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



Judy is involved in several Bible studies at Immanuel
Lutheran Church and volunteers there for various
activities. Richard, partially retired, still serves as a
Thrivent consultant with Wealth Advisor Matt Oleson.
At Immanuel he serves as Chairman of the Evangelism &
Stewardship Board. We lead a Zoom/Live Bible study on
Thursday evenings. We are also associate members at Faith Lutheran
Church, Wesley Chapel, where Kurt is Pastor.

At Faith Richard is Deacon and Judy helps coordinate the 11 am

Sunday morning live broadcast on Facebook, YouTube, and the Faith website.

We try to get in 10,000 steps each day, usually walking around the neighborhood. Various physical issues have made this more difficult this year. Judy has had to deal with some sciatic nerve issues, but all seems fine now thanks to her chiropractor. Richard has been dealing with atrial fibrillation (A-fib). He had cardioversion in April, which only kept him in rhythm for a few days. In September he had COVID. Then in October he had cardiac ablation, which ended up as an overnight stay in the hospital. That seems to have worked. He is no longer as tired as he was. Praise God!

We celebrated with our granddaughters, Abby and Ainsley, as they graduated from college. Abby graduated from Florida State University in Tallahassee. She is now in the Doctor of Audiology program at University of South Florida in Tampa. Ainsley graduated from Southeastern University in Lakeland, FL. She will begin working on her master's degree in Occupational Therapy in the fall.

We had to cancel our 13-day tour of Italy, Germany, and the Oberammergau Passion Play due to Richard's health issues. We intend to travel more in 2023.

This past summer we enjoyed our Steinbrueck Family Vacation in Zionville, NC. We rented a big "cabin" for a week, doing various activities each day. Our vacation album is posted on our website. Click on the 2022 link at <u>judyandrichsteinbrueck.com</u>

We were had the opportunity to travel to St. Louis in November for the 60th anniversary of Richard's graduation from Lutheran H.S South. We visited with our friend, Vicki Aden, who was in the same class and had moved beck to St. Louis from our area in Florida last year. We stayed with Richard's brother Ken and wife Kathy. We also had lunch with his brother Leon. We always enjoy our visits there.

Our Thanksgiving tradition is for the family to gather at our house for dinner in the evening and stay overnight, decorate for Christmas (with a little Black Friday shopping), and have a second "left-over turkey" lunch. Yum! For Christmas we will gather again to celebrate December birthdays Christmas Eve, (Melissa, Kurt, and Mark). Many stay overnight and Christmas morning after breakfast we exchange gifts.

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 <u>Faith Lutheran</u> <u>Church</u> in Wesley Chapel, Florida. We are seeing God's hand at work as this congregation is beginning to grow. 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 close by & can see them often.



Paul & Jennifer, Aryn (15 - HS sophomore) Ainsley (21 - college graduate), & Aidyn (19 - college sophomore), live in Safety Harbor,

Mark & Sonja, Abby (22 - grad student), Collin (19 - college sophomore), & Julia (18 - HS senior) live in Trinity, FL





Kurt, Melissa, & Kaylee (13 - 8th grade) & Eli (5 - Kindergarten) 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