



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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*"Faithful Lutherans sent by Christ to
serve God's children"*

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PJ'S JOTS

PASTOR JOHN HAWKINS

Summer Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer? Well really it seems that summer is just about over. In a few days (or so it seems) many of the local schools will begin their 2007/2008 school year. So I ask where has the summer gone? Like all things, this summer of 2007 is soon to be a memory, and many new and many exciting things will explode before us. I think this is especially true as we think about the church.

In my spare time I do a lot of reading. This summer one of the books I read was: The Honest to God Church: A Pathway to God's Grace, by Doug Bixby. He states:

In the church we talk about having faith and being faithful, but rarely do we talk about experiencing grace and being gracious. Churches are actually at times some of the most ungracious places on this planet, and Christians are at times some of the most ungracious people in our universe. If as Christians we boldly claim to be the recipients of God's grace and mercy, doesn't it make sense for us to respond by being equally gracious and merciful? If grace is the method God chose for ministering to us, shouldn't it be the method we use to minister to one another? If grace is good enough for God, should it not also be good enough for us? How is it that the church, which has been built on the foundation of God's mercy, has become so merciless?

I had to think about this statement for a while after I read it. I found it to be a very harsh statement about church's and church members at first. Then as I read further I began to see why he was saying this.

As Christians we claim to receive God's grace and mercy through Jesus Christ. The time has come for us to show grace and mercy to one another. But how do we change the way our churches function so that our congregations become more gracious?

I do understand what he means. It is not without merit that church's and church members spend more time trying to look at others "sins" and "fallacy's" to the exclusion of our own. He says we spend a lot of time looking at our church's through either an ethic of intolerance of those we judge to be different. Or, we find this pretense of those trying to be perfect to be so lacking that in response some church's will adopt an ethic of tolerance where all are acceptable. Bixby says:

So, on the one hand, an ethic of perfection leads to intolerance, which leaves little room for grace. On the other hand, an ethic of tolerance leaves too much room for ambivalence and, therefore, does not see any need for grace. Tolerance is better than judgment, but love is deeper and more able to transform our lives than either tolerance or judgment. Jesus' ethic of love leaves room not only for grace, but also for graciousness. Grace is the gift of God's forgiveness, acceptance, healing, and transformational power. Graciousness is the gift of respect, forgiveness, and acceptance that we offer each other.

He calls this the "I'm not okay, you're not okay" approach. He says:

This approach embraces an ethic of love and takes the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself" very seriously. It is an open approach that allows people to be honest about who they are and about their sinfulness and brokenness. It is the means by which congregations can effectively become honest to God churches.

This is what I believe to be the heart of the gospel. And this is the gospel that is the business of the church.

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

B. LANDIS & S. NEATHAMER

A Thank you goes out to all Faith members that helped support the "Spring Food Drive". Faith Lutheran Church donated approximately 819 pounds of food. The summer months find the food pantry's shelves running low because the kids are out of school. Please continue to bring your donations into church.

The primary needs at the food pantry right now are soups, fruits, canned meats, spaghetti & spaghetti sauce-in cans (please no glass jars), cereal, can openers, and canned veggies! The families that come into CLM really are grateful.

Want to see your donations at work?? Volunteer!
We are in need of volun-

teers; if anyone has extra time on their hands or wants something rewarding to do we could use people to help in the food pantry the shifts are 9am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 4pm.

There is a great need on Mondays. Talk to Beth Landis or Sue Neathamers for more details.

OWLS

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

The OWLS have been busy, as always. Our projects, which are in the works, have been delayed a bit by illnesses (not ours) and by hectic summer schedules. Our two major projects as of now include a party for our friends of the Ken Ellis Center, which will take place sometime later this month. Dan Diekhoff will play the part of Pastor Muehlenberg and will speak to our guests, and the rest of us will provide games and refreshments. Also, we are refining our visitation project and have listed eight Faith members who are shut-ins, who might enjoy and profit from our visits. We are accepting volunteers to "adopt" these shut-ins for visits and/or calls at least twice a month. We still need a few volunteers, but feel sure we will come through, as always. We enjoyed a picnic in Bernheim Forest in June, where we had lunch, visited the Visitor Center, and walked on

the walkway across the top of the forest. Great trip!

In July we carpoled from the church to the St. Mary's Cathedral-Basilica of the Assumption, in Covington, Kentucky. One stained glass window there measures 24 feet by 67 feet and contains 117 distinctive figures. There are over 80 other stained glass windows depicting many religious scenes. After our inspiring tour, we proceeded to Mike Fink's Paddlewheeler, on the river in Covington across from Cincinnati, for a delicious lunch. (OWLS always eat, on any excursion - it's a rule.) A delightful trip!

In August, on the afternoon of the 22th, all of our OWLS friends are invited to the home of Jim and Nancy Falkenstein for a pitch-in picnic and swimming for any brave OWLS. Careful, there might

be some wet feathers! September brings the Fall and a barbecue/card and game party at the home of Dan and Judy Diekhof. This event is scheduled for Friday, September 14, around noon, at the Diekhof's "castle."

And in October, Art and Edwina Anderegg are reprising their Halloween party of last year. To ensure that it won't be so cold, the party is scheduled for October 26, at 2:00 p.m. More details later.

And that's what the OWLS have been up to and what they are planning. We would love to have you join us for any or all of our projects or excursions. Just ask any friendly OWL!!!

The Call Committee is again waiting on a name from Synod. An individual was interviewed in June. The committee chose to continue the search process.

YOUTH NEWS

SARAH RIFE

Boy, has summer gone by fast! It seems like only yesterday when we were saying good-bye to our exchange students, and going on our white water rafting trip. August 5th, the youth will have their annual pool party, but this time it is at the McCoy's house. There

will be a list posted up on the red doors for people to sign up to bring food. Be sure to bring your swimsuits and towels, and friends are welcomed to come. September 9th, the Taylors will be hosting a bon fire/pool party, evening, (all parents should

come too, or at least one from each household) is asked to come because we will be planning out the rest of the year there. The Taylors will provide food, and we will leave their house at 7:00 pm and will get back at the church at 7:30pm. Be sure to bring a

swimsuit, towel, and warmer clothes for the bonfire. The youth would also like to welcome Jack Hayes, Eric Miller, and Caitlyn Fox into the youth group. Each of you can now come and join all the activities and help with the dinners that we make.

REPORT ON PART OF INKY SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2007

JOHN TAYLOR

The budget for the synod 2008/2009 of \$ 3,302,446 which is 3.6 % higher than this year's expected actual was passed. They have tried to expect higher benevolence giving to national hoping synod congregations will give more. Several popular programs have been cut back unless income is higher than expected. Some of these are Trinity Seminary, Campus ministry, Outdoor ministry and Global Missions program.

The only resolution brought before the assembly was defeated. It dealt with disapproving actions taken by the New England Synod on allowing their pastors to choose to bless or not same sex unions (which are legal marriages in three states). The INKY proposed resolution was felt to be redundant in as much National had taken similar action in 2005.

There is a new study guide available for Human Sexuality. It deals with such subjects as:

- a) The Christian foundation for deliberation – Galatians
- b) Created as Sexual Beings
- c) Cultural influence and “freedom”
- d) Social institutions
- e) Power and abuse
- f) Money and the bottom line

- g) Economic justice
- h) Facing our responsibility in the freedom of the Gospel

The synod's expectation is that congregations will have used this material to study the issues and make inputs relative to potential ELCA Resolutions by March 2008 so as to be on track for potential actions at national assembly in 2009.

There were

- 329 lay voters
- 201 rostered voters
- 107 other non-voters
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- 637 attendees representing 233 congregations

Worship Time Change

We move to regular hours beginning September 2!

Worship is at 10:30 am

Sunday Church School begins September 9 at 9:15 am

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

Dot Clerici

Betty Condra

Hallie Kusch

Kay Winn

Roger Rice

Walter Clive

Ron and Marilyn Thoreson

Betty McLaughlin

Ron Barr

Natalie Lane Clark

Dick Klemens

Shirley Mayne

Sophie Quayle

Our prayers for support and guidance continue for the call process as we await a candidate from Synod.

Our prayers of condolence are with Molly Hegenbarth and her family as her father, Dean Nerdig, entered eternal life July 8.

Our prayers and congratu-

lations are with Kelly and Angel Hood, who were married June 30.

Our prayers and congratulations are also with Meredith and Phil Jaeger, who were married June 16.

Congratulations to Jim and Nancy Falkenstein, who recently celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss!

If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Hawkins at 812-282-6993 or one of the prayer chain leaders: Betty Condra

(282-2102),

Vivian

Smith

(288-

8531) or Nancy Vogt

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these August birthdays:

Nancy Vogt 8/1

Billie Williams 8/1

Max Mitchell 8/3

Charlotte Davis 8/7

Corey Durham 8/7

Dan Diekhoff 8/9

Roger Rice 8/9

Logan Warren 8/9

Steve Thoms 8/10

Cleon Trusner 8/16

Don Maas 8/20

Meredith Jaeger 8/24

Kris Searcy 8/27

We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in August:

Don & Vivian Smith 8/7

Sunny & Tom Neathamer 8/11

Fred & Tami Czerwonka

8/11

Julie & Darrell Rayborn

8/20

Jim & Nancy Vogt 8/28

If information is missing or incorrect on this list, please let Patti Smith know.

To my "Faith Family"

Surely "Faith Lutheran" is a house of living stones, who hear and follow our Father's voice. Thank you, all, for your prayers, cards and calls.

We are blessed indeed.

In Gratitude,

B. Condra



To all Faith Family, We wanted to thank all of you for your attendance, cards, well wishes, and prayers for the renewing of our vows. It will be a very cherished celebration for us.

In God's name,

Rick, Terri

Mark & Gina Barr



CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF GOD!

Would you like to learn more about the word of God in a more informal setting?

Would you like to know your fellow Faith members better?

Do you like to engage in lively conversation?

Would you like to explore how God's word works in today's world?

Then join us for Sunday Church School!

Beginning September 9, Sunday Church School starts at 9:15 am. Classes are available for all ages.

WELCA NOTES

August Meeting Schedule:

The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 am. A presentation will be given on Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

Sunshine Circle will not meet in August, resuming their Bible study in September.

Wheadon Friendship Circle will resume the Bible study on Friendship August 21 at 7 pm.

Loaves and Fishes
Saturday, August 4
Please sign up to help!



The joint WELCA quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 8, at 10 am. One of the agenda items is to decide how to disburse the proceeds from this year's Lenten dinners.

Barb Brewster will present information on Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and some of the programs they offer through summer camps and other activities. Please plan to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. WELCA leadership will change at the end of 2007. Please begin prayerfully considering your role and how you can serve.

WELCA will continue to offer monthly Bible studies. Please see the schedule to the left for details.

Women of all ages are wel-

come to join these Bible studies. It is a great opportunity to study and grow in our faith and share fellowship with other women in the church.

The morning "Sunshine" group has had good attendance, but there's room for more! Join us in September as we resume our series on prayer. This study is led by Dorothy McCall.

The Wheadon Circle will continue the series on Friendship and resumes their studies August 21..

WELCA is continuing their support of the **Loaves and Fishes** project. August 4 is our next assigned date. Please sign up to assist this important local ministry. Your help with this project allows us to support a ministry that fulfills a great

need for the hungry in our community.

Center for Women and Children

WELCA is continuing their support of this center for abused women and children. The Center provides shelter, education and employment guidance for women seeking to escape abusive situations and begin a new life. The large yellow barrel is the receptacle for personal care items, sheets (twin size), etc. (Please, no clothing)

Did you know...

That the new Lutheran Worship Book (Red) contains most of the liturgy and hymns found in the green "Lutheran Book of Worship" and the blue "With One Voice?" (Perhaps we can alleviate the need for using more than one book from which to worship....hmmmm).

Did you know...

That you can order a Lutheran Worship Book in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or just for your own personal use for only \$20 per copy?

Did you know...

That we will be placing the order soon! Please complete the insert in the weekly bulletin and turn it in along with your offering.

LIBRARY NEWS

NANCY THOMPSON

This month we are treated to a review of one of the library's selections, compliments of Kathy Hayes. Thanks, Kathy, for providing us this information!

Review of Mother Teresa – A Simple Path

Compiled by Lucinda Vardey

The Simple Path: The fruit of silence is PRAYER. The fruit of prayer is FAITH. The fruit of faith is LOVE. The fruit of love is SERVICE. The fruit of service is PEACE.

PRAYER, FAITH, LOVE, SERVICE, and PEACE are the names of the chapters of this book about Mother Teresa's life of service and love, how she truly followed Jesus' commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. She led an amazingly giving, self-sacrificing life of service.

In PRAYER she notes that Prayer is needed for children and in families, that children need to learn to pray and they need to have their parents pray with them. And if it is difficult to find the words, she provides some beautiful words of prayer in this book (p. 20-21 for family). Another favorite prayer of mine in this book is at the bottom of p. 37, a prayer to be delivered from the desire of, and the fear of.

In FAITH, it is stated that the Church is our family and we need to be able to live together, loving and understanding each other; we are serving Christ. "For Christ,

the Church is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. To God, everything is simple – God's love for us is greater than all the conflicts, which will pass." Faith is a gift from God, and living a Christian life provides for the growth of faith. In this chapter, I Am On My Way To Heaven, and how heaven is our home ... is very inspirational to me.

In LOVE, the poverty of loneliness and spirituality is discussed. Where there is a hunger for love, there is a hunger for God. A beautiful paragraph is on p. 80. It begins, "God made the world for the delight of human beings – if only we could see His goodness everywhere, His concern for us, His awareness of our needs ..." And the prayer that the Missionaries of Charity say, that ends with "That with the simple faith of a child, I may rely on You." is on p. 82.

It is pointed out (p. 87) that "Love has no meaning if it isn't shared. You have to love without expectation, to do something for love itself, not for what you may receive. If you expect something in return, then it isn't love, because true love is loving without conditions and expectations."

Also, in LOVE, the Warmth Of Our Hand: "Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same – with charity you give love, so don't just give money but

reach out your hand instead." One time when Mother Teresa held the hand of a homeless man he said, "It's been a long time since I felt the warmth of a human hand."

And in Loving Until It Hurts: Do ordinary things with extraordinary love.

In SERVICE, Mother Teresa points out what Jesus did in His life on earth, the three years He spent healing the sick and the lepers, children and other people. Of her and her missionaries' work she says, "We feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop." There is a section entitled "There Is So Much Work To Do", and "Love In Action" where volunteers share their stories of service and the effects on their lives.

In The Fruit of Service is PEACE, "Whenever you share love with others, you'll notice the peace that comes to you and to them. When there is peace, there is God – that is now God touches our lives and shows His love for us by pouring peace and joy into our hearts." A beautiful prayer for peace is found on p. 171. And at the end, the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me a channel of Thy peace, that

Where there is hatred, I may bring love;

That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;

That where there is discord, I may bring truth;

That where there is doubt, I may bring faith;

That where there is despair, I may bring hope;

That where there are shadows, I may bring light;

That where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted,

To understand than to be understood;

To love than to be loved,

For it is by forgetting self that one finds;

It is by forgiving that one is forgiven;

It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life.

This book reminds us of the insignificance of materialism, and of all we have to give.

Check out this book in our Faith church library. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have. It is one I will check out more than once (in fact, I already have).

Kathy Hayes



WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR

Weekday Church School will begin on Sept 11th. This will be the beginning of our 24th year of bringing the message of God's love to around 50 children in Jeffersonville IN.

As of this writing we have three full classes. There are two classes of first year students whose age puts them two years before they begin kindergarten. Each Class has 12 students and 2 teachers each. The younger three year olds will be led by Debbie Lake and Toni Hedrick. The older three/four's will be led by Charlotte Davis and Edie Mass. Charlotte also has 24 years of teaching here at Faith and Edie probably has around 15 yrs. Debbie and Toni are starting their second year as a first year team. Both have taught in the pre-k program before moving on to run their own class. These classes meet every Tues. and Thurs. morning at 9:30 to 12 noon from Sept to May. In the first year curriculum, the children learn that God planned for them to live in families, that God loves them, and that God made His spring, sum-

mer, fall, and winter world for them to enjoy and take care of for Him. They will learn about Baby Jesus in December and about Jesus resurrection during the Easter season. To this Bible based curriculum, we will add listening skills and following directions when they are given to a group of children. They will work on learning to share toys, a teacher's time, and school supplies. There will be work on learning to count, and saying the ABC's. They will learn to work from left to right in preparation for learning to read. They also will learn the meaning of top, middle, bottom, over and under, first and last. Most of all we hope they will understand that God loves them.

The pre-K class of 28 students is also full. There are also 8 children on a waiting list hoping for a chance to come to school. If we had the space, we could easily have two classes of 20 students each in this program. These children meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning 9:15 to

12:15 pm. In the second year curriculum, we also base our studies on the Bible. There are many Bible stories, and a study of God's gift, Jesus. He is the first Christmas gift ever given. There is also a study of Jesus death and resurrection during the Lenten/Easter season. These children also look at God's spring, summer, fall, and winter world. We have a study of how God provides food at Thanksgiving time and the children help to make vegetable soup. In January we do a detailed study of how Jesus grows up to be a boy, teen, and adult. We talk about how this is also God's plan for their life. During Lent the unit Happy or Sad God Loves you is a time to learn about forgiveness and forgiving others, and that it is normal to feel angry, sad, and afraid. They roll play acceptable behavior while feeling these emotions. To this we add a study of shapes, counting, and recognizing numbers to at least 25. The sounds of the alphabet's letters are taught. All of the children will be able to give the beginning sound



in a word, and many will be able to blend consonants and vowels to make and read simple words by the end of the year. As of this writing the pre-k staff is incomplete. The following persons plan to return. Carol Taylor, Barbara Brewster, Terri Barr, Demarris Scott, Edith Woodward, Monica Hawkins, and Ann Steaban, We will need new volunteers in the skills class as a helper, and both a leader and a helper in the recreation class. If anyone is interested in helping in this ministry, please talk to Carol Taylor 228-1329. All of the teaching staff volunteers their time. No salaries are paid. That is why the donation for this program is \$75.00 a year. This covers the cost of supplies, office help, and insurance. We go on our way rejoicing as we begin our 24th year of service.

YARD SALE!

KATHY HAYES

Thank you to all who assisted in the Thrivent Yard Sale in June. We raised a final total of \$300, which Thrivent will match so that becomes \$600, for use within our congregation.

Thank you to all who donated items, and thank you for all the volunteer time setting up for the yard sale, working it, and cleaning up and packing up and delivering the remainders to

Goodwill. It all takes a team effort! Great job, and thank you for all your time and effort!

Thanks!

PICNIC ANYONE?

EVERYONE'S INVITED:

What: Church Picnic

Where: Perrin Park

When: Sunday, August 12, following worship

Bring: Dish to share, lawn chairs, smiling face

Provided: Meat & Drinks

Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship!

Calling All Youngsters Grades K-5

New activity planned for grades K-5th!

We are looking to have activities (sort of a Jr. youth group) for the children of Faith in grades K - 5th . There would be activities like going to Mr. Gatti's as a group, doing a simple service project like making cookies for a nursing home as a group at church, or going to a movie and Ice cream afterward. We are hoping to build a group feeling among the younger children at Faith in the hope of increasing their

Sunday School and Church attendance. We can teach them if we can get them in the door of the church. If they make friends at church the hope is that they will then want to come to church to be with these friends. Chuck Landis and Sandy Neathamer have agreed to be the planners and organizers for this group. If you have children who fall in this age range, watch your mail for announcements of the coming events this fall. This is an activity we have needed to provide for years, but we

have never had anyone who would help provide the leadership necessary to get it up and running. Let's give a big cheer for Sandy and Chuck and wish them success with this venture.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

Vacation Bible School Enjoyed by Children and Adults.

Sunday Church School

Vacation Bible School was held July 16 through July 20. 52-55 students attended each day. Several teachers, including Virginia Klemens, Arlys Johnson, Nancy Falkenstein, Pastor Hawkins, and Carol Taylor spent a part of last winter writing this year's material, God's Water World. Books for the students to take home were created by Arlys Johnson with art by Amy Holaday and Donna Baugh. Music was gathered by Pastor and Barbara Brewster. Terri Barr put together an excellent collection of crafts for the children. The puppets were a big hit with everyone. Joshua and Jordan Emily put new spirit into recreation and kept the old tradition of kick ball alive as well. Did you ever think you would be eating Dirt Pudding? It sure did taste good when the "dirt"(God's Creation) happened to be chocolate pudding and Oreos. All this was created and served up by Jim and Nancy Falkenstein and Roger Emily. Thanks for all the creativity that flowed to make this program so unique.

Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday Sept. 9th. There have been many changes in the Sunday School Staff. We say thank you to Michelle Mitchell, Donna Baugh, and Fammie Peter .

SCS Staff for 2006/07

Pre-School Marsha Woods

Elementary children Peg Gernand (covered by Fammie Peter for Sundays away).

Jr. High Carol Taylor

Sr. High Lyle Gernand

Adults John Taylor Still using "No Experience Necessary" material

The teaching staff deserves a big THANK YOU also.

Classroom teachers

N1 Debbie Lake Judy Diekhoff

N2 Charlotte Davis and Beth Landis

K1 Carol Taylor Damarris Scott

K2 Jeanette Hood Angel Hood

1st and 2nd Arlys Johnson

3rd and 4th Carrie McCoy

5th and 6th Rachael Turner Monica Hawkins

Speciality teachers

Art Terri Barr Linda Woehrle, Edie Maas, Kathy Farmer

Music Pastor John, Barbara Brewster, Kristen McCoy, Sarah Rife

Snack Nancy and Jim Falkenstein and Roger Emily

Recreation Joshua and Jordan Emily

Office manager Patti Smith

Synod assembly Report
By Ruben Duran
Executive director of New Congregations

Pastor Duran set his theme for his three addresses by using the ELCA theme “Sent by God’s Grace for the Sake of the World”. He started his talk by telling us that his ideas for the development of new churches also work for the redevelopment of existing churches.

He began his talk by asking us, “What is God Up to, how have we seen God active in the world in the last 24 hours?” He then added, “God is going to do what God is going to do. Either you are on his boat or you are not.” To be on the boat, we, as God’s community, the church, need to be willing to change in order to be an active part of God’s work.

To do this we:

Need to have an attitude of prayer asking God to show us his plan for our community. This includes both our church congregation and the people in our part of the country.

Need to be ready to discover a new mission—Duran said, “God is going to do what he plans to do”. We need to ask, “How can we be the church in this place?” A congregation that has its focus on themselves is not likely to grow. A congregation who reaches out to be Christ in their community will be a congregation who has success. As a national church it is said by people who need help, “We go to the ELCA for help with our needs, but to the evangelicals for Christ.” As a church, Lutherans are not known for spreading the knowledge of the word of God and His love for us. We are known for being there in time of need. Our Lutheran World Relief programs are known and respected world wide. We need to discover a new mission.

Need to be a healthy congregation. To be healthy means we have to have the capacity to act for God and to grow in His mission.

Need to have a missional-evangelical orientation. We have been called in baptism to be part of God’s team in the world in which we live. Lutherans on the average invite someone to church once in every 22 years. This is progress. It used to be once every 29 years. The old days of immigration and first generation Lutherans are over. People will no longer come in through our doors just because there is a sign that says Lutheran church. We have to get out of our houses (both private and our local house of worship) and be useful-called to God’s mission, sent by God’s grace for the sake of the world.

5. Need to provide freedom to our younger members. People and youth have the right to choose their church and religion. They will explore other choices. We need to have them see and do liturgy so that they can make an informed choice- choose liturgical worship and then in turn pass it on to the next generation. Letting them choose to come or stay home on a Sunday morning doesn’t give them a basis for choice. Where are our young people this morning”, he asked

Pastor Duran closed with “This is our challenge. Can we meet it?” I ask, “Can we at Faith Lutheran in Jeffersonville, IN meet this challenge? Can we find our mission at this time in this place? Yes!! By the help of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Taylor

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Communication is the key to everything. Think about it. Where would we be without it? If someone hadn't told somebody else how to use fire, only one family would be warm in the winter with a hot meal. If no one had told someone else about the wheel, there would only be one car. If we didn't communicate with each other we would be cold and tired from walking in the snow. We would be worse off than the monkeys (the animals, not the band).

Communication can cause either grief or happiness. For instance, if Adam and Eve hadn't communicated with a snake, we would be in paradise. And if God hadn't communicated with Noah, we'd all be dead!

We talk to our families to let them know where we are going to be or to find out where they want us to be. We tell them about how long we're going to be wherever we are. We talk to our friends and neighbors and let them know what's going on. We tell people stuff everyday and people tell us stuff everyday.

My boss communicates

with me Monday through Friday. That would be my work boss, not the other one. He let's me know where I'm going and when I have to be there.

People I don't even know will send me letters inviting me to be a member of their exclusive clubs. Or offering "free" vacations. They will call me on the phone to let me know they need money to save some endangered rock or something. And if I help them out they will send me a picture of my rock, and I will get a free sticker for my car if I give them \$25.

Restaurants will send me nice invitations to come eat their food and if I spend \$30 or more I can save \$5. I don't save \$5, I spend \$5 more on appetizers.

I've even had people stop me on the road and communicate to me that they thought I was Mario Andretti and ask me for my autograph and give me driving awards. Then they tell me where the race-tracks are. I can communicate with other drivers and tell them if there is a wreck ahead of them, or tell them where they can get their own driving award or ask if

there really is a racetrack close by?

We communicate with people by way of phone, c.b., talking in person, leaving notes, e-mail, answering machines or just looking at someone. They even have a phone where you can listen to music, surf the net, e-mail, send pictures. Now, that's communication.

With all of this communicating going on, how can anyone say, "What we have here is a failure to communicate,?" We shouldn't miss anything at all. But we do. Think about how much communicating we do at church. We have announcements in church. We have calendars, e-mail, phones with answering machines. And yet, we still get things confused or misconstrued. Is it because the right person didn't know about it? Was it someone else's task? Did we not know who was doing what and where and when? If you have answers to any of these questions or if you want to know these answers, communicate with the church office. Patti has THE calendar and she pretty much knows what is going on so we don't have

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scheduling conflicts or any misunderstandings about the use of the building. Now I'm done communicating for this month.

Have a blessed and safe August.

Peace to you,
Tom

P.S. In August, Pastor will have been a pastor for 30 years. Watch for details in the bulletins about a celebration for him.



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USHERS: FRED AND TAMI CZERWONKA, STEVE THOMS, DAVE LINDEMAN

ALTAR GUILD: MARSHA WOODS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: DON WALKER

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
5	Lyle Gernand		Nancy Arbuckle	Johnsons	Rayborn
12	Veronica Rife		Linda Romine	Rifes	Woodward & Farmer
19	Volunteer		Beth Landis	Czerwonkas	Holman
26	Carol Taylor		Patti Smith	Steabans	P. Smith