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For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11).

As God continues to bless us in every way according to His will, we share some of our 2015 with you.



Judy serves as chairman of the Immanuel Lutheran School Board, sings in the choir, & attends Bible classes, among other things.

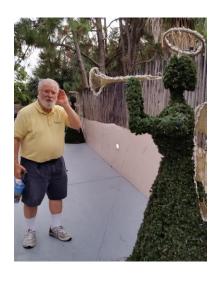


**Richard** has been with Thrivent Financial for a really long time! He has mentioned the word "retirement" a few times lately. We shall see.

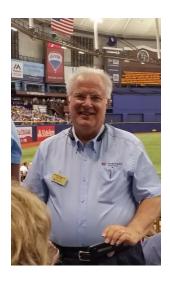
We had a couple of health issues this year. Richard was hospitalized with atrial fibrillation. The doctor got him back in rhythm & sent him home with lots of meds. He is fine now & is off most of the meds. Judy fell on the last day of our vacation in NC & broke her right humerus. She now has a titanium plate & rods & screws in place. It has been a slow process, but after several months of physical therapy, she is doing much better.

We were happy to have visitors this year: Roger (Richard's brother) & Kathy from Saranac Lake, NY, Wes & Gretchen Wheatley, friends from our teaching days in NYC from Minnesota, Kathy Steinbrueck from St. Louis, & Linda Clark from New Orleans.

Once again we treated ourselves to passes to Busch Gardens & have enjoyed our time there. We also went to a few Tampa Bay Rays baseball games.







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, Ainsley (14), Aidyn (12), Aryn (8), & live in Safety Harbor,



Mark & Sonja, Collin (12), Abby (15), & Julia (11), live in Trinity, FL



Kurt, Melissa, & Kaylee (6) live in Tampa, FL

All of our kids are active in their churches & involved in the many activities of their children - baseball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, dance, karate, etc. Paul & Mark are still are in the web hosting business - <u>OurChurch.com</u>. If your church, school, or business wants a web site, contact them! Kurt was ordained into the Lutheran pastoral ministry on January 24. He is working with some members of Family of Christ Lutheran Church to plant a church in Wesley Chapel, FL.

Once again we were able to spend a vacation week together. The entire family stays in one huge house (a different one each summer). This year we went to Bat Cave, NC. We did a lot of fun things. Take a look at the pictures by clicking on 2015 Photos on our website.

This fall we traveled to Europe for the first time. We spent a few days in Lucerne, Switzerland & then boarded a Viking ship to cruise the Rhine River from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam. There were eight of us from Immanuel who had a fantastic experience together. See a slide show of the trip's highlights on our website by clicking on 2015 photos.

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with our kids at our home. They usually come Christmas Eve after church. We celebrate December birthdays on Christmas Eve. They all stay overnight (using the lanai with "boys" and "girls" tents for grandchildren) so we can 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 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

## The Family at Kurt's Ordination



Beverly, Jennifer, Aidyn, Paul, Mark, Mary
Richard, Judy, Ainsley, Melissa, Kurt, Julia, Sonja, Abby Collin
Aryn, Kaylee