



The Year of our Lord - 2020

Dear Family and Friends,

Rejoice with us. New Year's Day January 1, is our Fortieth Wedding Anniversary. The following Collect is true.

Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We have been blessed, richly, wondrously, Great Joy, Puzzling harms. Mold me, shape me, use me. He has, He does.

Life is an adventure. Who would go on if we knew in advance the harms that await? How could we not go on, knowing the Lord God Almighty has our life in His good hands? We pray that we would be useful to God our Creator and Savior, that we would accomplish all He desires of us. We praise Him now and long to praise Him forever in His Heavenly home.

“But we have this treasure in clay jars to show that its extraordinary power comes from God and not from us.” 2 Cor. 4:7. A commentator said the light of God’s presence seeps out through the cracks, the weaknesses of our lives. We are all cracked pots.

I was talking with a fellow who is feeling called by God to become a Pastor. I said to him it is the greatest of positions. I am paid to love people. Wonderful! Much joy and at times great challenge. Those who need to be loved are not always so lovable. Being Pastor is not always “successful”. At times I do not do that well. I need God’s forgiveness and forgiveness from His people. I am amazed how tolerant congregations are of their ministers. People in general show great patience and acceptance. To me it is a sign of the Spirit of God in them even when they are unaware.

Steve has been preaching the first Sunday of the month at Living Water for about seven years. A member is preparing for the ministry there and is taking over, so he is moving on. Two congregations, York and Columbia PA are open. Small, they have identical services. So they are picking up the spot. Steve is still serving the third Sunday of the month at Berea. With them he is part of the Coalition of Lutherans in Black Ministry, COLIBM.

With less to do Steve finished the last chapters of his book, “King of Kings”. <http://thesignofconcord.com>. Now he is trying to promote it. It is not the “standard version” Much of that is incorrect. Example: 2 ½ million people were in Jerusalem when Jesus

was crucified and rose. The documented history is not what people expect.

Strange Year. We have not been able to travel. We were to go to Oberammergau for the Passion Play, Oktoberfest, Luther and family sites. We miss Katherine and Donny, others. No trip to St. Louis and Chicago. We did get a new car, Hybrid CRV. The 09 Civic was over 243,000 miles with almost no miles for commuting.

Lynne continues to keep busy, even though we can’t travel. Her goal is to knit or crochet for 3 hours a day, making prayer shawls, baby afghans, hats to give away. She also reads and does cross stitch. She continues as leader of the Moms in Prayer group and as chair of the Shepherding/Outreach team at Holy Cross.

Stephanie continues as a paramedic fireman at Washington Reagan Airport. Greg is a wonderful stay-at-home dad, especially with Joanna doing kindergarten online. We enjoy watching them. They are great parents. We enjoy time with our granddaughter.

Katherine continues working as a trainer at State Farm in Atlanta. Donny is the IT person at Atlanta Historical Center, an interesting museum to visit.

*We praise God for you and ask God to bless you
in the New Year of 2021*

Lynne and Steve Funck