

December 2011

"You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Luke 2:11

As God continues to keep us all in the palm of His hand, we share some of our events of 2011 with you.



We have been privileged to have several visitors this year - Leon & Joann Steinbrueck, Roger & Kathy Steinbrueck, & Joyce & Donald Bryk,. We always have a place for guests!



Judy is enjoying the freedom of retirement. She spends more time with grandchildren. On most days she works out at Curves. Daily walking has been interrupted by a stubborn case of Achilles tendonitis, which means she is spending 3 days a week in physical therapy. It is improving very slowly. She also attends Bible studies at Immanuel & Lamb of God, our sister congregation in Lithia

She tutors one day a week at Immanuel Lutheran School & is involved with their reaccreditation process.

Into his 22nd year, **Richard** is looking for a younger representative to bring into his office to work with his clients after retirement. (Anyone interested?) It takes time to build a trusting relationship, the core of Thrivent Financial. Many of his clients are retired and the economy has hit them hard. Many are afraid they will run out of money before they die, so the strength of [Thrivent Financial](#) is a valuable factor.

Our travels this year included a trip to Hanover, PA, where we visited Al & Judy Lundquist. They are great tour guides for Gettysburg! We enjoyed soaking up the history of this beautiful area. Richard spent some time in November in St. Louis & Minneapolis at a Thrivent sales conference.

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 & their children Ainsley (10), Aidyn (8), & Aryn (4) live in Safety Harbor, FL.



Mark & Sonja & their children Abby (11), Collin (8), & Julia (7) live in Trinity, FL



Kurt, Melissa & Kaylee (2 1/2) live in Tampa, FL

All of our kids are active in their churches & involved in the many activities of their children - Little League, Soccer, music groups, cheerleading, etc. Our sons still are in the web hosting business - OurChurch.com. If your church, school, or business wants a web site, contact them! Kurt and Melissa sold their house in Wesley Chapel & now live in New Tampa closer to their church & school.

Once again we were able to spend a week in [Helen, GA](http://Helen.GA). The entire family stays in one huge house (a different one each summer). We do a lot of fun things. Take a look at the pictures by clicking on 2011 Photos. We also got to spend time with Truman & Elnora Mila who live in nearby Sautee Nacoochee. We have been friends with the Milas since the 1970s when we were members of Faith Lutheran, Dunedin!

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with our kids at our home. They usually come Christmas Eve after church. We celebrate December birthdays (Kurt & Melissa - Dec. 23 & Mark - Dec. 25) on Christmas Eve. They all stay overnight & we spend most of Christmas Day together.

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

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