

Christmas Journal



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December 2019: Highlights of the year

The Mortgage!

The 7th of January we paid off our mortgage. We couldn't wait to take Paul and Lorene out to eat to tell them the news. Paul, who built our house, would have been so excited for us.

Then the Big Shock!



After midnight January 8th, we received a frantic call from Lorene saying Paul had a major heart attack at home and to meet her at the hospital. Keith watched our stuff in the waiting room, while Lorene and I went back where they worked on Paul. They worked longer than usual, but ... After they cleaned up the blood, etc. we went to Paul. He was peaceful. Oh, but how difficult to say goodbye to my younger brother who'd watched out for me ever since I got sick at age 13. So difficult for Lorene who had to deal with his businesses. It has been a long hard year in many ways, but we've seen God work in circumstances and people. It made all the difference. Besides, we know Paul is with Jesus.

Ellery's Second Birthday



January 30th was our granddaughter's 2nd birthday in Bellevue, NE. She had a swim cake.

I love getting together with



family because we get to also spend time with our older grandkids, Chris' teenage kids, Devon, Dane & Tori.

Scheidies' Spring Fling

Even though Dad Jiggs is in Bethany Home, he has kept the house for family to stay when visiting and for our family gatherings. Spring Fling in April gave family members who had not yet met our youngest grandchild Ezekiel born November 6th. (Kurt & Cassie didn't make the fall Scheidies Thankmas because of recovery etc.) a chance to meet.



4/28/2019 Lavern, Jiggs, Scheidies with great-grandson Ezekiel Hungerford

We caught up on each other's life as we got together at the farm Saturday and in Minden for brunch Sunday morning. We get together again the weekend after



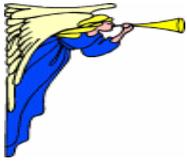
Thanksgiving for Thankmas.,

Meyer Family Reunion June 9th



In June we attended a Meyer Family Reunion on a Meyer family farm north of Grand Island. (Keith's Mom was a Meyer.) It was fun catching up with family we knew, to meet new family members and to discover how everyone was related.

The family farm now grows grapes for wine instead of corn.



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7/20/2019 Bellevue NE
Grampa Keith &
Gramma Carolyn with
Ellery (just up from nap)
& Ezekiel Hungerford

Helping out with the youngest grandkids
We've made several trips to Omaha this year to help out with the kids due to Kurt's Navy responsibilities, illness, etc. Bellevue is getting to be very familiar territory. We love spending time with Ellery and Zeke. Ellery's gotten very verbal this year. Zeke is close to taking off walking.



SIL Nancy

Had a scare in August when sister-in-law Nancy was on the side of the country road on her bike by the Scheidies farm where she lives with Keith's brother Randy and their two grandkids. She was accidentally run down. After a few days in the hospital, she was able to return home and begin recovery. We're thankful she's OK.

My 50th HS Reunion



Labor Day weekend Keith & I attended my (Carolyn's) 50th year HS reunion in Essex, IA. Thankfully the roads after the severe flooding were open, though at times the water was on either side and almost even with the road.

Saturday evening we gathered with my classmates. They'd been so kind to me in HS after my family moved to Essex for my dad to take a church. It was great catching up with them. Sunday we attended the combined service at the beautiful Lutheran church with a charity donation lunch afterward. Sunday was also Keith's birthday so we ate out in the evening instead of doing other weekend activities.

Monday was our anniversary. We met Chris and kids in Lincoln where they live for a late lunch to celebrate Keith's birthday.

Belated Anniversary Celebration

September 25th the kids and grandkids threw us a fun 45th anniversary celebration at Kurt & Casse's in Bellevue. As a surprise, they had gotten together midway between Omaha and Lincoln with Kristren, a photographer friend of Cassie's from HS days. We were presented with wonderful framed pictures of the grandkids and families. So grateful! How blessed we are.

Ezekiel's First Birthday

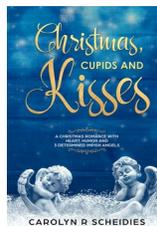


Zeke's birthday celebration was November 9th. Chris and his kids were there as well



as Aunt Rhonda, Aunt Lisa & Uncle Tim—the Greats. As well as friends. It was a fun time. (*Cousins Devon & Zeke*)

Latest Book: Christmas Cupids, and Kisses



After an abusive marriage, Claire has no intention of ever getting involved again--especially not with the guilty secret she carries inside. Michael lost the wife of his dreams and knows such a relationship can never possibly happen again. Or can it? Enter a father who sees beyond his daughter's anger and pain to her need, three little imps (Claire's two elementary-age boys and Michael's little son) determined to bring their reluctant parents together, and a Heavenly Father who really does know best. **Print & Kindle versions.** <http://www.idealinhope.com>

This has been a year of sadness and blessing. I am glad Jesus came to bring comfort, healing, and peace. May you know the joy & wonder of the baby and life and hope of the resurrected Lord.

Merry Christmas!

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