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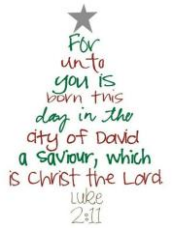
December 2020

Here we are again another year older, but still going strong despite the circumstances of this year!



**Judy** still serves as Chairman of the Immanuel Lutheran School Board, attends Bible classes on Zoom, and works out at the workout room in River Hills CC. Singing in the choir is not currently an option.

**Richard**, partially retired, serves as a Thrivent consultant, Chairman of the Evangelism & Stewardship Board and leads a Bible study on Zoom. He also works out & there is no choir for him currently either.



We managed to get in a few events before COVID-19 shut things down. We attended the Veterans of the Cross Retreat for retired church workers & we served strawberry shortcakes at the Florida Strawberry Festival. We enjoyed having Roger & Kathy Steinbrueck with us in January. Judy's sister, Joyce, visited us in March & left just as the pandemic was starting.

Our 13-day tour to Italy & the Oberammergau Passion Play planned for July has been postponed to Summer 2022 .

In June, our family vacation (18 people under one roof!) was in Duff, TN. The house we rented was on the top of a mountain, miles away from anywhere - a beautiful location. We hiked in Cumberland Falls Park & spent a day in Knoxville exploring on a scavenger hunt. Some of us had a fun day on a Lake. Some went golfing. There was also a new activity: Axe Throwing! What a fantastic time we had together! For pictures, click on the 2020 link. [judyandrichsteinbrueck.com](http://judyandrichsteinbrueck.com)

Our Thanksgiving tradition is for the family to gather at our house for dinner in the evening and they all stay overnight. That was changed this year. We went to Mark & Sonja's for dinner, where Mark smoked the turkeys. We are still figuring out how to celebrate Christmas, hopefully there will be an overnight stay at our house on Christmas Eve. Everyone usually comes 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. We are seeing God's hand at work as this congregation is beginning to grow. 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 (17 & HS senior), Ainsley (19 & sophomore at Southeastern University), & Aryn (13 & 8<sup>th</sup> grader) live in Safety Harbor, FL

**Mark & Sonja**, Julia (16 & sophomore in HS), Collin (17 & HS senior), & Abby (20 & junior at FL State). live in Trinity, FL



**Kurt & Melissa**, Kaylee (11 & 6<sup>th</sup> grader), & Eli (3 1/2) live in Wesley Chapel, FL



**We conclude this letter with a prayer request. 2019 ended with a new challenge in our lives. Richard was diagnosed with bladder cancer in early December. His immunotherapy treatments have gone well. He is free of cancer but will undergo 3 more immunotherapy treatments twice a year for several years. Pray for continued good health for him.**

**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**