



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

APRIL, 2025

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10:30 A.M.

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From the Pastor:

As I have been thinking about my Lutherland trip this summer to Scotland, Ireland, England and Germany I wondered if I would find any of my relatives over there. Certainly there should be some relatives from my grandfather's side of the family in Germany. If we wandered into Poland I could find my grandmother's people. We would have to go to Wales to get to my maternal grandfather's people, but we aren't going close to Norway for my maternal grandmother's relatives. I have never located the Native American side of the family.

With all of these different nationalities in my background, you really couldn't tell an ethnic joke without offending me! I guess the positive spin would be to say that I have hybrid vigor with all this variety of ethnicities. A more pejorative interpretation would be to say that I am just a mutt!

However you want to look at it there is an interesting mix of genetics at play here. Most folks are interested in knowing who they are genetically and where they came from. An example of that is that children who are adopted most often still want to know who their biological parents are. No matter how loving and wonderful their adoptive parents are, there is still that part of them that wants to know who they are genetically and where they came from and what their parents looked like.

So, genetics plays a major role in who we are as persons. However, there is another aspect to our personhood and that is the environment in which we grow up. The family in which we are raised has a huge influence in what kind of person we ultimately become. Certainly in my work in chemical dependency I have seen both of these factors come into play. Diseases tend to run in families and in ethnic groups. Children of addicted parents are 4 times more likely to become addicts themselves if they do any amount of drug usage. But children who came from non-addicted parents were much more likely to become addicts if they were adopted and/or raised by addicted parents.

So both nature and nurture combine to make us who we are. In thinking about ourselves as Christians we have to remember who we are as well. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, but fortunately, we are nurtured by the Lord, since we have been adopted by Him in our baptisms. Sometimes people will say about us that we are just like our parents. I hope that people can say that about us in being children of God too. I wouldn't mind at all if people would say, "You act just like Jesus". I wouldn't be offended at all.

TREASURER'S
REPORT
ACCOUNTABILITY, INC.

Income for February

\$ 6,688.00

Income: Year to Date

\$ 14,591.00

Expenses for February

\$ 7,890.40

Expenses: Year to Date

\$ 22,023.79

\$ Net Income for

\$ - 1202.40

Year to Date

\$ - 7,432.79



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday service on April 18th at St. John Lutheran Elwood at 7:00pm.

Good Friday service on April 19th at St. John Lutheran Elwood at 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday service April 20th at The Lutheran Church Of Our Blessed Savior Alexandria at 10:30am.



We five little Lutheran mice were talking the other day about how fast this year is going by.

We have had more snow than other years and we have had BITTER COLD temperatures this year.

We don't know why anyone would love Winter. We cold little mice like 80 degree, 90 degree, and 100 degree temperatures. We love SUMMER.

It won't be long and it will be Spring. All the trees will get their leaves, flowers will show their little faces and we mice will get warmer-not hot, just warmer.

We have a Maundy Thursday and a Good Friday services at St. John Lutheran at Elwood starting at 7:00 pm on April 17, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service on April 18 starting at 7:00pm St. John Lutheran Elwood.

FROM SQUEEKY, THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE

P.S. HAPPY EASTER FROM THE FIVE LITTLE LUTHERAN MICE AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR IN ALEXANDRIA.

Of course The Lutheran dog Penny doesn't want to be left out. Penny says she hopes that everyone has a wonderful Easter and to remember who rose from the grave on Easter. Isn't our God a wonderful God? I love my God!

EASTER

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Sunday School will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for all children ages Toddler through 11 years old. Older children are welcome to assist the younger ones with crafts and games etc.

Activities will start around 9:30 am and run through 10:20 am Easter morning 04-20-25 in the Bethel Room and Lounge Area. Join us for crafts, games and re-telling of the Easter story. We will decide Easter morning whether the hunt will take place indoors or outside. Join us for fun activities, stories and prizes. Any questions, contact Andrea Barnett or Kim Zarse.

BRING A FRIEND

OUTING

April 12th outing to Simple Goodness soaps for tour of farm, soap shop, shopping and fellowship,

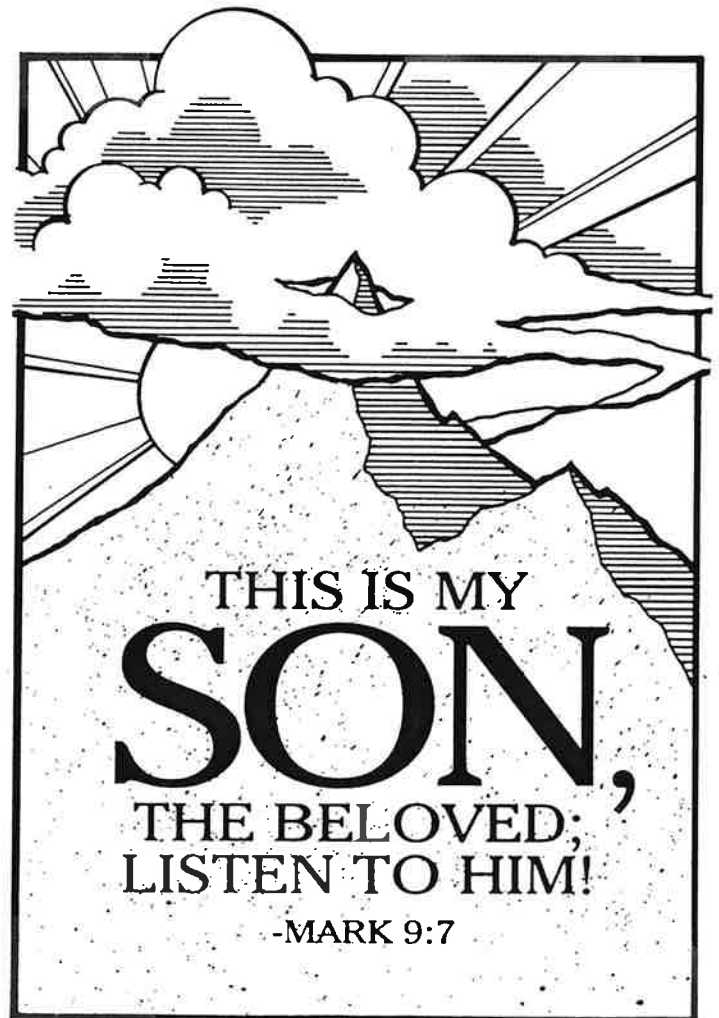
Location 5140 County Road 1550 North Elwood. Carpools we leave from Our Blessed Savior and St. John 9:45am or you can drive to the store at address above and bne there by 10am, Those who want may also join the group for lunch at a location to be determined. Ladies, gentlemen and children are welcome, Any questions contace Wanda Cook or Kim Zarse.



SPRING MARKET ELWOOD

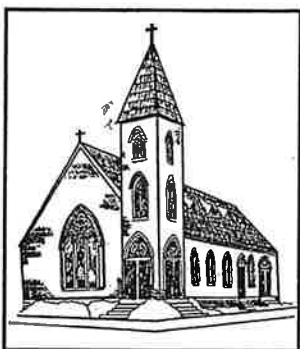
May 10th Spring Market at St. John Elwood. Donations of raffle items and nice home decor household items for white elephant sale or baked goods for bake sale are needed. No clothing nor shoes though,

Please plan to participate in St. John's fundraiser that supports their End of Month Meal ministry,



APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
S/S =Sun, School B.C. + Bible Class		1 9:00am Office	2 9:00am-Office Warehouse – 4:30pm-6:30pm	3 9:00am office 9:30am – Pantry 7:00pm- Choir Alexandria	4 9:00 am Office 1:00pm Bible Study at St. John, Elwood	5
6 9:30am – S.S. and Bible Class 10:30 Worship	7 9:00 am Office 9:30 am Pantry	8 9:00 am Office	9 9 am Office Warehouse – 4:30pm-6:30pm	10 90am Office 9:30 am Pantry 7:00pm Choir Alexandria	11 9:00 am Office 1:00 pm Bible Study at St. John Elwood	12 Warehouse 10:00am-12:00pm 9:30am Outing Elwood
13 9:30 am S.S. & B.C. 10:30 am Worship Palm Sunday	14 9:00 am Office 9:30 am Pantry	15 9:00 am Office	16 9 am Office Warehouse - 4:30pm – 6:30pm	17 9:00 am Office 9:30 am Pantry 7:00pm Maundy Service Elwood	18 9:00 am Office 7:00 pm Good Friday Service at St. John Elwood	19
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