

Walking in Faith

June 2005

Notes from the Edge of the Desk

I'm a grandpa. The timing is perfect, because I have been looking & feeling increasingly like a grandpa for some time now.

Last Sunday, Cheryl & I potted & planted a bunch of stuff outdoors. By 7:30, our muscles were in total revolt & our conversation was going something like this. Cheryl said, "Are you going to let the dog in?"

"Yes, dear, I'm on my way."

"She's been scratching at the door for 15 minutes."

"Yes, I know. I heard her. That's when I started getting on my way."

"Well, since you're up, will you bring me a Coke?"

"Are you still keeping them clear out in the kitchen?"

"Yes."

"Then, no. Sorry. I want to be back in my chair by the start of Desperate Housewives, & that only gives me 27 minutes. I don't limp as fast as I used to, you know..."

She passed me in the hallway, moving at the comparatively blinding speed of continental drift. I watched admiringly as she turned into the kitchen. I reasoned, "Well, she IS younger than I am..."

I comforted myself in the fact that she was not back by the beginning of Desperate Housewives. The show was already into its third plot twist when she returned, a can of diet Coke in one hand & a glass of water in the other. I said, "My goodness! You really are thirsty!"

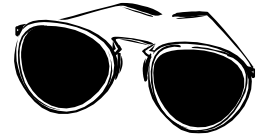
She graciously conceded that the glass of water had been a glass of ice when she had set out for the TV room. We were up relatively late that night, waiting for the pain killers to set in, so we could get to the bedroom.

We were the very portrait of American Grandparenthood.

By Sunday midnight, Cheryl hadn't held her grandchild in 96 hours, & was well into a pretty scary phase of withdrawal. I'm hoping that there's a patch or gum or something that I'm going to be able to get for her – otherwise, between her job & mine & a granddaughter 2 ½ hours away, I'll effectively be a widower.

Cheryl left for a visit on Monday at seven in the morning, & returned after dark with no more tremors & another 200 photos to

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Worship 10:30

Coffee 9:30

SERVING COFFEE IN JUNE

June 5- Over 80 Coffee
 June 12- Pork Loin Dinner
 June 19- Fern & Lawrence
 Anderson
 June 26- Chuck & Diane
 Will



Faith Council—May, 2005

The Faith Council met on Thursday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. Present were John Samuelson, Milt Smith, Joe Buda, Jan Peterson, Don Peterson, Rod Meyer, & Kari Bahr. Rod opened with a meditation on Luke 17:11-13 & a prayer. The secretary's report for April was approved as read. Jan Peterson presented the treasurer's report, which was approved as read. Jan noted that the quarterly insurance payment of 417.50 was due in May. The bill for shingles at Engquist's was \$3183.57, & a bill for Joe Buda's work is still outstanding.

Discussion on the up-coming Pork Loin Dinner on Sunday, June 12th was held. Brian Anness will cook the loins; Rod & Cheryl will take care of the buns & chips; Kari will take care of the potato salad; Jan & Eddie will prepare the beans; Don & Joan will take care of the beverages; John & Marsha will take care of paper products, etc. Jan Peterson will produce the tickets, & Rod, Cheryl & Marsha will take care of publicity. In addition, each council member will donate 2 pans of bars. We were reminded to get & keep receipts for everything; they are necessary for application to Thrivent for \$600 matching funds. Tickets will be \$7, with children 5 and under free. Service will begin at 10:15 that morning, so serving can begin at 11.

There was a discussion of the plan to repair & pain the sanctuary. It was moved, seconded & approved to accept bids from Ferguson Painting for the walls & trim; from Mike & Sandy Gustafson for painting the altar area, & from the Enos's for refinishing the floors. Work will begin following the Pork Loin Dinner. Worship will happen in the entry area until the work is done. We will need to recruit help to move the pews to the basement for this process.

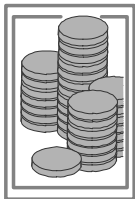
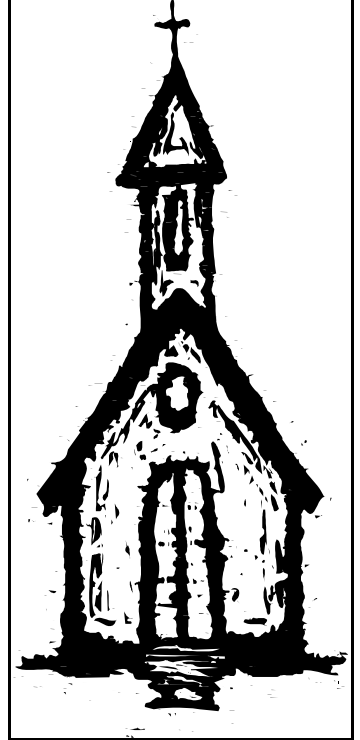
It was reported that landscaping & lighting around the Harcourt sign will happen later this summer.

It was reported that Diane Engquist has resigned from Sunday School & Kid's Music.; a thank you for Diane for her leadership in the past. Jan / Cheryl will need to get on the signature card for the Education Fund at the Bank.

Garden of Dreams was notified again about replacing the plantings that didn't survive; they will replace them.

Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned, & closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Meyer, Secretary Pro Tem



Treasurer's Report

Balance 4/01/05	\$ 3741.55
April Deposits	\$ 2225.48
April Expenses	\$ 2982.11
Balance 4/30/05	\$ 2984.92

Serving Faith

Ushers—

Marc Greenfield & Milt Smith

Communion Assistants-

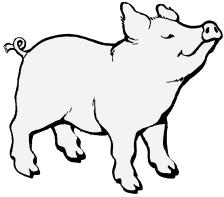
Dorothy Nahnsen &
John Samuelson

Altar & Greeter—

Jan Peterson

Altar Flowers- Pearl Peterson

In Memory of Loved Ones



**Pork Loin Dinner
Sunday, June 12, 2005
Faith Lutheran Church
11 am—1 pm**

Tickets are \$7, 5 & under are free. Jan Peterson will have tickets available and members are encouraged to sell as many as possible. Pork loin, potato salad, beans, chips, beverage, and dessert will be

**WORSHIP TIME
CHANGE!!!!**

On Sunday, June 12, worship at Faith will be at 10:15 am, so the loin dinner can begin at 11 am. This is for Sunday, June 12th only.

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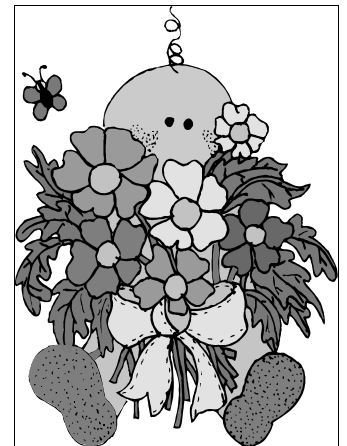
put in our albums. (Go ahead and ask her – she can show you how Haileigh is growing up – in real time!) I didn't get to go, being infested with a cold or SARS or the Black Death or something, but, according to Cheryl, just by looking at her, you can tell she's going to be a prima-ballerina & a Nobel Prize-winning metaphysicist.

I'm sure Cheryl is at least correct in reporting that she is very, very special. I never met the baby that wasn't. I think it has everything to do with any baby's unbounded potential & promise, and its capacity to receive love in a pure & guileless way.

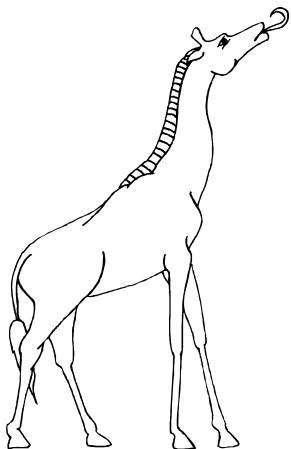
Don't you think that is what the story from Luke 18 is about?

"¹⁵ People were bringing even infants to Jesus that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. ¹⁶ But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Grandpa Rod



Safari Adventure-Discover the King



**Vacation Bible School
June 13-17th
from 8:30—11:30
Trinity Lutheran, Boxholm
Ages 4—6th Grade
Join us for a week of FUN!
Let Rod know
if you can join us!**



**Lawn
Mowers
for June**

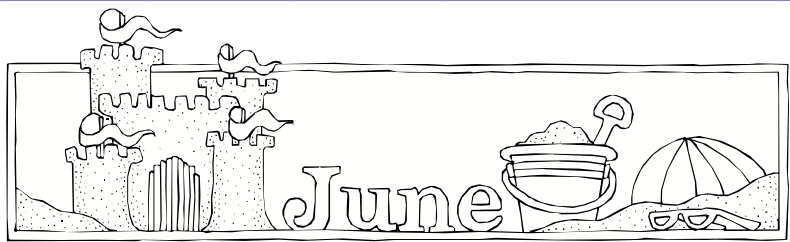
**June 3—Austin Engstrom
June 10—Jan & Eddie P.
June 17—Todd Clay
June 24—Jeff Peterson**

YOUTH STUFF

On Saturday, May 28th, the TICWF group served the Alumni Dinner at Boxholm, as part of a fundraiser. They gathered at Mark & Heidi Blair's afterwards for a barbecue and games, & to get some planning done on the Camping Trip later this summer.

We certainly appreciate the faithfulness of these kids—to their different projects, to each other, to their congregational worship & to the Group. They have been self-supporting & just a ton of fun. Thanks for a great first year!!!

rod



- June 2 Church Council 7:30 pm
- June 5 "Share Our Talents" at Zion 6 pm
Ice Cream Social
- June 5 Worship with Communion 10:30
"Over 80" Coffee 9:30
- June 12 Worship 10:15 am Coffee 9:30 am
Pork Loin Dinner 11 am—1 pm
Dayton Care Center—3 pm
- June 13-17 Vacation Bible School at Trinity 8:30-11:30 am
- June 19 Worship 10:30 am & Coffee 9:30 am
- June 26 Worship 10:30 am Coffee 9:30 am

WELCA NEWS

June 2005

May marks a kind of end for our WELCA activities for a while. The circles don't meet in June or July, & we meet in August just in time to get our Annual Ice Cream Social organized and underway. August will be here all too soon!

In the meanwhile, if anyone would care to volunteer to provide a pan of bars for the Pork Loin Dinner in June, please let me know!

Pearl reported that Faith donated a number of items to Lutheran World Relief in May. Those items included: 19 quilts & blankets; 20 pounds of soap; 4 health kits; 15 school kits; 10 ladies' sweaters; & 3 men's sweaters. It is good to know that these items will be welcomed and well used by those on the other end of that love line that Christ provides us through the Lutheran World Relief organization.

Rod & I are basking in the afterglow of the birth of Haileigh JoAnna, our very first grandchild. We know that every grandparent believes that their grandchild is beautiful beyond all others—on the other hand, other babies never had any real competition until a week ago

Tuesday! She is very precious...

The extended morning & evening light gives us extra hours to enjoy God's creation, which is lush with the season. Praise God & have a blessed summer!

Cheryl

