg where he nailed the 95 theses to the chapel door and to many other spots associated with the Protestant Reformation.

This is a trip that I probably should have taken many years ago at the front end of my ministry instead of the back end, but better late than never. I think it will give me a much deeper understanding and appreciation of my Lutheran heritage. There are some things that just become much clearer when you actually are there and see them.

I was fortunate enough to get a free Holy Land trip when I was 21 years old and it has stood me in good stead ever since then. There is nothing like being at the actual spots where Jesus stood and preached or where St. Paul preached. My picture of what Israel and Greece looked like from reading the Bible was much different than what I actually saw when I got there.

One example of this different picture in my head was when I used to read about Moses being in the wilderness with the children of Israel. I pictured Moses trying to find his way through the dense forests of the wilderness, because that was what I was used to in Southeastern Minnesota. Imagine my surprise when I got to Israel and found out that the Hebrew word "hammidbar" could mean not only wilderness, but desert, because desert was all I saw! Maybe I should have known better and I did after I was actually there. I also remember seeing some of the locations that were possibly the tomb where Jesus was laid and the one location where the hair stood up on the back of my neck.

The trip is scheduled for next May and I hope it all works out. You may have a much smarter pastor when I get back!

TREASURER'S REPORT

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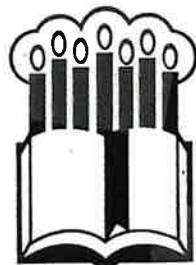
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Income: Year to Date
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Expenses for October
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Expenses: Year to Date
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Net Income for October
\$ 8,663.91
Year to Date
\$ 8,166.32



We five little Lutheran Church mice were making out our Christmas Wish list the other day. All five of us had one item that was the same for all of us. Can you guess what the item happened to be for all of us? You were right if you said Pete's Pantry. We love to give money to Pete's Pantry so they can buy food for all the hungry people.

We know that God is proud of his five little mice, when we want to help people who are hungry. Have you ever been hungry and there isn't anything in the house to eat? That would be an awful thing to go through. MERRY CHRISTMAS from your five Church mice.

**FROM Squeaky,
Angel, Smiley, Scotty and Tiny**



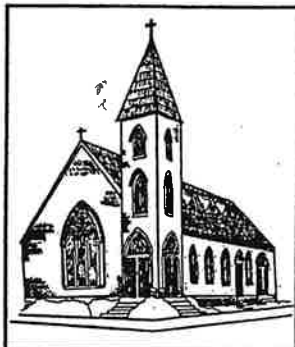
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Service **Candlelight Service**
St. John Elwood - 4:00 pm
The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed
Savior - 6:00pm

A blessed Christmas to one and all. Behold God's gift to each of us!!

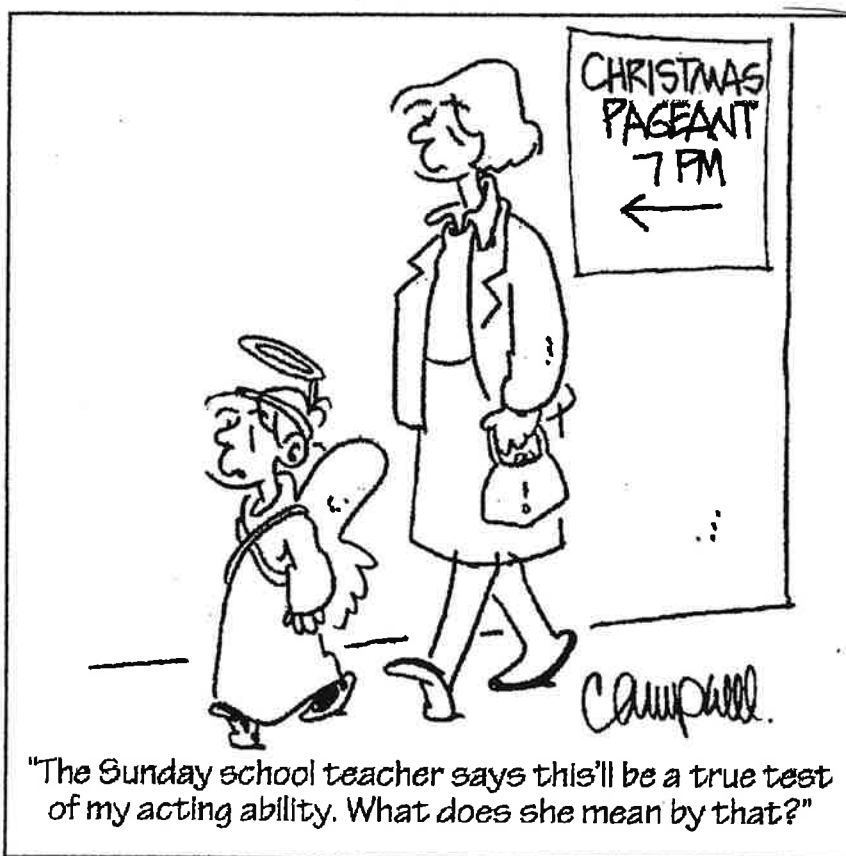
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"The Sunday school teacher says this'll be a true test of my acting ability. What does she mean by that?"

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DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
S.S. = Sunday School B.C. = Bible Study						
1 9:30am S.S. & B.C. 10:30am Worship	2 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	3 9:00am Office	4 9:00am Office 4:30pm Warehouse open	5 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 7:00pm Choir	6 9:00am Office 1:00pm Bible Study St. John Elwood	7
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