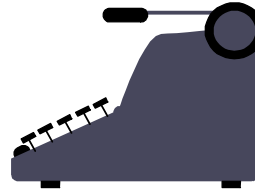


# Walking in Faith

August 2004

## My Life—& Not Bill's



### Notes from the Edge of the Desk

#### Stuff that has occupied my summer and my thoughts:

**THE WEDDING:** Trevor is married. There was a time in his adolescence when we believed his bride would have to be a blind & deaf girl with a permanent sinus disorder, but as it turned out, he found a lovely young woman, and we pray they will have a marriage that is worth working out, as something less than fifty percent of them evidently are. The couple played fast and loose with the details of the wedding & reception, which drove Cheryl to distraction - but then again, if Cheryl was the general contractor for creation, God would have never gotten it done in six weeks, let alone six days. But she also would have eliminated mosquitoes, crabgrass, bad cholesterol, and there would have been at least eleven escape routes if a snake should show up. It is all a matter of style.

**THE VACUUM:** We bought a new vacuum cleaner, which is designed especially to pick up animal hair. In a remarkable display of new-age suction, it picked up enough hair to reconstruct a number of pets (though that would be self-defeating), and possibly a previous pastor or two. I also no longer wonder where *MY* hair went. It really did amaze us, though - Cheryl is a pretty meticulous housekeeper, & vacuums often. What we assumed was clean was not at all, and we were evidently only distributing the dust and dander evenly throughout the house when we vacuumed previously. There's a sermon illustration in there somewhere. Or maybe there's not...

**THE GARDEN:** Cheryl really had the fever this year, and did an amazing job of planting and landscaping around the house. It is kind of disheartening, though. Hostas I planted three years ago are still coming up with only a half dozen leaves; I have planted a dozen astilbe, and not one survived long enough to come back with the hose to water it. Cheryl puts plants in the ground & they take off like prisoners on a work-release program. Truly, people have gifts that come from God, and it is fun to see them discover & use those gifts. Still, you can only eat so many green beans...

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**Worship 10:30**  
**Coffee 9:30**

### SERVING COFFEE IN AUGUST

1st - Kari Bahr  
8th - Melanie Lambert  
15th - Alex Engquist  
22nd - Duane & Doris  
29th - Ice Cream Social



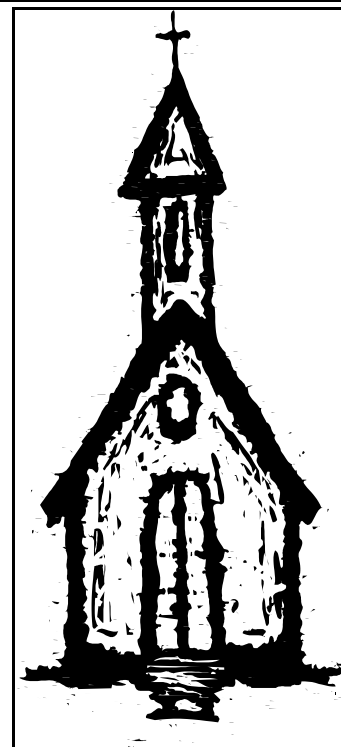
# Faith Council

There was no church council meeting in July. The next meeting will be Monday, August 2nd at 7:30 pm.

The Pork Loin dinner that was held on Sunday, June 27th and was another very successful day. Approximately 210 dinners were served. Profits were \$1,937.66 with another \$400 to be received in matching funds from Thrivent. Raffle prizes were awarded to the following persons.

- 2 Iowa cubs tickets-Dorothy Nahnsen
- 2 demolition Derby tickets-John Samuelson,
- 2 tickets to motocross-Marc Greenfield,
- 2 tickets Figure 8 Races- Austin Engstrom,
- 3 month subscription to Messenger-Arlene Hintch,
- Valley Fair & Adventureland Disct. Tickets-  
Todd Anderson
- 1 Church Painting- Austin Engstrom
- 1 Arbor by Tony-Taylor Nelson

Thank you to all who helped and attended the Pork Loin Dinner.



## Take Me Out to the Ballgame

On Sunday, August 1, a group of 16 traveled to Des Moines to enjoy an Iowa Cubs baseball game. Thanks to Marc Greenfield for organizing the event. Plenty of hot dogs, popcorn, and snacks were enjoyed by all. Go I Cubs!



## Serving Faith

- Ushers-**  
Grant Gibbons & Jeff Peterson
- Communion Assistants-**  
Scott Engquist & Jim Engstrom
- Altar & Greeter-**  
Cheryl Meyer
- Altar Flowers-**  
Scott Engquist Family

**Zion's Staley  
Fried Chicken Dinner**

**Sunday, August 15  
10:30-1:00**

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Includes potato, salad,  
dessert & drink**

**Adults \$6.50  
5-10 years old \$3.50  
Under 5 free**

**Tickets from church office  
352-3645 or at the door.  
Zion W.E.L.C.A.**



**Ice Cream Social  
&  
Bake Sale**

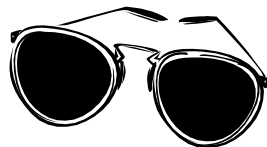
**Sunday, August 29th  
Faith Lutheran Church  
11:30—1:00**

**Home Made Ice Cream  
Beefburgers, Beans, Chips,  
Pie, Cake & Beverages  
Free Will Offering  
Hosted by Faith W.E.L.C.A.  
\$200 Matching Funds  
By Thrivent  
Everyone Welcome!**

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THE SUMMER: The season draws to a close. School supplies are in the stores, and people (parents & teachers, mostly) are starting to talk about when the kids will go back. August is usually a blast of heat, which quickly surrenders to the shorter & more temperate days of September. Plans for the resumption of adult & WELCA studies and confirmation classes and Sunday School are simmering in our minds. The lazy days of summer have become a cliché; our busy-ness is no longer a symptom, but rather a full-blown condition which we struggle with EVERY season. Remember to make a life while you are making your living, and make memories every day. And thank God for them every night....

See you in church!



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**Vacation Bible School**

The week of July 26-29, seven children from Faith attended the Community Vacation Bible school at Gowrie. Pastor Rod and Cheryl also hosted 2 of the camp leaders at their home. A group of 5 young adults from Lutheran Riverside camp lead the sessions. Hope you had a great week.

**Lawn Mowing**

**August 1 Meyers  
August 8  
August 15 Engquists  
August 22 Nahnsen  
August 29 Gibbons**



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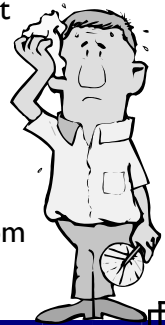
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## AUGUST

- August 1 Worship 10:30 am, Coffee Hour 9:30 am
- August 2 Church Council 7:30 pm
- August 8 Community Worship at Park—10 a.m.  
Worship at Faith—10:30 a.m.
- August 11 Bingo at Gowrie Care Center 2 pm
- August 12 Martha Group 2 pm at Rosie G. home  
Sarah Group 6:30 pm at church  
Hostess'-Connie & Angie
- August 15 Worship 10:30 am  
Coffee Hour 9:30 am Alex Engquist
- August 22 Worship 10:30 am  
Coffee hour 9:30 am
- August 29 Worship 10:30 am  
Ice Cream Social 11:30 am-1:00 pm



## WELCA NEWS

### August WELCA 2004

August has a few noteworthy items for the ladies at Faith. On August 11, bingo is scheduled for the Gowrie Care Center at 2:00 pm and remember to bring along cookies for the residents. On August 12th the groups will meet, one week early because Pastor Rod will be fishing the next week in Canada and we all know how much we look forward to his Bible study. That will also give the Sarah group plenty of time to plan the Bake Sale and Ice Cream Social on August 29th. All ladies are reminded that we need lots of baked goods, you know we have the reputation of our wonderful bake sales, so we don't want to disappoint anyone. Also remember the Twin Lakes Retreat on September 15th. It should be a wonderful day. The theme is "Walk in the Faith." Coffee & registration begins at 8:30 am. The cost is \$20/ person and reservations need to be made to Shirley by September 1. We also have new Bible study on "The Parables" to look forward to in September.

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