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## **The Season of Lent is a Journey**

*It Begins Ash Wednesday...*

*Join us for Worship February 22*

7:00 a.m.  
12:15 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

# February Birthdays



**Feb. 1**  
June Peterson

**Feb. 2**  
Richard Key

**Feb. 3**  
Niles Daggy  
Cassidy Horn  
Margaret Uland

**Feb. 4**  
Carl McMaken  
Matthew Poisel

**Feb. 5**  
Erin Bell  
Ellen Vogelgesang

**Feb. 6**  
Erica Arbuckle

**Feb. 7**  
Connie Murphy

**Feb. 8**  
Eric MacDougall

**Feb. 10**  
Amanda Fildes  
Paula Terry

**Feb. 11**  
Frank Morton  
Grace Roberts

**Feb. 12**  
Dale Lee  
Rachel Morgan  
Carole Rahn  
Erik Sullivan

**Feb. 13**  
Leah Abbott

**Feb. 14**  
Louise Bauman  
Justin Evanson  
Emma Hedrick  
Lucas Louden  
Nick Reading

**Feb. 15**  
Grant Case  
Christopher Evanson  
Allison Pukall  
Anita Shaefer

**Feb. 16**  
Karl Evory  
Wayne Waggoner

**Feb. 17**  
Bryan Laehle  
Tim Reeb  
Ann Sullivan

**Feb. 18**  
Tim Diamond

**Feb. 19**  
Roy Fildes  
Sarah Lillard

**Feb. 20**  
Eliana Loop  
Roger Prasuhn  
Jennifer Stumpp  
Linda Waller-Lim

**Feb. 21**  
Michael Marrocco  
Walter Long

**Feb. 23**  
Dan Burke  
Brooke Diamond  
Sheryl Mullins

**Feb. 24**  
Benjamin Haskell

**Feb. 26**  
George Hoog

**Feb. 28**  
Julie DeWitt  
Donna Otto





# EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

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## *Understanding the Christian Life-Style*

The responses to the teaching series on The Immeasurable Life have been interesting and have reflected thoughtful insights. We live in affluent suburban communities that in all honesty reflect levels of our desire for “more.” “How radical do I have to be? How much do I need to give up?” asked one individual. She had been reading Christian books decrying the self-centered, consumeristic nature of our life-style. The remedy in those books, she said, urged readers to live a counter-culture life of radical sacrifice and mission.” The books, while inspiring, left this woman feeling exhausted.

She agreed with the assessment, acknowledging that “we are too self-centered,” but was struggling with what is appropriate. Should she sell her house and car to live a “real” Christian life...to live the “immeasurable life?” Should she move overseas and work in an orphanage. She was looking for my pastoral advice.

I agreed that consumer culture has impacted the way many Christians view their faith. Sociologist Christian Smith notes that many Americans view God as a combination of divine butler and cosmic therapist. Church is even seen as the dispenser of religious goods and services for the enjoyment of those who put money in the offering plate.

So what is the response to consumer Christians? The one we hear most often, one I have often given in the past, is to transform them from consumer Christians into active Christians. I’ve taught that we need to act our way into new ways of thinking, and many congregations have suspended worship services on Sundays to heighten the opportunity for service and mission. Unfortunately, idols are good things turned into ultimate things. Christian activism can be just as detrimental as consumer

Christianity when we make such activism the center of our faith rather than Christ.

When presented this way, it can lead to the kind of exhaustion expressed by the one I was speaking with, and it robs people of their joy.

I’m reminded of the Prodigal Son parable. Jesus shows that the older, obedient son is just as lost as his wayward brother. His service for his family, his tireless activism, results in an equally estranged heart. Could it be that such calls to radical activism is simply making younger sons into older sons?

What we communicate, at least implicitly, by the call to activism is that the fullness of the Christian life depends upon one’s efforts. Sure, a man working on an assembly line for 50 years can be a faithful Christian, but he’s not going to experience the same sense of fulfillment and significance as the one who cashes in his 401k and relocates to Madagascar to rescue orphans.

Maybe we neglect Paul’s teaching in 1 Corinthians 7. Believers in Corinth wanted to know what kind of life most honored God. Was it to be married or unmarried? Circumcised or uncircumcised? Paul’s answer, his “rule in all the church” that he repeats three times is for everyone to remain where they are “with God” (1 Cor. 7:24).

Paul drew their attention away from their circumstances to emphasize that the full Christian life--the immeasurable life--is lived anywhere by anyone if lived in deep communion with God. Os Guinness says, “First and foremost we are called to Someone, not to something or to somewhere.” The word “radical” is from the Latin meaning “root.” If our lives are rooted in a continual communion with God, then anyone’s life, no matter how mundane, is elevated to sacred heights--including a suburban mom’s. Rooted in that love cannot but help but be reflected in one’s lifestyle, and that which flows forth will be more authentic than merely doing or acting.

Of course Paul was not against changing one’s circumstances, if called by God to do so. That takes us to another neglected teaching--the cherished Reformation theology of calling and vocation. But Paul did not gauge maturity based on how radical a life appears on the outside, or on the visible influence a person has, but rather by the depth of their union with Christ. Being filled with the love of Christ opens us to the immeasurable life only our Lord can bestow, and that life will find many expressions.

Perhaps in our eagerness to transform consumer Christians into activists Christians, we are putting godly activity in the place reserved for God Himself.

## ***Tebow the Public Expression of Faith***

Now that the Denver Broncos have lost in the NFL playoffs, perhaps it is a good time to review the whole “Tebow Phenomenon,” especially relating to the issue of how a Christian publicly expresses his or her faith, especially in the context of America in this day and age.

I myself often cheered Tim Tebow on, and not simply for “faith” reasons. Tebow, purely from a football standpoint, is bringing to the quarterback position a strange mix of strengths and weaknesses – he is more dependable at running than passing...he is young, and yet he exhibits an older player’s attitude and professionalism. He is a team player and a hard worker. He ended up being a part of several “come from behind” victories during the regular season, proving many football experts wrong. As a culture we love to see the underdog do well.

Yet what Tim Tebow was able to accomplish this year would not have drawn the amount of attention that it did were it not for several other cultural factors. Tebow himself is rugged and handsome, and was popular and successful before he entered the pro game. The media loves to focus on just one player, so that, in a victory, anything that one person does (especially if he’s quarterback) tends to overshadow the accomplishments of the rest of the team. Tebow stars in the most popular sport in America, where fandom loves to talk in verbiage that borrows from religion – “Miraculous comeback,” “The Broncos came back from the dead” “The team never lost faith,” and so on.

And that, my friends, sets the stage for how what someone in Tebow’s shoes does, in the year 2012, becomes a combustible mix – how it can lead to the love/hate relationship about him out there in the populace. For instance, Tim Tebow drew attention to his views beyond football when he and his mother starred in an anti-abortion TV commercial during the 2010 Super Bowl. I loved the well-made ad itself, and I give CBS credit for not giving in to those who wanted to deny the makers of the ad the right to air it. But since then part of our culture has placed a religious/political target on Mr. Tebow’s back.

Tebow is not the first player in the NFL to thank God after a victory, but he is the first to dramatize it with what has become a signature prayer position – now called “Tebowing,” which many others now imitate on Facebook and elsewhere. The reaction to what he does at the end of games has been extreme on both ends, centering on the question, “Does God favor Tebow and the Broncos?” A recent poll showed that 43% of the populace believe Tebow’s accomplishments on the field can be attributed to divine intervention. 42% said divine intervention does not play a role.

There is no more explosive issue in life – not just in sports – than that one – whose side is God on? I am always reminded, on this



question, of how Lincoln responded to those who proudly proclaimed that God was on their side in the Civil War. He once replied, “Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God’s side, for God is always right.” This reminds me of a similar quote from Jesus Christ, when someone, trying to butter Him up, called Jesus “good,” and Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.” (Mark 10:18) Jesus then goes on to tell that person to go beyond trying to be seen by others as “good” and instead follow Jesus Himself. (10:22)

I believe this to be what our Lord Jesus is advising Tim Tebow and you and me – do what God is calling you to do (or not do), and do not be influenced – one way or the other – by the different “sides” in our culture. There are some who are only out for hero-worship; “Superman’s only weakness is Kryptonite. Tim Tebow laughs at Superman for having a weakness,” someone on the internet once wrote. There are others who, out of fear, deem Tebow to be some kind of devil or fool or worse and who often misinterpret what he says and does in the worst way possible.

There is only one through-way possible for Tebow or any Christian to act on the public stage nowadays, and that is to follow Jesus as He is found in Holy Scripture, no matter where He leads. Neither chase

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publicity nor run away from it – follow your Christian calling in any case. Some think any public demonstration of faith is wrong, but we should not be among them, even though such demonstrations can be misinterpreted. Tebow must himself continue to clarify, as he has in the past, that when he prays at the end of games, he is not thankful that one team is “more favored by God” than the other, but simply that his team was able to accomplish their goals and have done their best. As he once said, “We’re playing a game, and you want to win, but you know that it’s not the end of the world.”

That’s a wonderful message that he and all the rest of us can proclaim in the midst of a culture that is overly obsessed with sports and with other things. He – and we – can continue to proclaim how our faith helps us to focus on whatever “work” we are doing in the world (Tebow’s goal – “to continually stay humble when it’s going good and to stay confident when it’s going bad”). He – and we – can continue to direct the world’s attention to one of the greatest commands we have from God – to love our neighbors as ourselves, at home and abroad. As a journalist recently reported: “[Tebow] says he would rather serve others, including his desire to extend his foundation’s plan to support orphans around the world and build a hospital in Davao City in the Phillipines...Tim believes there is more to life than football.”

He – and you and I – are called by Christ to point beyond the superficial, beyond the day today, to what Pastor Paul this past month has been calling “the immeasurable life,” the life in the Spirit, which is a life beyond being called a winner or loser so long as that life is dedicated to the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

*Pastor David*

## KOG BULLETIN BOARD

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### **All Aboard**

Join the Gad-A-Bouts on February 21st at King of Glory at 11:30. We will enjoy a pitch-in followed by a presentation by Dan Logan on the history of the Indianapolis to Noblesville Railroad. We have an exciting year planned and invite all, young and old, to join us for fun and fellowship. For additional information on any of the Gad-A-Bouts activities call George or Joanne Nelson at 844-9160.

### **Walk to Jerusalem**

Once again you are being challenged, during Lent, to work on your physical, spiritual and mental fitness as we Walk to Jerusalem 2012. Jerusalem is 12,432 miles from King of Glory. Our Goal this year is to see how many times we can walk to Jeru-

salem and back (24,864 miles).

There’s a new twist this year. Not only do you receive 1 mile for every 15 minutes of exercise, but you will also receive 1 mile for every 15 minutes of Bible Study and 4 miles for every hour you attend worship. By participating in this program you will be taking care of your body, mind and spirit! It’s a win, win, win!

We encourage all to participate – from 1 -100 years old, invite your friends, family and neighbors to participate. Sign up starting in early February at the table in the Gathering Place before Ash Wednesday. We will then divide everyone up into 4 teams – you will be notified as to which team you are on – the competition will start on Ash Wednesday (February 22). Competition will then end on Easter Sunday. Weekly team winners will be announced in the bulletin each week, then follow the congregations progress toward our goal at the bulletin board by the front door. If you have any questions see – Donna Frazier (896-5378)



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## VBS 2012

Mark your calendars! KOG's Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 24 through Thursday, June 18. Dinner will be from 5:30-6:00. The program will be from 6:00-8:30 each evening. Watch for details!



# VALENTINE'S DAY

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## Valentine's Day

In 496, a pope by the name of Gelasius tried to bring a spiritual dimension to the happy pagan festivities of the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalia by creating a feast day honoring two early Christian martyrs, both named Valentine.

The first Valentine was young, wealthy and in love and was soon to be married. He was a Christian, but his world came crashing down around him when the Roman emperor declared all Christians illegal citizens and guilty of treason. All they had to do was say, "Caesar is Lord!" Rather than deny Christ, young Valentine was arrested in the crackdown.

In jail, awaiting execution in the arena, he wrote love letters to his girlfriend. Beautiful, passionate letters assuring her of his great love for her. But theirs would be a love not lived out. Arms never entwined in the embrace of husband and wife. On February 14, 269, young Valentine was put to death, martyred for Jesus Christ. Ironically, he was beheaded at the site of an ancient altar to Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage, who, along with her male counterpart, Pan, the god of nature, was honored by the feast of Lupercalia.

Three years later, the second Valentine lost his head for bringing a Roman family to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Ultimately, Christianity survived the persecution, but Gelasius' well-intentioned attempt to change the festival of Lupercalia to St. Valentine's Day was less successful. The sentimental meaning of the earlier heathen rite remained, even though it had a new name.

One might ask what two martyred clerics named Valentine have to say about love. For one thing, they understood a dimension of love that is all too often missing in modern-day relationships, namely sacrifice. Our Lord, who established the standard of love by the gift of His own life, tells us that there is no greater love than the voluntary giving of the supreme sacrifice for others. The message from those first Valentines is that love costs, that it is more than a sentimental journey focused on desire, that it is active, beneficent, selfless and sometimes sacrificial concern for the well-being of the one loved.

Since then, Christians have celebrated Valentine's fidelity to Christ and romantic love on the 14th of February by sending their own love letters or cards to special people. And as we do so this year, let us, too, resolve to live for Christ unashamedly. It was He who brought to us a love more powerful than a tyrant's sword, and more lasting than the centuries.



# THE IMMEASURABLE LIFE

## Be the Church - Live on Purpose

All of us as disciples of Jesus Christ need to realize that we are...

- **Created for ministry** - "created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Eph.2:10)
- **Saved for ministry** - "saved us and called us with a holy calling." (2 Tim.1:9)
- **Called into ministry** - "called you out of darkness into His wonderful light" (1 Pet 2:9)
- **Gifted for ministry** - "receiving a gift, use it to minister to one another" (1 Pet 4:10)
- **Authorized for ministry** - "all authority has been given to Me, Go therefore" (Matt.28:18f)
- **Commanded to be in ministry** - "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" ( Matthew 20:26f)
- **Prepared for ministry** - "He gave gifts ... for the equipping of the saints for ministry." (Eph.4:11-12)
- **Needed for ministry** - "You are the Body of Christ and each of you is a member of it." (1 Cor 12:27)
- **Rewarded for ministry** - "you will receive the inheritance as your reward" (Col.3:24)

- **Accountable for ministry** - "knowing we will receive good or evil according to what we have done in the Body" (2 Cor.5:9-10)

The point is that each of us is a minister - accountable to God. But to be effective in our work, in our ministry we must be committed and we must be accountable.

**Ministry is the partnership of God's people with God's Spirit to accomplish God's purpose in the lives of others.**

- **The Target** of ministry is others.
- **The Instrument** of ministry is the Gospel. (to share the Gospel)
- **The Power** of ministry is the Holy Spirit. (2 Cor 6:3)
- **The Joy** of ministry is living beyond yourself.
- **The Effect** of ministry is changed lives.
- **The Place** of ministry is everywhere.
- **The Time** of ministry is always.
- **The Person** of ministry is ... **YOU!**

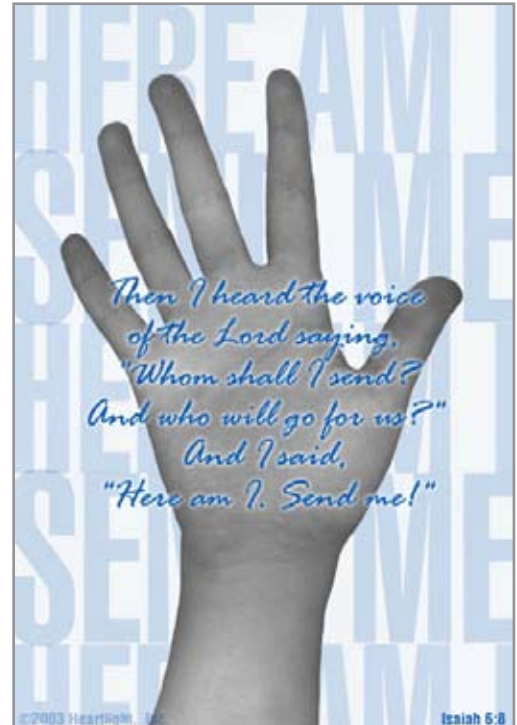
God has gifted each of us as believers with various gifts for ministry.

**"Ministry should never be accidental but purposeful.** And the whole purpose of ministry, be it to the Body or to the world ... is to **IMPACT** lives for Jesus Christ."

-- David Zimmerman

"Christ doesn't expect us to produce more than we can, but He does expect us to produce all we can by His power within us!"

--Rick Warren



**BE THE CHURCH! -- LIVE ON PURPOSE!**

	<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Sunday Visitors</b>
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**Feb 5**

8:00 a.m.	Mary Eckard	Ron Eppert	Tom Rasmussen	Nick Woodworht		
9:30 a.m.		Carl Calcamuggio	Borks, Calcamuggios, N Prochsaka, Retzlaffs		Pete Horn Eric Stuck	
11:00 a.m.	Mary Krohn	Kay Munholland	Joan DeLor	Emma & Lilly Floberg		Dan & Laura Saffen

**Feb 12**

8:00 a.m.	Ron Eppert	Mary Eckard	Warren Buddenbaum	Will Carlson		
9:30 a.m.		Roger Skeen	J Boldt, Ernsts, Skeens, Stilsons		Rachel & Brandon Schalk	
11:00 a.m.	Sheryl Mullins	Steve Mullins	Dick DeLor	Kate Bruns		Lynn & Phil Roberts

**Feb 19**

8:00 a.m.	Mary Eckard	John Brandt	Tom Rasmussen	Gabriele Brandt		
9:30 a.m.		Jeff Boldt	K Baugh, Fraziers, Lloydas, P Palecek		Lynn & Gary Edris	
11:00 a.m.	Brian Krohn	Kay Munholland	Betty Swartz	Adam Gottwald		David & Liz Lichtenberger

**Feb 26**

8:00 a.m.	Ron Eppert	Mary Eckard	Warren Buddenbaum	Cole Murphy		
9:30 a.m.		Holly Swift	J Calcamuggio, Culvers, C Haskell, CJay Murphy, L Roberts, D Wimer		Jennifer, Robert & Gloria Stumpp	Vern & Patty Roach
11:00 a.m.	Steve Mullins	Brian Krohn	Joan DeLor	Erik & Reilly Sullivan		

Would you like to help in worship services? We will happily answer any questions you might have. Call the church office to find out more 846-1555.



# February 2012

## ACTIVITIES OF KING OF GLORY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM WOW (P) 12:30 PM Ladies Bible Study (CC) 5:30 PM CHOW	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Circuit Training (FH) 6:00 PM Pilates (FH) 7:00 PM Friendship Bible Study (FH) 7:00 PM Yoga (C&C) <b>Helping Hearts (FH)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30 PM Peace Circle (P) 5:30 PM Pilates (FH) 6:30 PM Yoga (FH)	<b>7</b> 5:30 PM Pilates/ Sculpt (FH) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 180 (FH) 7:00 PM Preschool Meeting (CC) 7:00 PM Sounds of Glory	<b>8</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM WOW (P) 12:00 PM Augustana 12:30 PM Ladies Bible Study (CC) 5:30 PM CHOW	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Circuit Training (FH) 6:00 PM Pilates (FH) 7:00 PM Friendship Bible Study (FH) 7:00 PM Yoga (C&C)	<b>10</b> 5:30 PM Sons of Norway	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 3:00 PM 345 Club (FH) 5:00 PM Catechism	<b>13</b> 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Quilaws (FH) 5:30 PM Peace Circle (P) 5:30 PM Pilates (FH) 6:30 PM Yoga (FH)	<b>14</b> 5:30 PM Pilates/ Sculpt (FH) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 180 (FH) 7:00 PM Sounds of Glory	<b>15</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM WOW (P) 12:30 PM Ladies Bible Study (CC) 5:30 PM CHOW	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Circuit Training (FH) 6:00 PM Pilates (FH) 7:00 PM Friendship Bible Study (FH) 7:00 PM Yoga (C&C)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM Elders' Forum
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# CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR ELDERS

February 2012

*submitted by Jim Bogner*

To continue the discussion introduced last month, we would like to share some of the spiritual and biblical underpinnings for King of Glory's new Statutes and Ordinances and Practices for Good Order – especially due to the fact that new document drafts will be available for your review and comment during the upcoming February Elders' forums in the Parlor. By the way, the next forums are scheduled for Sat. Feb. 18 & Feb. 25 following the 501 worship service, and Sun. Feb. 19 & Feb. 26 following 8:00 and 9:30 worship services. We hope you'll drop in to visit with us!

You might recall a few years ago the book *Power Surge*, by Michael Foss. In it, Mr. Foss describes how the previous membership-based model (with some biblical basis itself) assumed that people who joined a church were already Christian believers, and thus, churches were "constituted" for people to join, akin to how one would become part of an organization or institution as a member, with privileges of membership. As we have seen today, most people who come to a church are not already believers, or at least they have not made a covenant with Jesus to be a disciple in the biblical sense of discipleship. The King of Glory Marks of Disciple are:



**Pray Daily**  
**Worship Weekly**  
**Read Bible Daily**  
**Serve At & Beyond KOG**  
**Relate & Connect with Others**  
**Give of My Resources**  
**Share the Faith**

). The elders believe that people who come to KOG will want to join the mission, which is God's, owned by Him and biblically set forth for us to follow (cf Matthew 28:18-20). This is how we have been acting – in our expression of the body of Christ – for the last several years. We need King of Glory's governing documents to better reflect this expanded identity and role.

On the next two pages is a simple table that lists some contrasting characteristics of two different forms of churches: the Institutional church and the Missional church. The former is governed by people in the world via Constitutions, Bylaws and is owned by the Congregation, whereas the Missional church is governed by biblically-based statutes, individuals making public covenants with God, and by other spiritually and biblically based practices that are affirmed by the local church's disciples. Moreover, such Discipleship churches are owned by the mission, not by any person or persons... Thus, our over-arching goal in creating the new Statutes and Ordinances and Practices for Good Order is to foster the continued movement of our local expression of the church (i.e., KOG) from its prior membership model to a new, Biblical/Missional/Discipleship model. We hope you enthusiastically join with us in embracing this growth, this return to a biblical church

structure... "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11).

Please feel free to contact any of the elders with questions, comments, concerns, - about anything, the new growth of KOG or anything else that's on your mind... We welcome the opportunity to build relationships with you in the name our Lord Jesus – at forums and anytime "in between". Gathering "two or more" in His name can be as simple as that.

...Looking forward to seeing you at the February forums!

Yours in Christ,

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# CONVERSATIONS (cont.)

INSTITUTIONALIZATION of the church/congregation is *the process of moving from personal and shared responsibility for the ongoing life of a community of faith to reliance on mechanisms and means that may no longer relate to the Founder's purpose.*

Institutional/ Attractional Consumer/Membership Church	Biblical / Missional Discipleship Church
Church is a building/place/time	Church is the people any where and time
Program driven	Lifestyle driven
Mission is a program	Mission is a way of life, the purpose
Story telling	Gospel – Word proclaiming and teaching
Church is something put on by paid professionals	Church is the sum of each person exercising their gifts, being the church
Institutional	Living organically
Worship is attractional, entertainment, performance based	Worship is the personal – group expression of love to God; spirit based; point where God's presence is celebrated in a focused way.
Preaching is stripped of every truth about God, Jesus, sin, salvation that the world does not like to hear.	Preaching is un-apologetic, teaching the Word of God from its truths, leaving out and changing nothing
A weekend or \Wednesday event in a church building	Can happen every day, any time two or more gather together any where
The offerings are all about bigger buildings, sound and light systems and more paid staff	Offerings are about taking care of the needs of the body, taking care of the orphans, widows, poor, needy and sending out others to Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the world
Evangelism is all about programs and events designed to attract others to come and become tither's, it is a program, a set of how to do it instructions and pamphlets	Evangelism is all about Going in to the world and preaching the gospel, meeting the people where they live, work and play, it is a way of life, a lifestyle, it is natural and organic
Evangelism is about creating converts	Evangelism is about making followers of Jesus Christ, and making them disciples
The building is the most important asset of the church, and the right one is necessary to attract others to come	The people are the church and the building is unnecessary for church to happen
Growth comes about by having the right marketing program, music, building and programs	Growth comes by doing church God's way and then He adds to it daily

# CONVERSATIONS (cont.)

Run like a for profit business, plans made by individuals based on business models, marketing surveys determine direction	Run by Jesus via the Holy Spirit and prayer, the Bible is the model
Attraction for growth in numbers attending	Sending out for multiplication for the expansion of the Kingdom of God
Pull back from and fear culture	Engage and transform culture with the gospel
Discipleship is a program, 7, 9 or 10 steps and in a few weeks you're done	Discipleship is a lifestyle and commitment to pour your life into another and doing day-to-day life with them teaching them how to live out the Christ life over years.
The church structure and authority is set by the traditions and whims of people, the pastor and/or board is the head of the church	The church structure and authority is set by God and scripture, Jesus is the head of the Church
The model is complex. takes millions of dollars and relies on large seminary educated staffs, big buildings and therefore cannot be easily duplicated	The model is the biblical model, simple and organic can be simply reproduced by any believer and anywhere, like in a house with no money at all
Most Growth comes from church transplants, people leaving other churches to join. On average only 0 to 5 new believers a year, the point become a bi~	Most growth comes from new believers, the point is to Go into the world and reach the unsaved, to Go and make disciples of all the nations
Growth is seen as an increase in numbers to become a mega-church. create a larger base of consumer Christians participating in programs to increase income to the church, no one is to leave	Growth is seen as each person becomes to spiritually mature in Christ, being made into the image of Christ and made ready to be sent out, and sending them out
No one is expected to leave. More time and energy spent on reaching "retrieving" the disgruntled/ discontent than in those without Christ	Recognizes that movement of individuals from one community of faith to another can be a growing experience in one's spiritual journey, and does not always signal an individual being "lost"

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## Variations In Our Worship

Sometimes we have the Apostles' Creed, other times the Nicene Creed and then sometimes an Affirmation of Faith. Sometimes the Hymn of Praise is omitted, other times a hymn may be substituted in place of "This Is The Feast" or "Glory to God in the Highest." Sometimes a different confession of sins and absolution replaces the Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness. Why? Perhaps you've even wondered if these variations are "Lutheran."

In the Introduction to the Lutheran Book of Worship (pages 6-8) a good historical account is given of our Lutheran liturgical form and how it has evolved in meeting the needs of "every time and every place." It is our theology that makes us Lutheran, not the forms or rituals we choose to follow. "All that is edifying and authentic in the life of the Church of every time and every place is affirmed. Only that which is contrary to the Gospel is rejected."

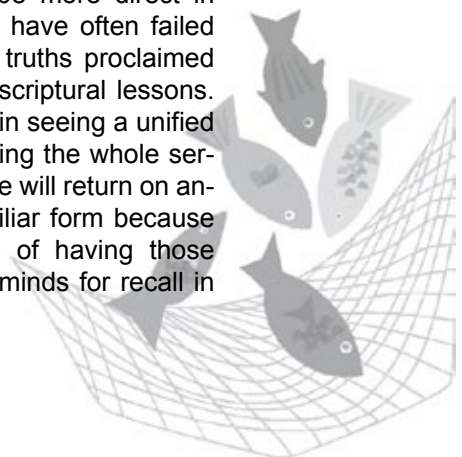
The Introduction concludes: "The Services of the Lutheran Book of Worship embody the tradition of worship which received its characteristic shape during the early centuries of the Church's existence and was reaffirmed during the Reformation era. As such, they are an emblem of continuity with the whole Church and of particular unity with Lutherans throughout the world. At the same time, the services are adaptable to various circumstances and situations. Freedom and flexibility in worship is a Lutheran inheritance, and there is room for ample variety in ceremony, music, and liturgical form." This emphasis is carried forward and cited in the Evangelical Lutheran

Worship's (ELW) Introduction, page 8, adding, "And through its design and through a variety of interpretive materials herein, it seeks to make transparent the principle of fostering unity without imposing uniformity."

Jaroslav Pelikan, one of this country's greatest religious scholars (and a classmate of Pastor Harry's) said, "Tradition is the living faith of the dead. Traditionalism is the dead faith of the living." Often we find ourselves in the church doing that which has always been done-- "traditionalism"-- without reflecting on its meaning or relevance for us. It is easy to go through the words of the Apostles' Creed, for example, by rote without penetrating the faith statements we are mouthing. For example, "He descended into hell" leaves a lot of people wondering why Jesus, the sinless One, went to hell. We miss the asterisk behind the word "hell" which explains that Christ "descended to the dead," in other words, to those who died before His coming so they could likewise have the Good News of Salvation proclaimed to them. Having an Affirmation of Faith, which embodies the same beliefs, but in different words, can help us periodically, to give greater thought to what we are saying we believe as Christians.

Likewise for the confession and forgiveness. Nothing is more true or worded more succinctly than the confession we have in the Lutheran Book of Worship: "We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone..." That says it all--nothing is omitted! Yet it doesn't specifically identify anything.

We have attempted to be more direct in calling to mind ways we have often failed to live out the scriptural truths proclaimed in a particular Sunday's scriptural lessons. It's a way of assisting us in seeing a unified theme for the day and tying the whole service together. And then we will return on another Sunday to the familiar form because we recognize the value of having those words embedded in our minds for recall in our personal devotions.



**Ash Wednesday, February 22**

Worship at 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays During Lent  
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

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## Notes of Note!!



Probably like most of you, I have started a new calendar year by, yes, opening and writing in my new calendar. But, as I was scanning a few pages which include some motivational phrases – one jumped out at me. It goes like this. **“You don’t get harmony when everyone sings the same note.”** Doug Floyd

It got me thinking about the message and then I was curious about who was Doug Floyd. I googled which by the way is very black today over the concern of censorship – glad I have the freedom to write thoughts to you and share research and resources! When the information appeared on my screen all these other neat quotes came up and I thought it might be good to share with you and get us all thinking about the spirit of intention and meaning from these quotes and the some famous and not so famous people. By the way it, seems that Doug has a ministerial, communications and even a little Quaker background.

“A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you’ve forgotten the words.”

*Anonymous*

“When in doubt, sing loud!”

*Robert Merrill*

“Some days there won’t be a song in your heart. Sing anyway!”

*Emory Austin*

“The only thing better than singing is more singing.”

*Ella Fitzgerald*

“I don’t sing because I’m happy. I’m happy because I sing.”

*William James*

I’m hoping we might get a little dialogue going. Tell me what you think the Floyd quote means and then we’ll discuss the others. I’ll share back what I hear and learn.

*Thinkingly  
Julie*

## Worship for Shutins

Sunday: 6:30 am WPTA-TV Channel 21; 8:00 am Verizon FiOS Comcast Satellite 252; 11:30 am WINM-TV Sunday & Monday – 4:00 pm Comcast Cable and Verizon FiOS.  
[www.worshipforshutins.org](http://www.worshipforshutins.org)

### February 5 - Mark 1:29-39

#### “Christ’s Activity, and Our Life”

From the text, Mark 1:29-39, we are reminded how Christ is acting today, and how we are to live.

### February 12 - 2 Kings 5:1-14

#### “Too Simple”

God comes to us in Word and Sacrament. There are no fireworks, parades, pomp & circumstance. By the power of His Almighty Word, He creates and sustains faith; simple words with great power.).

### February 19 - Mark 9:9

#### “See, Listen, Now Tell”

See the Christ. Hear HIS Word and now we may share the great news.

### February 26 - Mark 1:9-15

#### “Clashes in Christ”

As Christians we see Jesus experiencing clashes in His life, just as if He were one of us...a fallen, sinful, dying human being. Christ, the sinless one, becomes sin. (2 Cor. 5:21) Christ, the one completely endowed by the Holy Spirit, is cast by the Spirit into the wilderness. Christ, the Son of God, is sent to be tempted by Satan. Christ, the source of life, is on His way to the cross. In these clashes of Christ, we find victory.

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

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## *The Covenant of God's Love*

During the coming Lenten Season, beginning with Ash Wednesday—February 22—we will be focusing on a common theme running through the lessons we will be sharing: the theme of COVENANT. In the coming weeks we will be led through the history of God's promise of salvation to His people, from Noah at the flood, to God's call to Abraham, to Jacob's dream, to Moses at Mount Sinai, to the prophet Jeremiah, and eventually through Christ Himself.

Our goal is to provide the opportunity for you to encounter each of these individuals, to hear their story, and to help you understand that you too are a part of God's Covenant love begun thousands of years ago with Abraham, and fulfilled on the cross with Christ. That is what Lent is all about, and the cross and empty tomb tell us: That God in His love, fulfills His promise to us.

In the ancient world COVENANTS were contracts drawn in a unilateral way involving un-equals. The subjects' duties were specified, while the overlord making the covenant was not required to make any guarantees to the subject. But in the Old Testament, God who initiates the covenant, binds and obligates Himself to His people, and throughout Israel's history, the people recognized God's faithfulness to His promise even as they failed to live up to their part of the agreement.

The word "covenant" is still used in the legal sense in our society today, especially with financial

institutions, mortgages and those agreements one signs with a homeowner's association. One "covenants" or agrees to the terms already established by another party. Because the bank has the money, you subject yourself to their terms, and thus such "covenants" are not made between equals. Biblically the covenant is between God and us, and it goes without saying that we are not equal with God.



We know the Bible as a book of books divided into the Old and the New Testaments and the word "testament" is another word for covenant. In many older Bibles you will see the title pages with the terminology: The Old Covenant, and The New Covenant. We use this word also in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion: This cup is the new "covenant" in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin." In this sacrament we experience the length our God goes to fulfill His promise to us.

We invite you to be with us for our weekend worship services and the Special Midweek services following CHOW (meal at 5:30, study at 6:00) on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. During these Wednesday evening services, beginning with Ash Wednesday, we will pursue the theme, The Nails of the Cross, those sins that break our covenant relationship with God and for which God enfolded Himself in Jesus Christ in the most supreme act of His love for us—death on the Cross. Plan to make this Lent a Spiritual Journey with your Lord.

### THE COVENANT OF GOD'S LOVE

Sat/Sun, February 25/26 - Genesis 9:8-17  
Through Noah: *The Promise in Technicolor*

Sat/Sun, March 3/ 4 - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Through Abraham: *A Nation from His Offspring*

Sat/Sun, March 10/11 - Exodus 20:1-17  
Through Moses: *The Big Ten for Life*

Sat/Sun, March 17/18: Genesis 28:10-17  
Through Jacob: *The God of our Dreams*

Sat/Sun, March 24/25 - Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Through Jeremiah: *Written Indelibly on Our Hearts*

Sat/Sun, Mar30/Apr 1 - Psalm 89  
Through David: *Triumphantly Reigning as a Servant King*

# SERVE

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## Serve Team Update

We are continuing to save Campbell Labels for Education. They will given to Marilee Rahn who teaches at the Center for Inquiry, IPS #327. The labels are then exchanged for school supplies. There is a green tub in the Sharing Room at the lower entrance marked Campbell Labels.

We also continue to collect health and beauty aids which are taken to the Sharing Place. They can be left in the basket in the hallway across from the nursery where food is gathered for the Sharing Place.

As a reminder, please take your clothing somewhere where it can be distributed (Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc.) The Sharing Place no longer has the space needed to store clothing.



## Mission Trip

Join us next spring for a week-long mission trip to the Birmingham, Alabama area to do tornado relief work. We have been in contact with Lutheran Ministries of Alabama, and have set the dates of March 11 through March 17th for the trip. We plan to stay at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, and the cost for housing, including breakfast & lunches, is under \$100!!!!!! What a great way to spend a week, serving others who have lost almost everything. If you would like to go, please contact either Marcia Poisel, 289-9156, or Donna Frazier, 896-5378.

# THANK YOU

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Before my knee surgery becomes ancient history, I wish to thank our Pastors Paul and David for their many visits and prayers on my behalf, and to the members and friends at King Of Glory who sent Get Well cards.

These Spirit Lifting notes and prayers helped speed up recovery when time seemed to move so slow. I am feeling well, and the knee gets better with each passing day. Thanks also for your calls and vocal support.

*Your friend in Christ  
Gordon Peterson*

Dear King of Glory – Martha Circle,  
Thank you for your gift of \$215 to be used in support of SonRise Ministries. Your gift helps Bethesda shine as a leading provider of the highest quality supports and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It turns up the lights on our person-directed, community-based and Christ-centered mission. Most of all, your gift helps Bethesda offer individual with disabilities what they need to shine. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

*Deb Rothe  
Corporate Director of the Annual Fund*

The Mike's Carwash Fund-raiser was another SUCCESS! \$1735.80 was raised for the Senior Youth Group's Mission Trip in June 2012 to Scranton, PA! A big thank you to all of the youth who sold coupons and to the KOG family who bought the coupons! Looking forward to seeing a lot of clean cars in the parking lot!!!!

King of Glory Lutheran Church  
We want to thank you for your generous gifts in meeting the needs of the community and providing money and food for those in need.

*Clay Township Trustees Office*

# STEWARDSHIP

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## ***What's Stewardship All About?***

*By Paul Lutter*

The foundational question from which stewardship lives is neither how nor why people give what they do. At its heart, the core question of stewardship is who does the giving in the first place. In other words, who owns all that we have?

The answer to this question may be surprising. It is certainly radical given our common thinking about what we have and how we use what we have. The answer even widens the scope of how we think about stewardship to move beyond what we have to even encompass who we are.

God owns all that we have. All of it. And, perhaps even more radically in a world that is hell-bent on individual autonomy, God owns us, too.

Now, before you flip to another article or laugh at the mere sug-

gestion, hear me out. Or better yet listen to what Martin Luther has to say. In 1529, Luther wrote in his Small Catechism in the explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed ("I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"), that God not only creates us, but also, "God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property – along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life."

God owns it all because God creates it all, right down to the "shoes and clothing" we wear. This God creates these things for us not once long ago, but "daily," Luther says.

Daily, God creates and gives us what we need. And why wouldn't that be the case – it's God's to give. It is interesting to note that Luther pairs "daily and abundantly," which suggests that as much and as often as God "provides" for us at all levels, God never runs out of good things to give us. No, this God who creates all things, "Provides ...all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life."

God never runs out. What if this provided and focus of how we think about and live out stewardship?

*Paul Lutter is a visiting instructor at Gustavus Adolphus College. He is working toward his PH.D from Luther Seminary*

# LIFE CHANGES

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**Andy Bidgood**, *back problems*, **Amelia & Elise Bruckner**, *George Hoog in rehab*, **Wendell Rahn**, *recovering from stomach aneurysm*, **Vern Roach** *headaches*, **John Scheier** *recovering from heart attack*, **Lyn Scheier**, **Patti Sherrock** *health challenges*, **Elaine Turner** *recovering from knee surgery*, **Doris Waggoner**, *home rehabilitating following knee surgery*

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Dick Frost, Mary Frost, Nathan Klink, Lynnea Mueller, Ardis Nelson, Joe Palestino, Marian Passafume, Harper Perrot, Daniel Stephens, Jennifer Stoner, Kathrine Tate, Lois Vanderveen, Norma Wehrman, Reba Wehrman, Our Military

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Congratulations to Maya and Khoua Ziong on the birth of their son, Nehemiah Muajoo



# PARISH NURSES

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## Winter Safety Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Carbon Monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless and is a hazard all year round, but it becomes a particular threat during cold weather, when space heaters, furnaces and stoves become the must-have appliances in colder climates. All fuel-burning equipment and appliances create a risk for carbon monoxide, including water heaters, wood and gas fireplaces, generators, and automobile engines.

In its mildest form, carbon monoxide poisoning can feel a little like the flu – headaches, dizziness, exhaustion, confusion, fainting, vomiting. At its worst, exposure to carbon monoxide can be fatal.

The Indiana Poison Center offers these tips to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning during the coldest months of the year.

1. Never use a charcoal or gas grill inside a house, garage, closed-in porch or tent.
2. Don't burn charcoal in fireplaces indoors.
3. Have your furnace inspected and adjusted before every heating season.
4. When using an indoor fireplace to burn wood or gas logs, make sure the flue is open and the chimney isn't blocked.
5. Don't use a kerosene heater or gas logs for heat unless you have a working carbon monoxide alarm.
6. Never use a generator inside your home – not even in the basement, garage or porch. Keep it outside, far away from the house.
7. Never use a gas stove or oven to heat the house.

8. Never leave a car running inside a garage, even if the garage door is open.
9. Never sleep in a parked car while the engine is running.
10. Get a carbon monoxide detector, with a battery back-up system, for your home. Place an approved CO detector on each floor of your home, near bedrooms.

What to do if the CO alarm goes off.

1. Account for everyone – including pets – move them to fresh air.
2. Do not air out the house – doing so will make it difficult to find the source of CO.
3. If anyone has symptoms – CALL 911 immediately if unconscious, seizing or not breathing, otherwise call the Indiana Poison Center. If everyone is free of symptoms, call the fire department or gas company for assistance.



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# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## **Fifth Grade Assignment**

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God.

Here are some of the results:



God is like BAYER ASPIRIN  
He works miracles.

God is like A FORD  
He's got a better idea.

God is like COKE  
He's the real thing.

God is like HALLMARK CARDS  
He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like TIDE  
He gets the stains out others leave behind.

God is like DELTA  
He's ready when you are.

God is like ALLSTATE  
You're in good hands with Him.

God is like VO-5 HAIR SPRAY  
He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like DIAL SOAP  
Aren't you glad you have Him?  
Don't you wish everybody did?

## **Godspell at the Center for the Performing Arts**

Actors Theatre of Indiana is performing Godspell in the Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts, from February 10 – 25th. There is a promotion code that church members can use (Churches12) for \$25 tickets, \$20 for students. This represents a \$15 savings per ticket. Tickets can be ordered online at [thecenterfortheperformingarts.org](http://thecenterfortheperformingarts.org) using promo code Churches12, or by calling the Center's box office at 843-3800. Or, save the \$6 handling fee and stop by the box office! Actors Theatre of Indiana is an Equity Not-For-Profit Theatre Company with a goal to bring high quality entertainment to Central Indiana communities through a variety of programming for everyone. They are FANTASTIC!



## **Upcoming Via de Cristo Weekends**

Men's #67 – South  
March 1st through the 4th  
Camp Lakeview  
Seymour, IN

Women's #68 – South  
March 8th through the 11th  
Camp Lakeview  
Seymour, IN

Co-ed #17 – North  
March 22nd through the 25th  
Camp Lutherhaven  
Albion, IN

## **Pilgrim Fine Arts Series**

Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m. you can enjoy the Purdue University Bells at Pilgrim Lutheran Church (10202 North Meridian Street). As the only instrumental ensemble in Purdue Musical Organizations, the men and



women of the Purdue Bells blend traditional handbell ringing with innovative techniques to play styles from classical to jazz. Formed in 1979, the Purdue Bells also includes specialty groups ranging from the Four-In-Hand Quartet and the Off-the-Table Quartet to the Shaker Chime Ensemble. Tickets are \$5; children under 12 are free



*Please  
Join Us  
For  
Worship*

**SATURDAY**

**5:01 p.m. - Saturday Evening Gathering** - A "come as you are" gathering with music, a message and Holy Communion.

**SUNDAY**

**8:00 a.m. - Classic Lutheran Liturgy** - Worship focuses on participation through the liturgy, hymns and corporate confession of our faith. Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.

**9:30 a.m. - Praise** - This service incorporates popular praise music in a less formal setting than our other two services and includes scripture readings, a message from the pastor and Holy Communion.

**11:00 a.m. - Contemporary Lutheran Liturgy** - Worship focuses on participation through the liturgy, hymns and corporate confession of our faith. Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.

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