

Children's sermon: June 30, 2019

**"Singin' a song together"**

Hello, my friends ..... good seeing you today.  
A good friend of mine died this week. His funeral is at a Catholic Church ... and I will be there.  
Reminds me of a Lutheran and Catholic story ... from a long time ago.

There are two churches in town ... both of them kind-of small.  
Way over here is the Lutheran Church.  
Way over there is the Catholic Church.  
Both churches want to start a choir.  
HEY ----- ARE YOU GOING TO SING IN OUR CHURCH CHOIR WHEN YOU GET OLDER???  
Our buddy Doug back there hopes so.

Here's the Lutheran Church. Only three people show up for the choir. And????? --- just two instruments.  
This little drum and a small flute.  
Building a choir is kind-of like trying to inflate this beach ball. With only three people and a couple instruments: well ... they are "deflated."

Not much better over here in the Catholic Church.  
Four people show up ... a tambourine, a couple of these "shaky things" ----- how can you start a choir with this? Doug ... what are we going to do??

Enter FRED the butterfly angel of music.  
Did you know there is an angel of music???  
Anyway ----- angel Fred looks at his Lutheran and Catholic friends.  
"You look like two deflated beach balls!! Think about this: WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN COMMON?  
Give me a "J" ... now an "E" ... "S" ... "U" ... one more "S" ----- **JESUS!@!!**"

Don't think about being Lutheran or Catholic. Let's all be Jesus-people ... come together ...  
and share a song.  
Listen to this fun song: "I always have a song to sing" ... by the Hylander Singing Men!!  
What a great song. When we come together ... sing together ... worship together -----  
it's amazing how we sound.

No longer DEFLATED. Together we are INFLATED with Jesus' spirit.

Now ... come up here. Go behind the altar.  
You will find some balls ---- inflated with the spirit.  
(And maybe some "hot air" from your pastor!@!!)

Love you all ----- happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!