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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, still sort of retired, serves as a part-time Thrivent consultant, sings in the choir, and leads a home Bible study.

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For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a saviour, which
is Christ the Lord
Luke
2:11

We have traveled quite a bit this year. Thankfully we have some friends who like to travel as well.

- In January we went on a cruise through the Panama Canal, with stops in Grand Cayman, Jamaica, Costa Rica, & Cartagena, Columbia.
- We cruised the Danube River in March, visiting Budapest, Slovakia, Vienna, Krems, Linz & Cesky Krumlov, Austria, & Passau, Germany.
- In August we cruised the Baltic, visiting Copenhagen, Denmark, Stockholm, Sweden, Helsinki, Finland, St Petersburg, Russia, Tallinn, Estonia, northern Germany, & Oslo, Norway. Click on the 2019 link at the top. judyandrichsteinbrueck.com

In July our family vacation (18 people under one roof!) was in West Jefferson, NC. The house we rented was on the side of a mountain, but still just a few minutes from town - a beautiful location. We hiked in the mountains, visited an alpaca farm, enjoyed s'mores & games at the house, had dinner & played music bingo at a local brewery, escaped from an escape room, & explored the town. On our last night there, our kids & grandkids made a special dinner in honor of our 51st wedding anniversary. What a fantastic time we had together! Click on the 2019 link. judyandrichsteinbrueck.com

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 Christmas Eve (Melissa, Kurt, and Mark) & exchange gifts on Christmas morning.

Our three sons and their families still live in the Tampa Bay area and are involved in their churches and the many activities of our eight grandchildren. (Pastor) Kurt leads his little flock at Faith Lutheran Church in Wesley Chapel, Florida. It is definitely a challenge to start a church these days! Paul & Mark still run OurChurch.com, which serves the Christian community, and Skywayweb.com, 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 (16 & HS junior), Ainsley (18 & freshman at Southeastern University), & Aryn (12 & 7th grader) live in Safety Harbor, FL

Mark & Sonja, Julia (15 & freshman in HS), Collin (16 & HS junior), & Abby (19 & sophomore at FL State). live in Trinity, FL



Kurt & Melissa, Kaylee (10 & 5th grader), & Eli (2 1/2) live in Wesley Chapel, FL

We conclude this letter with prayer requests. 2019 ended with a new challenge in our lives. Richard was diagnosed with bladder cancer in early December. His treatments will start in 2020 at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. Also, Abby, Collin, and Melissa continue to deal with kidney stones.

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