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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 serves on the School Board. Richard, partially retired, still serves as a Thrivent consultant with Wealth Advisor Matt Oleson. At Immanuel he serves on 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. Richard is Deacon at Faith. We are both on the planning

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We were glad to have a visit from Judy's sister, Joyce, and niece, Andrea in March. We enjoyed a dinner with cousins at the Crab Shack in St. Petersburg. We always have a great time together!

In May we traveled to Charleston to visit with Judy's college friends, Irene and Norm Giguere, Dee and Jim Glander, Elaine Zseller, and Paul Wackenhuth. We had a lot of fun sightseeing and reliving old times over glasses of wine in the evenings. It is amazing that we have been friends for over 60 years!

We have struggled to get in 10,000 steps each day. Various physical issues have made this more difficult this year. Richard has been sidelined by carpal tunnel, sciatica, and other issues, for which he has been having physical therapy and occupational therapy. Judy has had problems with her neck and has gone through three rounds of physical therapy. She just had nerve block treatments and an ablation on her neck, resulting in a little improvement so far. We still praise God for each new day!

This past summer we enjoyed our Steinbrueck Family Vacation in Beech Mountain, NC. 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 2024 link at 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 on Christmas Eve, (Melissa, Kurt, and Mark). They 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 on-line! We are blessed to have our children living close by & can see them often.



Paul & Jennifer, Aidyn (21 - college senior), Aryn (17 - HS senior), & Ainsley (23 - Grad School for Occupational Therapy), live in Safety Harbor, FL

Mark & Sonja, Collin (21 - college senior), Abby (24 - Grad School for Doctor of Audiology), & Julia (20 – College junior) live in Trinity, FL





Kurt, Melissa, & Eli (7 - 2nd Grade), Kaylee (15 - HS sophomore) 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