



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

NOVEMBER, 2024

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From the Pastor:

Sometimes, no matter how much you plan and are prepared, things don't go as planned. That is what happened at the annual Picnic at the Ponderosa this year. Deborah and I thought that we had everything in place and ready to go. I swept the barn and moved the equipment out. The lawn was mowed and the weeds pulled. Deborah had the house and garage cleaned and went to purchase all the food. We had the tables set up and the chairs in place. The grills were cleaned and we even had extra propane so we would not run out. I had put in my prayers for the weather being beautiful and it all seemed to be working out.

People arrived and the Mountain Laurel Band was playing, which made the service seem special. Then the band started playing a concert after the service while the guys got the grills going and were cooking the meat. The tables were loaded with wonderful side dishes and everything was getting prepared for the feast.

But then, just as right after creation when everything was perfect for Adam and Eve, sin entered our world. Deborah came and told me that we had no water in the house at all. I immediately thought of all these folks with no functioning toilets! Also, there was no water for cleaning up after the mess. I had to announce that the men were welcome to find a tree and go outside and the women were welcome to just hold it. That is not a comforting thing to say and it ultimately meant that people left the picnic early so that they could find a bathroom.

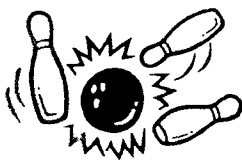
It is ironic that having no water can really put a damper on things. Some of the men went into our basement to try to assess why there was no water. Randy, Steve, Dan and Jerry tested various things and determined that either a capacitor was shot in the electric box or the whole pump system was shot. If it was the pump, we were probably looking at thousands of dollars to fix this and I was chagrined.

I found myself grouching to the Lord over how He could let this happen. Not only did we have no water, but my tractor won't run and is at the John Deere Implement. I figured that my old Buick would probably blow up next, since it just recently turned over 200,000 miles. Why does this stuff have to happen?

But in the midst of my complaining I forgot that I have good friends and I am not alone in my misery. Dan and Andrea Barnett brought over 30 gallons of water so that we could flush the toilets and wash up, which was a lifesaver. Then Jerry Bogue would not give up on us and persisted in going from one store to the next to try to find parts for the electrical box. Eventually, he found a store in Marion, Indiana that didn't have parts, but they had a whole new electrical box. Jerry bought it, installed it and we crossed our fingers as we suddenly heard water gurgling in the pipes. The water was restored and there is no need for the expensive pump work. It was even more miraculous, because the store with the new electrical box was not keeping parts anymore and only had this one complete box left. They had marked it down from \$112.00 to \$27.98. What a deal!

I must tell you that I was praising God for the rest of the day and Jerry and I both felt that this whole thing was a minor miracle. I had to back up and remind myself that instead of doubting God and complaining, I should have just relied on the Lord and the good friends that he has sent me.

So, I apologize to all the women at the picnic, but we still had a good time and if I hadn't let my anxiety get the better of me, it could have been even more enjoyable. But on the other hand, it is always uplifting to see a minor miracle!



Our church has reserved two lanes for the bowling fund raiser for Alexandria Toy Drive on November 9th. Please join us at 5:00 - 8:00pm at Norwood Bowl for bowling raffles and fun. Lanes sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team.



DEATH

EDWARD LEE CARROLL
DIED: SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
BURIED: OCTOBER 2, 2024



We five little Lutheran Church mice are getting really excited with the month of November.

We do this each year - we make out a list of everything we are thankful for during the year.

We also look forward to the Ellis family Thanksgiving dinner. Boy, the food is so good! We stuff our little stomachs and then we need a nap. It is fun getting together with family and friends. Some families don't get together and they are missing out a lot by not knowing their relatives. It is really a sad thing that happens when a Mother or Father dies and the family quits getting together. So Sad. Some families keep having the family dinners and we five mice look up to them. We can't please everyone but, there is a big word of FORGIVING!! We need to think, LET IT GO!

How many times does our Lord forgive us in a day, week, month or year? The answer is ALWAYS if we ask to be forgiven.

FROM SQUEEKY,
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE

TREASURER'S
REPORT

ACCOUNTABILITY, INC.

Income for September
\$ 8,966.00

Income: Year to Date
\$ 72,790.82

Expenses for September
\$ 8,826.65

Expenses: Year to Date
\$ 73,391.46

Net Income for September
\$ 139.35

Loss: Year to Date
\$ -497.59

EVERLASTING
thou art GOD
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Giving
Thanks

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
S.S. = Sunday School B.C. = Bible Study					1 9:00am Office 1:00pm Bible Study St. John Elwood	2
3 9:30am S.S. & B.C. 10:30am Worship	4 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry	5 9:00am Office	6 9:00am Office 4:30pm Warehouse open	7 9:00am Office 9:30am Pantry 7:00pm Choir	8 9:00am Office 1:00pm Bible Study St. John Elwood	9 10:00am Warehouse open
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24 9:30 am S.S. & B.C. 10:30 am Worship	25 9:00 am Office 9:30am Pantry	26 9:00 am Office	27 9:00 am Office 4:30pm Warehouse Open	28 Closed Office, Pete's Pantry, Choir for Thanksgiving	29 9:00am Office. 1pm Bible Study Elwood	30



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- NOV. 3 Perry Tan
- NOV. 10 Richard Thompson
- NOV. 17
- NOV. 24 Perry Tan

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- Becca Key-Kerr
- Ron Haas
- Stephanie Salazar
- Carol Shears

ALTAR GUILD

- Linda Howerton
- Amy McNally
- Jarid Frix

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- NOV. 3 David Shears
- NOV. 10 David Shears
- NOV. 17 David Shears
- NOV. 24 David Shears

ASSISTING MINISTER

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- Peggy Cox
- Andrea Barnett
- Dick Zarse

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- Tammy DiRuzza
- Donna Key-Kerr
- George Bennett