



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

FEBRUARY, 2012

From the Pastor

February brings us around again to Lent. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the forty days of Lent is on February 22 this year. During the season of Lent, the church reflects on its darker side. We ask ourselves, How have we sinned? What have I done to separate myself from the God who loves me and wants to be in a loving relationship with me? We prepare ourselves to walk with Christ on the way of sorrows, We reflect on the cross and what the cross means to us in terms of our life with Christ and with one another. We sacrifice something valuable in our lives to remind us of God's sacrifice of Jesus. We redouble our efforts to do good and helpful things for our neighbors. We spend more time in prayer and worship as we prepare our minds and hearts to remember what God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And It all begins on Wednesday, February 22 as we make our great confession and have ourselves marked with a cross made of ashes so that we might remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Lent is a time to reflect on our mortality, to remember the fact that none of us will live forever, and where we will spend our time beyond our mortal time is important to us. We seek God's help in restoring our relationship. We depend on God's grace and mercy to forgive us. We offer our worship and praise as a sign of our willingness to reestablish that loving relationship with God.

So we will gather at 7PM on Ash Wednesday to begin our Lenten journey again. We will be using the Unfailing Light liturgy that we have been using on Wednesday nights since last Fall. It is a very easy and singable liturgy and very meaningful in an evening setting. We will continue to gather on Wednesday evenings following Ash Wednesday beginning at 6PM with soup and sandwiches and then worship to follow at 7PM.

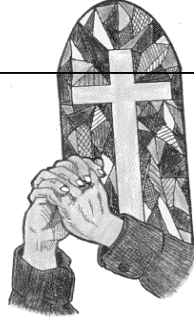
I encourage you to join us as we worship God during these mid-week Lenten gatherings. It helps to focus your discipline, to sacrifice some of your time, to do a good work by sharing your food with others and to be in prayer to the God who gives us everything, even our faith. Come and worship with us.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Scott

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special care for:



Illness

- *Owen Clive, treatment for leukemia
- *Tricia Zummach, & baby boy James
- *Mary Winn, Ovarian Cancer
- *Megan Holman, Thyroid Cancer Treatment
- *Darcy Butler, surgical complications
- *Gordon McCall, recovering at home
- *Adam Smith, nasal cancer
- *Ed Haire, recovering from open heart surgery
- *Dwayne Paxron, blood infection

Shut-in:

- *Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
- *Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
- *Bertha Blanchard, at home
- *Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods
- *Ken Steward, Westminster Village

If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Meier at 812-282-6993 or on his cell phone (260-273-1250) or one of the prayer chain leaders: Virginia Klemens (288-8809), Vivian Smith (288-8531) or Nancy Vogt (282-2014)

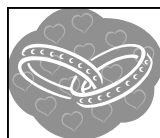
Service agencies/programs/special needs:

- *CLM
- *Eric Hall Foundation
- *Service men and women stationed at home and abroad
- *Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment
- *Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home.
- *American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in February

- Lyle & Peg Gernand 2/7
- Eric & Lisa Peter 2/13
- Dick & Virginia Klemens 2/15
- Ed & Fammie Peter 2/28



God's blessings to these February birthdays

- Virginia Klemens 2/1
- Max Zimmerman 2/1
- Barb Fitzpatrick 2/2
- Barb Brewster 2/5
- Mike Baugh 2/8
- Sue Neathamer 2/14
- Christa Hodge 2/16
- John Taylor 2/19
- Norma Boehme 2/20
- Sandy Neathamer 2/20
- Will Czerwonka 2/21
- Sammie McCoy 2/21
- Josh Emily 2/24
- Art Andregg 2/25
- Kathy Hayes 2/27
- Terry Schoen 2/28





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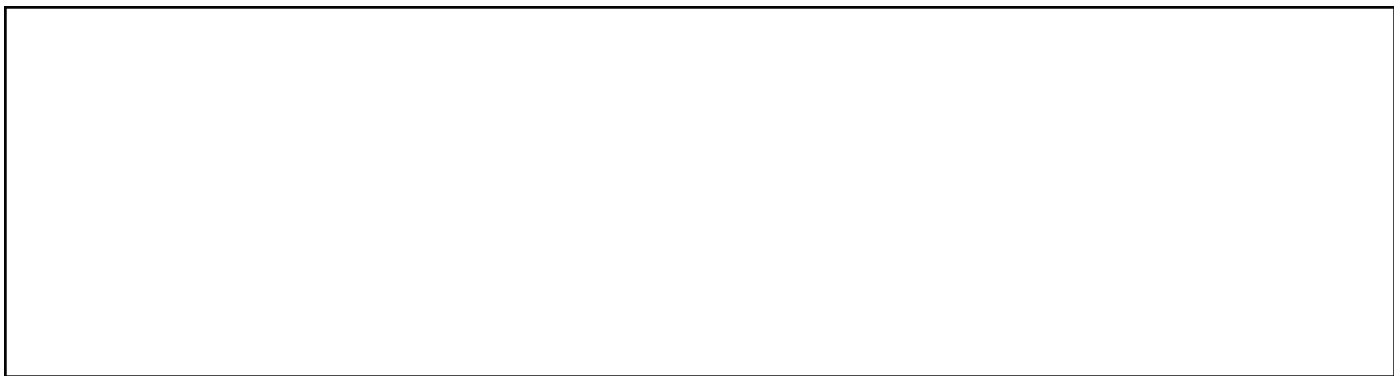
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WHAT: Mid-week fellowship/ worship opportunity

Where: Faith Lutheran Church

Time: 7:00 pm Worship Service - With Pastors' Scott & Laura Meier

Reminder: If you know of someone you would like Pastor to visit, please write their name on the White Board in Pastor's Office!!



A word or two from your counsel Vice President!

I can't believe how fast this year has flown by! 2011 certainly blessed my family in many ways- the biggest of course has been meeting the love of my life- Tony Blough (pronounced "Blau" –German for blue) who asked me to marry him in July. I have been on the church counsel now for 3 years, but have decided to take a leave of absence for 2012 in preparation for our wedding on May 6th. This was a family decision which we did not make lightly- as we prayed about how to best be of service to both my faith community and my family. With my commitment to the scouts also in its' 3rd year and a hectic work schedule, my devotion to the church was suffering which wasn't fair to you and not how I wanted to represent the church. I do not know who will take my place in interim but I have faith he or she will represent you in good faith as I hope to do again in 2013.

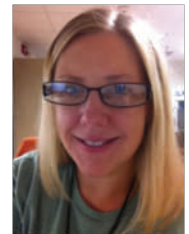
I also learned this week that my new work schedule will change affective January 29th, forcing me to work on Sunday's from 6 am to 2:30 pm. I did not foresee this new schedule so I am adjusting to the fact that I am going to miss seeing you all on Sunday mornings. That said please keep me and my family in your prayers that my search for a better job closer to home reveals itself soon! In the mean time I will miss you all very much and will be with you in spirit every Sunday morning.

Thank you all for your support, encouragement and well wishes over the years. Thank you for supporting my Girl Scout troop and its' mission! We couldn't do it without you!

It's been a pleasure to serve Faith Lutheran and I look forward to doing in once again in 2013.

God Bless you all-

Kate Scott



ARLYS JOHNSON

The morning WELCA circle, under the leadership of Dorothy McCall, will meet on Wednesday, February 8, 10 a.m. at the church. The next meeting for the [evening circle](#) will be Tuesday evening 7:00, March 6th. The evening circle will have a bible study led by Judy Diekhoff. Come join one or both of our groups.

The Spring Cluster event will be held Saturday March 31st at St.Peter's just outside of Lanesville. We will have a poster up the first part of March so the women of our church can sign up for this enjoyable event. St. Peters will be preparing the lunch and there will be a program planned. We had a good turn out last year when it was held at our church so hoping for the same this year.

Lenten dinners are coming up with the first dinner to be held on February 29th. We will be looking for people to prepare for these dinners. A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the food and hopefully we can make money to help feed the hungry in our community.

In his service, Arlys

MEET & EAT REPORTS

TEAMS LIASONS

Thank you to everybody that took part in January’s “Meet and Eat.: It is great to get input from so many people concerning the day-to-day operation and the future plans for Faith Lutheran. Just a reminder that the next “Meet and Eat” will be **February 12** and everyone is asked to bring a soup or sandwiches to share. Thanks again!

CLM

SUE NEATHAMER

Center for Lay Ministries

The month of February Faith will be collecting any canned item that is RED. For example; tomato products, beets, red beans, etc.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

BETH LANDIS

Here we are 4 weeks into 2012! Giving levels have been down to start the year off. We need to average \$3600.88 per week to meet our budgeted expenses. Total giving to date is \$10,725.51 or \$2,681.38 per week. I wish to thank everyone that is meeting their stewardship pledges.

January 2012 Giving

1/01/12	\$2,596.00
1/08/12	\$3,413.51
1/15/12	\$2,212.50
1/22/12	\$2,503.50

from the Total giving the following went to other offerings:

PDF (Pastor's discretionary fund)	\$100.00
CLM	\$80.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Lutheran magazine	<u>\$11.00</u>
Total other offerings:	\$216.00

Respectively submitted by Beth Landis, Financial Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

Christian Education Newsletter Article February 2012

Two of the sections of the Christian education committee met on Jan 30th. The VBS writers met at 4:00om to discuss dates, theme, and stories for this coming summer's VBS . .

The Sunday school teachers also met that day at 7:00pm. They discussed schedules for the spring teaching responsibilities, ideas for teaching on Easter Sunday, and ideas for a new Adult class since Kate Scott has had to give up teaching her class due to her work schedule requiring her to be at Fort Knox on Sunday morning.

There is a new Christian Education program for all Faith children 3 yrs. – 5th grade. It is for children are already receiving communion each Sunday and for some who have expressed a desire to do so to their parents or Pastor Scott. Because they have asked we will provide three Saturday morning classes on March 10, 17, and 24 at 10:30-11:30 am . The first class will cover the history of communion, the Passover story, and how this relates to Jesus and the first communion on Maundy Thursday. On Saturday March 17, we will discuss what Lutherans believe about communion at their various age levels of understanding. What is presented will vary by the age of the children in the class. The third week the children will look at the various things used in the communion service. The chalice, cruet, and the several different ways that communion may be presented if they are visiting at a church other than Faith, will be shown and discussed. Then comes the fun part, they will help make the bread to be used at communion with their family on Maundy Thursday, April 5th.

All children in the parish are urged to attend this class. If they have never communed, or if they have been communing since they were very young, there will be things to learn and fun to be had on these three Saturdays in March. Beside the education we hope there will also be some bonding among the Kids of Faith.

Minutes from Christian Education Meeting Jan. 30, 2012

The Christian education committee met in two sections on Monday, Jan. 30.

At the Vacation Bible School writers meeting it was decided that **Vacation Bible School** will be held **June 25 -28 from 9:00-12:00 am.**

The theme will be **We are All God's Family.** Last summer Pastor Terry Kinny was a guest pastor at our church. His calling is to work for the organization called Food for the Poor. He explained that they are working with the very poor in the Central American area of the world by helping provide food and shelter to the world poorest people. After hearing him speak both Virginia Klemens and Carol Taylor felt that this was a good theme for VBS 2012. This was brought to the whole group and it was chosen to be our emphasis for this summer.

Four Bible passages were chosen for the "stories for next summer. The overall idea will be that of Matthew 26:6. Jesus said. The poor you will always have with you. Taking this fact, and using ideas from the Food for the Poor organization, we set Mondays discussions to provide time to think about What is poverty, Why does it exist? What is our reaction and then action toward this situation? We will look at life in Haiti on Monday. Tuesday we will talk

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about sharing, Wednesday, How we can take action to help this, and Thursday will look at the fact that by god's grace we have been given much and how we can show love to others by sharing what we have been given.

Cindy Holley, Monica Hawkins, Carol Taylor, Virginia Klemens and Nancy Falkenstein will be the writers for VBS 2012. Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome. The next meeting will be April 2 at 4:00pm.

At 7:00pm the Sunday church school teachers met. It was decided that Cindy Holley would be responsible for showing an Easter movie for the younger members, 5th grade and younger while the teens and parents clean up the fellowship hall after the Easter breakfast.

Beth Haire Wright volunteered to start **A New Sunday School class for the Teens and Young adults at Faith** . It will be held during the Sundays of Lent, Feb. 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1. For a long time there has been a need for this age group to have a time for learning and fellowship.

We hope this will be a time to renew old friendships and make some new ones in our Faith family The course is from Augsburg/ Fortress. It will be led by Beth, and is titled **Making Sense of the Cross.** It will be an opportunity to ask the questions that have been puzzling you, clear up things about the Bible and God that may be "fuzzy." **It will not be a formal Confirmation Class review.**

Beth will be inviting each of you in this age group to come and join in the fun and learning during lent this year. Maybe we could get a younger group organized for this segment of the Faith population.

Weekday Church School Article Feb. 2012

Weekday welcomes Al Thompson back on board. He is working in the art area with the Pre- K children every Tuesday. Terri Barr is really grateful for his helpful hands in the art room. Glad to have you back Al.

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be held on February 1 at 6:30 am. Again this year parents are to call Carol Taylor at 502-228-1329 to enroll their child in the program. We will take 24 children who are or will be three years old and potty trained by August 1, 2012. We will only be able to take a few (6) new children into the Pre-K program for next year, because the current first year class students have priority to the 28 places in the Pre-K class. Most of the current first year students have indicated that they plan to return for the Pre-K class. To enroll in this class children must be 4 years old by August 1, 2012.

Even though we have seen almost no winter this year, all classes will be looking for "Signs of Winter" and discussing the fact that it is God's plan that the trees and grass and some animals will sleep all winter, that the days have less daylight and are much cooler that they were in the summer. Just like the adults in this dreary, rainy season , the children are much more interested in looking for Signs of spring instead of winter.

**2012-2013 Registration, Wednesday, February 1 @ 6:30 am.
Call 228-1329**

PROPERTY

DAN DIEKHOFF

January Property Mtg.-- February newsletter

This dedicated, goal setting, membership team reflected the anticipation which is the theme of this month's meeting.

One member attended in spite of the fact his wife was going to take him out to dinner. He must have been anticipating the enlightening discussion or the fulfilling purposes set forth in the agenda. Attendance would suggest that the rest of us were simply anticipating the culinary treats that were at our disposal.

Anticipating the Super Bowl experience, the special valance lighting approved at our last meeting will be installed this week. We anticipate this will improve the visibility of all projections.

Knowing it is impossible to foresee heating issues for our church facilities the decision was made to plan ahead by having one more pump repaired. This should be less expensive than future replacement.

We can all look forward to improved canopy lighting after agreeing on a bid from Aaron Bias for \$1,990. This was one of several competitive bids that most reasonably anticipated our needs.

Anticipating the need for more maintenance training, several men will be taught a more comprehensive knowledge by our experts.

Dan Diekhoff

Faith Lutheran Website

www.flcjeff.org

Do you know who your council members are? Do you know how to get in contact with them? Do you know what committees they represent? Go to www.flc.org and click on the *council link*.

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Need something published on our website? Email rn barr@sbcglobal.net or call 812.246-4056 and we'll get it uploaded ASAP.

KIDS CLUB:

Want to participate in FLC monthly meet and eat but have a child or children in 5th grade or younger? Don't know what to do with your youngsters so you can meet and eat? WELL....Kids club is the place to be!

Each month we will have crafts or other activities such as a game or stories. We may even take a hike, weather permitting. Activities are age appropriate and supervised with the purpose of having FUN.

I am happy to report that during Novembers Meet and Eat we had 3children in Kids Club and we had lots of fun making turkeys for Thanksgiving and foam crosses to remind us of what we are thankful for. So go ahead grown-ups meet away, we "Kids" have im- portant business to do too.

Yours in Christ

Sylvia Scott



PLOT UPCOMING EVENTS

PLOT is sponsoring the Souperbowl Party, Sunday, February 5 times to be announced.

PLOT is also planning a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" social event in March. Time and date to be announced. Thanks.

YOUTH INFORMATION

Newsletter Article Youth February 2012

Faith youth have been invited by Ascension and St John to go skiing with their youth groups at Paoli on Feb 4th. We hope some of the Faith youth will join them for this will be a fun event and a chance to make 30 new friends.

Also on the schedule for Feb. 5th is worship at 10:30 at First Lutheran Church in Louisville. This is the monthly get-together for all youth planning on going to the National youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer. The event will include worship, lunch, business, and a time for building friendships with the other youth of the South Central Conference

Feb. 17th will find our youth at the annual Broomball event @ Iceland Skating rink 10:30-12:30 pm. The cost will be \$10.00 each. The cost to SCC from Iceland is \$750. We hope to have a large turnout of youth so that any money collected above the \$750 will go to help pay the bus to New Orleans this summer. We have 2 rinks reserved. There will be Broomball games all the time on one rink and open skating 10:30-11:30 on the second rink. Come join the fun and mix with the other Lutheran youth in SCC.

March 10 is a new venture in fund raising for the New Orleans trip. St John will host a Trivia Night for all SCC Lutherans, Adults, yes, even adults from the churches with no youth group, are asked to get a group together, have fun with other SCC Lutherans, and help us raise money to send 50 youth and adults to New Orleans for the National Youth convention in July. We need to get several groups together from our church. 6 to 8 people will make up a group, "table". These 6 to 8 people pool their money together to pay the \$120 table fee (8 people x \$15 = \$120). Come test your Trivial Pursuit skill and memory against the other churches in the SCC and perhaps become known as the brightest church in the South Central Conference. Snacks and drinks provided. Also provided will be 10 rounds of 10 questions. Each group can even decorate your own table to show your style. You may bring any food your group wishes to consume to feed your brain as you work on solving the Trivia questions.

This sounds like a real winner for all, money for the youth, a great time for all, and a chance for not only the youth but the adults from South Central Conference to get to know each other. If we can get enough of you to join in the fun, we will know the answer to the question, "What is South Central Conference". Faith members please consider this.

Youth Financial Report Feb. 2012

		Noisy Offering	
1-1-12	Balance forward		\$186.45
1-20-12	Deposit Jan. offering	\$34.43	220.88
		Youth Account 597007648	
1-1-12	Balance forward		\$6696.25
	No activity		\$6696.25

OWLS-EVANGELISM/OUTREACH

Virginia Klemens

OWLS

Hopefully the OWLS had a happy holiday hoot at the Klemens on December 17th...Santas, games and appetizers were on the agenda for the day.

The next gathering of the OWLS will be on February 15, 2012 at church. We will gather at noon, share a pitch-in lunch and play games to celebrate Valentine's day.

Thanks to Dorothy McCall for the OWL rug she shared at the December Meet and Eat. Nice to have a place to land after all our flying around.

The OWLS treasury contains \$77 which we will keep in reserve and perhaps add to with a yard sale in the spring. A yard sale and further decisions about Concerts in the Park dessert sales will be on the agenda for 2012.

Remember our shut-ins with cards, calls and visits. If you have an idea for a service project contact Virginia and Dick Klemens or Arlys and Dennis Johnson.

Give a Hoot! Join us at Meet and Eat!

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH

Dan Diekhoff, Lyle Gernand, Arlys Johnson, John and Carol Taylor, Virginia Klemens and Pastor Meier attended the December 1 meeting of the committee.

Dan presented several proposed additions to the Visitor Brochure being developed. Ideas for postcard photos was solicited. Do you have a particular photo idea representing the church that you would like to have included on a postcard? Talk to Dan or Rick Barr and share your idea. Thanks to those who submitted revised text for groups represented in the church.

Members of the congregation who would like to be Church Ambassadors are asked to contact Virginia Klemens. Responsibilities will include a monthly commitment, greeting, tours of the church, follow-up visits or phone contact and facilitating pastoral contact. Church Ambassadors will be the liaison to visitors to Faith.

Discussion of the effectiveness of the Council shepherding plan was referred to Council for advice/attention.

The committee will meet again January 19, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at church.

Please forward ideas or questions or comments to Virginia Klemens.

GIRL SCOUTS

KATE SCOTT

Girl Scouts think the WORLD of February!

Greetings and salutations from your loving Girl Scout Troop 1243! This month is all about planning, preserving and prospering! We will be planning our service project and troop camp-out in the spring. We will preserve our heritage by learning about 100 years of Girl Scouts! And last but not least we will prosper from the time we spend together at our troop Lock-In on Feb. 18th at the Girl Scout Troop House in Louisville!

February 11th the Brownies and Juniors are invited to a "Tea Party w/Manners" at Camp Shantituck. The Brownies will earn a Try-it badge and Juniors a Tea-Party patch for their uniforms.

Girls will continue to take cookie orders throughout February and look forward to cookie booths in March (and your deliveries of course!) So hang in there! Your cookies are on their way! Do you have an I-Phone or Droid? You can now down-load a "Cookie Booth" Ap for your phone!

Did you know that the Girl Scouts are 1 of more than 150 countries who are members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (W.A.G.G.G.S)? Every year we celebrate World Thinking Day on February 22nd in order to, "think global" and learn more about our international friends! World Thinking Day is part of the W.A.G.G.G.S. Global Action Theme (GAT) based on the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which aim to improve the lives of the world's poorest people.

The theme for World Thinking Day 2012 is **girls worldwide say "we can save our planet."** This theme is based on United Nation's Millennium Development Goal 7 focused on environmental sustainability.

Leader Appreciation letters of endorsement deadline is February 12th! If you would like to write a letter on behalf of any of our illustrious leaders (Monica Hawkins, Valarie Jansing, Sylvia Scott, Kathryn Kirk or myself) please submit them to me via email at: kbat_tig@yahoo.com Call if you have any questions 812-207-8919.

February 12th and 26th is when we will meet from 6-7:30pm. We have badge-work, stories and crafts planned for both meetings!

From the bottom of our hearts I want to wish you all a very Glücklicher Valentinstag (Happy Valentine's Day) and Happy World Thinking Day!

Your Faithful Leader,

Kate

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EDITORIAL

DAN DIEKHOFF

***THE REST OF THE WORLD IS WRONG-
ONLY GRANDPA HAS GOT IT RIGHT***

PATIENCE

I must say, my granddaughters make me proud. Apparently their parents have taught them to curb the appetites of their wishes.

While discussing the idea of patience Megan, like me, is amused by the TV ads that shout, "It's my money, and I want it now." Many of the ads discourage patience, and we laugh at the silly misleading promotions.

The world says, "Get it now before the style changes." I only need to look at the wide and narrow ties now hanging in my closet. Apparently I couldn't wait when the new styles hit the market. With a little patience I would have discovered that styles repeat themselves.

Children of all ages must realize the world does not believe in patience. The world believes in "putting things off." Just this morning the local meteorologist asked me to have patience. He said the rain would subside and there would be warmer temperatures for us in the future. Put off your wishes for nice weather. But Grandpa wondered, "Do I have a choice?"

From my observations the world doesn't really believe in patience. The world suggests you do not need patience if there is a choice. "Buy now -- pay later" does not encourage patience. The banking industry would go into a tailspin if people suddenly started believing in choice. The choice is to save and pay the market price, or buy now and add loan points and interest to the value.

The world discourages patience with greed and amazing manipulation. But the world has got it all wrong. Your value is never measured by what you possess or how soon you possess things.

The world would like us to believe we are driven by hormones. People driven by their passions have little choice in their relationships with things and people. We become like completely predictable robots. We will fight with our siblings at the drop of a hat. We will buy the first dress that captures our attention. We will marry the first boyfriend or girlfriend that shows some degree of interest in us. Grandpa says, "Real patience is displayed when you know you have a choice."

The powerful words, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these other things will be added to you" remind us we have a choice.

Grandpa himself has many needs. Often I am tempted to take a pill or press an issue that could wait. I try not to. In fact, I may even change my mind about what I want or if I even want it all. I do have a choice. You can listen to the world or learn with Grandpa -- because he is the only one that has got it right.

Dan Diekhoff

President's Report

Before we begin working together we all need to express our appreciation to those who have gone before me. Most recently Lyle has extended his time, talents and energy to give direction and passion to the work of the church. I must insist you see my role as one of the laymen of this congregation. Although I have served as a pastor we need to remember that Pastor Scott is the spiritual leader of the congregation. Share your spiritual concerns with him. Confidentiality is an important part of that relationship. You can expect the same respect for the secrecy for our conversations.

You can expect this president to be more than a parliamentarian, however. I have strong feelings about the future of this congregation and will be proactive in expressing my personal views. I expect you to share those ideas with Pastor and myself in one on one conversation whenever possible. I know all of you have different talents that will be valuable in our endeavor. I seek to respect your contributions to this family in whatever form they take.

We have a relatively new council. Get to know them and from their reports in the newsletter remember them as a channel of communication to our monthly "meet and eat" gatherings as well as the council meetings.

We are a Faith family -- a people who have been given faith -- people who share their faith -- and a people who seek to bless because of all that our Lord is doing for us.

Dan Diekhoff

THOUGHT'S



MUSIC TO MY EARS

I was sitting in church one Sunday morning and for the first time in a long time my mind was quiet and I was able to hear Barb play the piano. We have all been there, haven't we? I often catch myself sitting in the pew distracted by something- my job, Jessie, bills, unfinished projects or that ever pressing meeting after church... My mind get's so full of all the wrong things, I often miss the best part of going to church! Oh, pastor does a fine job with the sermon and the scriptures reinforce all the things I need reminding of, but the music- THAT is what moves me most. I believe God gives every one of us the ability to sing and make music not just for His delight- but as a reflection of His joy in US! I'm not always "on key" and Heaven knows I could never make it on American Idol! But to sing and make music- isn't that a gift?

Over the years I cannot recall too many sermons specifically about singing and making music. When I was stationed at Ft. Lewis, WA I attended a small Lutheran service. The Pastor actually stopped the congregation in mid-song once and said "this is all wrong!" We were given the ability to sing and make music for the glory of God- why weren't we making a joyful noise? We mumbled thru the words and sung under our breath until we were alerted to the fact that we were not singing very joyfully! We tried the song again and filled the room with more appropriate enthusiasm!

It's no surprise I sing all the time. I sing in my car, while I'm doing laundry, with my co-workers and of course in Girl Scouts. I give music to my friends as gifts and treat myself to new music whenever I need a "pick-me-up!" Jessie has the music gene too. Watching her light up when she got a new iPod Nano for her birthday was like "music to my ears!" She is taking piano lessons now with Mrs. Taylor and absolutely loves it! She was so excited about learning a new song that she had to share it with Emma after church, who wanted to learn how to play the song too!

Where was I? Oh yes! I heard Barb play the piano one Sunday- and her music *really* moved me. At that moment the choir sounded so angelic and my heart rejoiced at the sound! I felt the joy and gift that God gave us to not only know how to make music but to appreciate the gift of song He gives to us thru each other. Does the music move you to? I hope so.

So the next time you hear your favorite song (either at home or in church) praise God! *Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things!* (Psalm 98:1)

Kate Scott

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ALTAR GUILD: BETH WRIGHT AUDIO: BILL HOLMAN

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: VOLUNTEER

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
Feb 5	Kate Scott	Youth	Youth	McCoy	Campbell Family
Feb 12	Lyle Gernand	Youth	Youth	Meet & Eat	Barr Family
Feb 19	Veronica Rife	Youth	Youth	Steaban	Steaban Family
Feb 26	Tom Hayes	Youth	Youth	Klemens	Klemens Family