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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, serves on our Pastoral Call Committee, and volunteers for various activities. **Richard**, partially retired, still serves as a Thrivent consultant with Wealth Advisor Matt Oleson. At Immanuel he serves as Co-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.

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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. Richard has been sidelined by back pain this year. It turns out he had an infection in his back that eroded two of his vertebrae. He was hospitalized for this and then sent home for six weeks of IV infusions with antibiotics. Judy became the nurse she never wanted to be as she dealt with the PIC line twice a day. He finally had successful surgery in August by a wonderful neurosurgeon who put in rods and screws to stabilize and strengthen his back. He is going through physical therapy now and doing very well. Praise God!

We celebrated with our granddaughters, Julia who graduated from high school and Kaylee who graduated from eighth grade.

This past summer we enjoyed our Steinbrueck Family Vacation in Gatlinburg and Sevierville, TN. Once again, we rented a big "cabin" for a week, doing various activities each day. Our vacation album is posted on our website. Click on the 2023 link at [judyandrichsteinbrueck.com](http://judyandrichsteinbrueck.com)

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 [Faith Lutheran Church](http://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](http://OurChurch.com), which serves the Christian community, and [Skywayweb.com](http://Skywayweb.com), for the secular community. If your church, school, or business needs a more effective web site, contact them on-line! We are blessed to have our children living close by & can see them often.



**Paul & Jennifer, Ainsley (22 - Grad School for Occupational Therapy) Aryn (16 - HS junior), & Aidyn (20 - college junior), live in Safety Harbor, FL**

**Mark & Sonja, Collin (20 - college junior), Abby (Grad School for Audiology), & Julia (19 - College freshman) live in Trinity, FL**



**Kurt, Melissa, & Eli (6 - First Grade), Kaylee (14 - HS freshman) 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**