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



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

Richard, now sort of 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.

is Christ the Lord

In March we traveled to Germany with Judy's sister, Joyce, & niece, Andrea. We spent a few days in Berlin, then went to Potsdam & Wittenberg, where we started a cruise on the Elbe River. We stopped in several beautiful cities and ended in Prague, where we spent 2 days. It was a wonderful, but chilly time. On our last day in Prague it was 19 degrees & snowing! It didn't stop us from seeing anything! There is a slide show of our trip on our web site. Click on the 2018 link at the top. judyandrichsteinbrueck.com

In June our family vacation (17 people under one roof!) was in NYC & Jersey City to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which was on July 27. We took our sons & their families back to where our boys were born. Judy made a photo book of the trip and used those photos for a slideshow of our time together. Click on the 2018 link. <u>judyandrichsteinbrueck.com</u>

In August we went on a Princess Alaska Connoisseur Cruise Tour with friends, which included land & sea tour with wonderful meals! We flew to Fairbanks, where we spent 2 days. We also spent 4 days in Princess Lodges in the Denali area. We were very blessed to see Denali 2 days in a row, which is rare. Only about 30% of people who go there ever get to see it even once. We then took a train to Whittier for the cruise ship. We visited Glacier Bay, Juneau, Skagway, & Ketchikan. Hopefully, Judy will get some pictures from this trip on the web site, too.

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 "boys" and "girls" tents for grandchildren). 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 still live in the Tampa Bay area and are involved in their churches and the many activities of our eight grandchildren - color guard, baseball, soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, dance, and karate. (Pastor) Kurt recently launched a mission church: <u>Faith Lutheran Church</u> in Wesley Chapel, Florida. Paul & Mark still run <u>OurChurch.com</u>, which serves the Christian community, and <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, Aidyn (15 & HS sophomore), Ainsley (17 & HS sr), & Aryn (11 & 6<sup>th</sup> grader) live in Safety Harbor, FL

Mark & Sonja, Julia (14 & 8<sup>th</sup> grader), Collin (15 & HS sophomore), & Abby (18 & freshman at FL State). live in Trinity, FL





Kurt & Melissa, Kaylee (9 & 4<sup>th</sup> grader), & Eli (22 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