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Here we are again another year older, but still going strong!

We have been privileged to have several visitors this year -Judy's sister, Joyce Bryk, Ben & Jeanette Herbrich, and Irene & Norm Giguere. We always have a place for guests.

After all, we live in Florida!





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

Richard, now retired, serves as a part-time Thrivent consultant, sings in the choir, and leads a home Bible study. He also is part of the Valrico chapter of BNI, a business referral network. We have had a healthy year and praise God for that.

This year our summer family vacation (17 people under one roof) was in Burnsville, NC. Judy has put together a slideshow of our time together. Click on the link 2017 Photos in the banner menu at the top of our website.

In the fall we visited Judy's sister and family in NY and then sailed with her on a Princess cruise ship from Brooklyn, NY to Quebec City, with stops at Newport, RI, Boston, MA, St. John's, New Brunswick, Halifax & Sydney, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. We were supposed to visit Bar Harbor, ME, but the fog was too heavy for us to take the tender to the port, so we had a day at sea. It was a great trip, but the weather had been too warm and the fall colors we were expecting eluded us until Quebec.

Our Thanksgiving tradition is for the family to gather at our house for 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. Ainsley, Aidyn, & Aryn stayed with us until Sunday, while Paul & Jennifer spent a few days in Fort Meyers & Sanibel. 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) & exchange gifts on Christmas morning.

All three boys and their families live in the Tampa Bay area, are involved in their churches and the many activities of our eight grandchildren - color guard, baseball, soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, dance, and karate. (Pastor) Kurt is serving at Family of Christ Lutheran Church in New Tampa.

Paul & Mark have expanded <u>OurChurch.com</u>, which serves the Christian community, and added <u>Skywayweb.com</u>, for the secular community. If your church, school, or business needs a more effective web site, contact them!

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 (10), Ainsley (16), & Aidyn (14), live in Safety Harbor, FL.

Mark & Sonja, Abby (17), Collin (14), & Julia (13). live in Trinity, FL



Kurt, Melissa, & Kaylee (8) & Eli (10 months) live in Wesley Chapel, 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