

From a Lutheran Church in South Carolina



“The Resurrection of Jesus was part of the plan of Salvation and redemption by atone-ment of Man’s sin.”

Has anyone thought about the timing of this pandemic? Is it just a random happening or is *Jesus Christ* reminding us of some-thing? We are coming up on the anniversary of his death and his resurrection. Yes, it is at a time when the whole world is under siege by the pandemic coronavirus. People are dying by the thou-sands all around us. But as a country that was founded on the principals of life, lib-erty, and the pursuit of happiness, under God, this ex-perience is bringing us back to basics. We are doing what we have to do to keep ourselves and those around us safe. Could it be that this virus was planned by God as a wake up call, for the whole world to look at what is really important? Because of where we came from and how we got here, the United States has the tools to help bring the world together for the common good of man-kind. Let us try and listen to what God is saying and put it into motion.

I wasn’t going to put anything in the newsletter about the coronavirus as we are living it moment by moment, all around us, but I changed my mind. What I said above, I believe—and if I wrote it, I have to do it and say what I can when I can. We are all together on this.

Now, how to relax a bit with the rest of my newsletter? We do need a break!!! So, I was thinking of going back to the early days of our motor home life style and writing about our experience during the earlier years, before we started doing this newsletter. That would bring us back to 2002! I didn’t start the Newsletter until 2007. Our years on the road were truly educational. In our youth, our learning was largely out of a text books, which in those years, was a *history book*. Our adult par-ents experienced one or two world wars, which was a whole different experience. We can keep going back in history of this country to the pioneers and their explora-tions of this country of ours. The text books are not the only way, however, re-tracing their steps in a Motor



Home as Bob and I did, really *brought that experience home!* Some of the things we saw actually gave me ‘goose bumps’, like the wagon ruts in the ‘Oregon Trail’ plus small grave yards on route of those who didn’t make it because of illnesses and unexpected disasters. Some of these disasters involved the Native American popula-tion, whose territory we were invading.

Ok, now for some pictures from 2002. We were just get-ting started, so pictures were somewhat limited, but enough to get an idea of what you are seeing. Gillette, WI has the largest Coal Town in the US. Yes, indeed, BIG is the key word here, plus Bob and I with our RV.



The next group of pictures is of the Goldman Family, who we got to know on line, even before we left New York. There was a web site through which we com-municated with others who were already out there or planning to go like us. Once out there, many of these people were part of OUR FAMILY ON THE ROAD! If someone was ill or had mechanical problems, 99% of the time, there was someone nearby to lend a hand! In this case, the Goldmans were still home when we left New York and we actually were able to visit them where they lived In Chuckey, TN. As a current note, they stayed on the road after we left the road in 2011, but are currently back in Chuckey, TN having built a new home on a different piece of property. We still keep in contact and I know we will hear from them when they see this. These pictures are from more than one visit and another HR couple joined us on one occasion, Bob & Linda Stockton. We all volun-teered as Ranch Hands on the Goldman Ranch! All of these pictures were before the Goldmans joined us on the road in 2002 & 2003. I hope you enjoy this re-view.

