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For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His Name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

As God continues to keep us all in the palm of His hand, we share some of our events of 2016 with you.



We have been privileged to have several visitors this year - Steve, Larissa, & Katia Bryk & Joyce Bryk. We always have a place for guests. After all, we live in Florida!



Judy serves as vice-chair of the Immanuel School Board, sings in the choir, attends Bible classes, and works out at Crunch.

Richard still works full time with Thrivent Financial and now plans to move to a part-time role in 2017 (so he can get his pension), sings in the choir. He also is part of the Valrico chapter of BNI, a business referral network. We have had a healthy year, expect for the usual "getting older is not for the faint-of-heart" aches and pains.

Our summer family vacation (16 people under one roof) was in Sevierville, NC, birth place of Dolly Parton and a few miles from the area that was devastated by fire this fall. Once again we were able to spend a vacation week together. Kurt & Melissa added to the joy of the week by announcing that Kaylee will have a little brother in March next year. Judy has put together musical montage of our time together. Click on the link 2016 Photos in the banner menu at the top of our website.

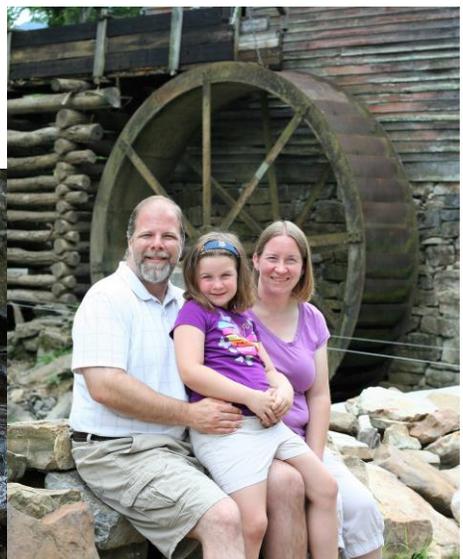
Last year we took our first river cruise with Viking on the Rhine, and we enjoyed the trip so much we signed up for an Eastern Caribbean ocean cruise with Viking for this November. We flew to San Juan, Puerto Rico and visited 8 islands in 11 days, the farthest south being Barbados. Along with us on the trip were retired church friends Carole and Walt Braudis, Vicki Aden and Vicki's friend, Ruth, also Judy's college friend, Dee Glander and husband, Pastor Jim. They began their careers as LCMS teachers, like Judy and I did. There is a slide show with some highlights of our trip on our web site.

The tradition for Thanksgiving is for the family to eat dinner in the evening and they all stay overnight (using the lanai with a "boys'" and a "girls'" tent for grandchildren). On Friday, they

and Sonja's mother, Mary Walker, help us decorate our home for Christmas. Some also head for Black Friday sales at the Westfield Mall. Then we host the grandchildren on Saturday and Sunday, while their parents take time to go somewhere together. We repeat the overnight stay on Christmas Eve. They come after participating with their families at their churches. We celebrate December birthdays on Christmas Eve (Melissa, Kurt, and Mark).

All three boys and their families live in the Tampa Bay area, are involved in their churches and the many activities of our seven grandchildren - baseball, soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, dance, and karate. Paul & Mark continue to own - OurChurch.com. If your church, school, or business wants a web site, contact them! (Pastor) Kurt has been serving at Family of Christ developing a Lutheran congregation in Wesley Chapel, FL.

We are blessed to have our children living within an hour of our home & are glad to be able to see them often.



Paul & Jennifer, Aryn (9), Ainsley (15), & Aidyn (13), live in Safety Harbor, FL.

Mark & Sonja, Julia (12). Abby (16), & Collin (13), live in Trinity, FL

Kurt, Melissa, & Kaylee (7) live in Tampa, FL

We pray that as you and your families celebrate Christmas, Jesus will be at the center of all. May God bless you in every way in the year to come.

Judy & Rich Steinbrueck

May the God of hope fill you with all joy & peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13