

# ONE

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- + FCA program revived at Hays High School.
- + Two retiring after many years of service.

In Michigan where I grew up, tourism is such a large part of the local economy. Classes never began before Labor Day. But Kansas is different so here we are — August and school right around the corner.

It is July as I write this, but most of this month already has been invested in praying and planning with church leaders for the start of the new program year. By the time you read this however it will already be August. For many, that means back to school with all the excitement and dread that transition can bring. Seriously. Where did the summer go?



The Rev.  
Celeste Lasich

First  
Presbyterian

Perhaps you are starting a new school year. Perhaps the student is someone in your family or someone you care about and pray for regularly. In the midst of the urgency and rush to collect writing supplies and other back to school essentials, have you given much thought about how you or your student might take faith along with you as an essential part of your back-to-school supplies?

The pastors and people of the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance have been thinking and praying about and for you and all those who are returning to school. We know that transition times like these

bring new excitement, challenges, and for many, some new struggles. Please know that our local churches are here for you, not just on Sunday morning but also throughout the week. The beginning of school for many is a good time to set some healthy new family patterns. Worship as a family is a great way to establish good practices for body, mind and spirit with a community of faithful people of all ages.

On behalf of the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance, we hope these reflections, memories and suggestions might help you and those you love, plan ways to take more of the “essentials” with you as you begin this new season of growing in knowledge and faith.

*The Rev. Celeste Lasich is pastor at First Presbyterian Church.*

## RECIPE

### Sopapilla Cheesecake

#### Ingredients

2 cans Pillsbury crescent rolls  
2 (8oz) packages cream cheese (softened)  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 cup butter (melted)  
Cinnamon & sugar (1 tablespoon cinnamon to 4 tablespoons sugar)

#### Directions

1. Unroll and spread 1 can crescent rolls on bottom of un-greased 9x13 pan. Press all the seams together.

2. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla. Spread mixture over crescent rolls.

3. Unroll and spread remaining crescent rolls over mixture. I found that rolling it out on a piece of parchment paper and then flipping it over onto the cream cheese mixture worked well.

4. Spread melted butter over the top and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.

5. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes.

*Submitted by Marci Lisman, Hays Christian Church.*

## Concert at North Oak Community Church

Ministry Through Music: Legacy Quartet from Colorado will be in concert at 11 a.m. Aug. 2 at North Oak Community Church, 3000 Oak, in Hays.

The group has performed concerts in venues throughout the world including

churches, concert halls, banquets, sporting events, political events, fund raising events, business events, retreats, ministry events, RV resorts, universities, and more.

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**On the cover:** Hays High School's Payton Ruder, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.  
Photo by James Dobson, Special to The HDN

years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.

*Submitted by Ken Ediger, North Oak Community Church*



# We can learn a lot more together than apart

There have been a lot of debates out there recently about a lot of different theological, political and ethical issues. As a pastor, at times I get asked about my opinion, and many times I don't answer the way the person asking would like.

Don't get me wrong – I'm not trying to tick people off, but I often say something to the effect that there are good, God-loving, Bible-believing Christians on both sides of that particular issue.

Generally, that's not what people want to hear.

And up until recently, I've been OK with that approach. But the more I think about it, the more I'm starting to think that I need to be able to help people articulate what their beliefs are, and part of me doing that is being able to articulate my own. I'm not sure that

I'm helping a whole lot of people by saying that essentially both answers are right and both answers are Christian stances. Clearly there are right and wrong answers to these questions. My hesitation comes from not being 100-percent confident in one view over the other.

I've learned in my life that many of the things I was taught as "gospel-truth" as a kid, aren't so cut and dry to the rest of the world. So in my

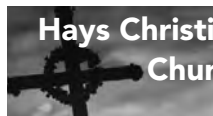
attempts to be helpful to people, I don't want to give them the same black-and-white answers I was given years ago that I have found to be lacking in the colorful world we live in.

But does the reality that there are sincere Christians on the many sides of these issues give me an out to really studying them and teaching about them? I think in some ways I think it has. And that's bad.

Pastor  
Kevin Daniels



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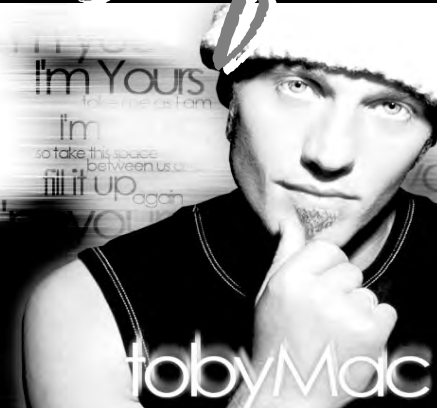
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My kids are asking questions — they have always been inquisitive — but as they age the questions get a bit deeper and a bit more reflective. When my son asks me about a certain belief, am I comfortable telling him that it's OK to believe either way? No, I'm not. I want to teach my children what I believe God has revealed to us through Jesus, so that they have a place to stand.

I was struck this morning with the thought and realization that if I don't teach my children about these issues, someone else will. I've always believed that and tried to parent in that way, but I've never thought about it in theological terms – sort of weird for a pastor to admit, huh? And in reality, I have a responsibility for those in my congregation to teach them what I believe the Bible teaches about certain issues as well. I owe them, just as I owe my children, a solid answer. Sure there is room for disagreement, and I enjoy loving debate, but I have to have an answer.

So over the coming months I'm going to renew my study on a variety of issues so that I can answer with a clear answer and reason for why I believe what I believe about certain issues. You may hear me say that many Christians believe differently on an issue, but I will also be willing to share with you my particular understanding. I think it's important that each person knows what they believe and why, and we need to be ready to answer those questions. If we aren't, we're saying that the church is not relevant on a certain issue, when in fact, following Christ necessarily impacts our whole understanding of life.

Do I believe I have all of the answers? No. Do I believe that all of my answers are without a doubt absolutely correct? No. But I will have an answer; I will have a starting place for discussion. We can learn a lot more together than we can apart and I look forward to the dialogue.



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# ECMA GOLF TOURNEY NETS MORE THAN \$2,500

The 12th Annual ECMA Golf Tourney, supported by sponsors and golfers raised more than \$2,500 for ECMA's 2nd Mile Fund, which is distributed by First Call For Help.

Pastor Celeste Lasich of First Presbyterian Church and Linda Mills of First Call For Help were on hand at the Ellis Country Club to welcome and register 26 golfers representing five different Ellis County churches.

Pastor Kyle Ermoian of Celebration Community Church, who was awarded the traveling trophy with most golfers at 11, said that the course condition, food and hospitality of the people at the Ellis course was exceptional.

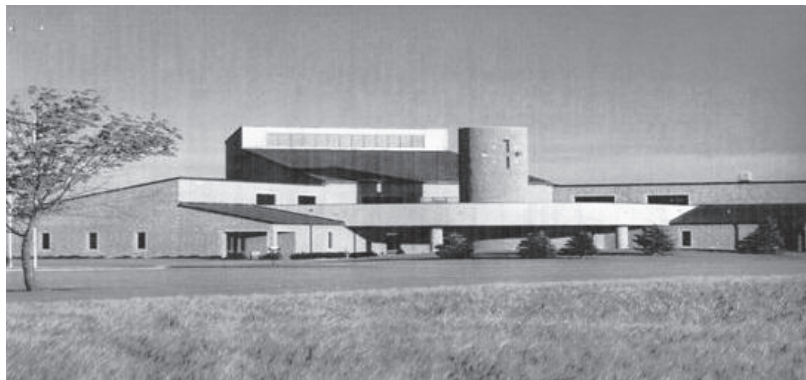
The competition was well-balanced with a four way tie for first place at the end of the nine-hole scramble format.

Bob Duffy, Kael Bloom, Jared Polifka and Steve Schmidt, representing their respective teams, competed in a "chip off" to determine the winners that resulted in Jim, Glen and Dean Stramel and Bob Duffy taking home. The first-place prizes for Trinity Lutheran Church.

The partnership between ECMA and First Call For Help which assists local Ellis County residents with food, rent, utilities and other emergency needs has been in place for 25 years.



The winning team of Jim Stramel, Bob Duffy, Glen Stramel and Dean Stramel.



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Reconciliation: Saturday 4 PM and Thursday 5 PM



# Finding the courage to be

Although I like to consider myself to be an optimist, a tough-minded and hopeful soul who strives to find the silver lining in even the darkest of life's storms, lately I have found myself seeing the proverbial glass of water as half-empty.

Let's face it, clinging to hope in the midst of life's storms is no easy task; especially in the wake of constant news footage of unending racial strife, murderous rampages abroad and senseless shootings at home. Yet, even as I found myself gradually becoming enveloped by the dark clouds of the world's pain, suffering, and brokenness, I discovered a glimmer of hope in the most unexpected of places — an antidote to the "sky is falling" mentality that was doing its best to get a hold of me. Hope that came my way in a long forgotten quote that I unexpectedly found earlier today buried in a pile of notes. Words of wisdom once spoken by Martin Luther King, Jr. during a turbulent era of racial inequality, vio-

lence at home, a war in Vietnam; a time of unending strife and fear. A time in our nation's history when people of goodwill began to lose hope, to fear that the forces of darkness and evil might prevail. In the face of darkness, Reverend King advised, "We must constantly build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear."

Building dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear is no easy task. The process begins, it seems, by letting go of the things we cannot change — the ghosts from our past that haunt us, the fact that people will act in cruel and dehumanizing ways, and the unexplainable loss of life that inevitably follows earthquakes, tornadoes, typhoons; the forces of chaos and disorder at work in a fragile world. Instead, of surrendering to defeat-

ism or apathy; however, we have a choice. We can surrender or we can take charge of our attitudes. No matter what happens

to us, we ultimately have the capacity to choose how we will respond in any situation.

And, while it might be easier to play the blame game and to hunt for scapegoats to castigate, ultimately

we are in charge of our thoughts, our attitudes, and our actions. Perhaps that what was Martin Luther King, Jr. was hinting at. We can choose to build dikes of courage in the face of life's storms or we can choose to surrender control to the forces of darkness and fear. Either way, the choice is ours to make.

Viktor Frankl, the author of *Man's Search for Meaning* and a Holocaust

survivor, believed that the power to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances was "the last of human freedoms." In fact, everything may be taken away from us at a moment's notice, but our attitudes belong to us. We own them.

Though the clouds of darkness continue to break into my reality, I choose to build walls of courage, feeble though they may be lately, to hold back the flood of fear that is sweeping through our communities, nation, and world. Understanding the reality that attitude is a choice requires courage; a willingness to build walls of courage even in the midst of the torrential floods of fear.

Paul Tillich, a German theologian and philosopher, would agree. In his book *Courage to Be* (1952) Tillich writes, "It takes courage to see in the reality around us and in us something ultimately positive and meaningful and to live with it, even love it. Loving life is perhaps the highest form of the courage to be."

Pastor Jon Brudvig



## A SIGN OF THE TIMES



A recent sign outside the St. Joseph Parish Service Center.



“I LIKE BEING ABLE TO MEET OTHER PEOPLE AND GETTING CLOSER TO PEOPLE I DON’T USUALLY ASSOCIATE WITH OTHERWISE.”

AUDRA SCHMEIDLER, HAYS HIGH  
STUDENT-ATHLETE

# Fellowship revived

By DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN  
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Payton Ruder was intrigued when he heard an announcement at school at the beginning of his junior year at Hays High School last fall.

“They said there was going to be a meeting Friday morning for Fellowship of Christian Athletes,” he said.

Every single word in that phrase caught Ruder’s attention.

“I thought, ‘I’m an athlete, and I’m a follower of Christ, so I should probably get involved in that,’” he said.

So he went to the meeting, and he realized he liked the fellowship part of the group as well.

“It was really welcoming,” Ruder said of his first meeting, “and Mr. (Fred) Winter really tries to make you feel comfortable. I think he really understands us high schoolers.”

It didn’t take long for Ruder to become comfortable with FCA, a program that Winter revived last year at Hays High after a few years’ absence.

A senior-to-be at HHS, Ruder is a member of the group’s leadership team and is looking forward to his final year of high school.

Ruder, a standout golfer for the Indians, thinks the stress of being a senior and looking for colleges to continue his sport

will be tempered a bit by having fellow FCA members to confide in.

“We’ve helped each other on anything that’s going on in our lives,” he said.



Ruder



Winter



Audra Schmeidler will be a senior this fall at Hays High School.

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Winter, who will begin his third year of teaching at Westside Alternative School, goes to the high school every Friday morning to meet with FCA. But he said he's just there as a sponsor, that it's a valuable tool to have the students run the organization.

"When you teach it, you learn more," he said.

The group sometimes brings in guest speakers for the weekly meeting, and they seek out service projects in which the students can participate. They also do a lot of team-building activities, he said.

Winter, who has been involved in FCA since his high school days in Turpin, Okla., has a personal stake in the Hays High chapter. His oldest son, Maddux, is going to be a senior this year, and his younger son, Connor, will be a sophomore.

"It was something I was raised with and something I believe in," Winter said.

"They learn a lot of life lessons, a lot of morality. It's a good thing just to get kids

involved with positive culture."

Senior-to-be Audra Schmeidler, another member of the leadership huddle, said Winter definitely has been a positive influence for the students.

"He's done a great job getting FCA going again," said Schmeidler, a three-sport athlete who participates in volleyball, basketball and track. "He's a great motivator."

Each class has its own team huddle, and there also is an overall leadership huddle.

Winter said he thinks this year's seniors will be a strong group of leaders.

"I'm excited about the senior team leadership," Winter said.

So, too, is Ruder.

"It definitely makes you a little more focused," he said. "It's nice to have that niche that you can be a part of, to feel you've got people around that have the same values, believe in the same thing."

Schmeidler agreed.

"I remember my older sisters talking about (FCA) when they were in high



COURTESY PHOTOS

**TOP:** Members of the Hays High School FCA at the Kansas Shrine Bowl Banquet on July 24 in Hays. **ABOVE:** FCA members serve food to attendees of the banquet, part of the annual charity event for the Shriners' Hospital for Children.

school and how it brought them all closer together, so I definitely wanted to be involved," Schmeidler said. "I like being able

to meet other people and getting closer to people I don't usually associate with otherwise."



## Message at the top: The problem of bad blood

**T**aylor Swift's song "Bad Blood" presents the occasion to talk about relationships that do not work out for some reason. There are many such times in life and perhaps the most common is the romantic one that the lady in the song is singing of. There was a breakup that occurred and the lady in the song is reflecting on it.

"Cause, now we got bad blood. You know it used to be mad love. So take a look what you've done. Hey, now we got problems, and I don't think we can solve them. You made a really deep cut, and, baby, now we got bad blood. Did you have to do this? I was thinking that you could be trusted. Did you have to ruin what was shiny? Now it's all rusted. Did you have to hit me where I'm weak? I couldn't breathe. And rub it in so deep, salt in the wound like you're laughing right at me. Oh, it's so sad to think about the good times, you and I, 'cause, baby, now we got bad blood."

The situation carries over to other instances as well. Friends have a falling out, we move away from people who were close to us, or the like. What the person in the song expresses is extremely important from a negative point of view—there may be times when things do not work out between people, but what she sings should never happen because it will only make matters worse. The falling out ought to be civil, and never with the malice as described in the song.

It is the Christian principle of allowing others to be different from us, and accepting it as such. Jesus pointed out to his followers that even though there are others who are not following the way he was proposing, it does not make them bad people. It merely means that they have chosen another way of living their lives and attaining happiness.

Then John said... "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and

we tried to prevent him because he does not follow in our company." Jesus said to him, "Do not prevent him, for whoever is not against you is for you" (Luke 9:49-50).

Unfortunately, many times we have not learned that lesson very well. We especially see it in a romantic relationship after some sort of breakup, as the song "Bad Blood" describes. What was described as "mad love" has ceased, but through someone's fault — the song describes it as the other's fault — it is not an amicable breakup at all. In the song's case, the other ruined the relationship, and hurt the person in the song, "rubbing" it in, like salt in a wound. It is a situation that could easily lead to revenge, and therefore real problems in life.

It is not an easy lesson, because

someone is hurting very badly in the relationship. When it happens, it is very difficult to accept the consequences, let the other go their own way, and forget about it. It is true of course that we will never be able to forget about it completely, but it will lead to a happier life if we just ignore the malice that can be part of the break up, and move on without being vindictive.

It is never easy to live with "bad blood" between people, and so it is best to let time heal the relationship and merely move on.

Good and gracious God, our human interaction often involves some sort of falling out between people. Give us the grace to accept what happens without the desire to retaliate in any way. Be with us, we pray

**The Gospels in Father Mike's Top 5**  
1 - "Bad Blood" / Taylor Swift Luke 9:49-50  
2 - "Shut Up and Dance" / Walk the Moon John 21:1-3a  
3 - "Cheerleader" / OMI Matthew 25:31-46  
4 - "Hey Mama" / David Guetta Matthew 6:30-34  
5 - "I Can't Feel My Face" / The Weeknd Mark 4:39-41

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# Sprock, Brungardt ready for retirement

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They have combined for nearly 60 years of religious service in Hays, but Jerry Sprock and Martha Brungardt will head different directions in retirement.

Sprock, pastor at the First Baptist Church since 1989, is retiring after 26 years in that position. Following his last service on Aug. 2, Sprock will move to south central Missouri.

Brungardt has most of her life been associated with St. Joseph Catholic Church, and she will continue to do so as a parishioner. However, her 33 years as director of religious education for St. Joseph ended July 1. And she plans to remain in Hays to "spend more time helping family."

Brungardt was born and raised in Hays, graduated from Marian High School, then joined the Sisters of St. Agnes in Fondelac, Mich., where she served for 10 years. She decided to leave the religious order in the late 1970s and worked for one as a youth minister in Pasco, Wash., before returning to Hays for good.

"I realized I wanted to be closer to family," said Brungardt, who came home, took the job of director of religious education at St. Joseph, got married and raised two children in Hays.

"I loved working with my catechists and my students and my families," said Brungardt, who provided

extra support for families such as workshops and retreats. "It's an honor to have led those people."

Over the years, Brungardt added other ministries to her list, including directing afternoon daily programs for students and adults and serving as director of RCIA — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a preparatory program for people joining the Catholic Church. She even helped start a coffee shop in the parish center where parishioners gathered for coffee and conversation.

Even before her third grandchild was born in April, Brungardt decided it was time to retire and concentrate on her family — and her golf game.

"I wanted to retire at the top of my game, when I could still do things," Brungardt said, "because there are no guarantees."

Sprock is unsure what he will do in the long run in retirement. But he has plans for the immediate future.

"I'll have a season debriefing which will help me to bring clarity to see God's direction in my life," he said. "

Sprock is a native of British Columbia but grew up on a Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana because of his father's work.

Following to stints with college, sandwiched around a tour in the military, he was ordained a pastor in 1980.



**Sprock**



**Brungardt**

## Reading plan more than halfway through the year

Welcome to the August Bible reading plan. We are halfway through the summer season, Fall fashions are in the stores, and it won't be long before the Christmas decorations are up. (I'm not trying to rush things, but time does seem to be moving rather quickly lately.) We also are over halfway through our Bible reading plan for 2015. Are you keeping the pace?

For the next few months, we will be reading through the Old Testament books of 1 & 2 Chronicles, and Ezra. Although these writings are very similar to 1 & 2 Kings, they differ in authorship and

therefore some perspective. (Kings are more political in communication whereas Chronicles is written from a priestly viewpoint.) Originally, 1 & 2 Chronicles was one volume called "Events of the Days" (Hayford Study Notes), and was most likely written by Ezra during the days of the Jewish Exile (from the reign of

Solomon (971 B.C.) to the end of the Exile period (around 538 B.C.). One of the main purposes of the narrative was to remind the Jews of their heritage; and of the promises yet to come, (an excellent benefit of reading God's Word).

Our New Testament readings will finish

August		
1 & 2.....Weekend Review		
3.....□ Job 41.....	□ Matthew 15	17.....□ 1 Chron. 9.....
4.....□ Job 42.....	□ Matthew 16	18.....□ 1 Chron. 10.....
5.....□ 1 Chron. 1.....	□ Matthew 17	19.....□ 1 Chron. 11.....
6.....□ 1 Chron. 2.....	□ Matthew 18	20.....□ 1 Chron. 12.....
7.....□ 1 Chron. 3.....	□ Matthew 19	21.....□ 1 Chron. 13
8 & 9.....Weekend Review		22 & 23.....Weekend Review
10.....□ 1. Chron 4.....	□ Matthew 20	24.....□ 1 Chron. 14.....
11.....□ 1. Chron. 5.....	□ Matthew 21	25.....□ 1. Chron 15.....
12.....□ 1 Chron. 6.....	□ Matthew 22	26.....□ 1 Chron. 16.....
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14.....□ 1 Chron. 8.....	□ Matthew 24	28.....□ 1 Chron. 18.....
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		31.....□ 1 Chron. 19.....
		□ Hebrews 6

the Gospel of Matthew, and begin the book Hebrews. The New Testament books we will read into September were written to a Hebrew audience. Combining our Old Testament and New Testament readings should remind you that God is a covenant

keeping God, and that we are part of a "new and better" Covenant, based on better promises (Hebrews 12:24). We truly are blessed to be living in a time where God's Word is so available, so let's dig in and hear from God. Read on.



Pastor  
Steve Dinkel





## Youth Spotlight

# Good fit for youth ministry director

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It took two years to do it, but Father John Schmeidler finally found what he thinks is the perfect fit for a director of his church's youth ministry.

Schmeidler, a native of Hays, returned to Ellis County in 2013 as pastor of St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria.

During his first year there, he was busy preparing for the dedication of St. Fidelis as a minor basilica.

But also high on his list of priorities was finding a full-time youth minister for the parish, now officially called the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

St. Fidelis teenagers participate in activities with CYO — Catholic Youth Organization — but haven't had a full-time leader.

"We have had (adult) volunteers in the past, and we still need volunteers, but there isn't a consistency then," said Schmeidler, who had experience with starting a youth program, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Lawrence, where he served as pastor from 2004-13.

"I saw immediately we needed a full-time youth minister here," he said. "When I hired a youth director (at St. John's), the program really took off."

"The elderly are always ready to minister, and if you get the youth involved, then the middle group gets involved, too," Schmeidler added.

One of his office personnel came up with an answer earlier this year.

Pat Brungardt, co-ordinator of religious education at St. Fidelis the past 17 years, is looking to retire in a few years.

"I told Father if he could find someone beforehand, I'd work with them," before her retirement, Brungardt said.

That someone turned out to be Brungardt's future daughter-in-law — Jeanette Maki, who is marrying

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Jeanette Maki  
St. Fidelis youth ministry director



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Jeanette Maki, director of youth ministry for the Basilica of St. Fidelis, serves dessert to a group of children during the church's summer lunch program July 21 at the parish center in Victoria.

Brungardt's son, Michael, on Aug. 22.

Brungardt mentioned the youth ministry role to Maki, who was working at St. Francis Community Services as a family support worker.

"I was going to Walker to church at St. Ann's," Maki said of one of Schmeidler's three parishes he is in charge of. "I got to know Father John, so I decided to check it out."

"This is a good fit, and I feel that working at St. Francis prepared me for this job," she added.

Maki started her new position at St. Fidelis in June and got her feet wet this summer with a lunch program the parish started this year.

"We know kids get one solid meal in school, but maybe not in the summer," said Schmeidler, the head cook who came up with the idea along with Jan Brungardt, office administrator for the St. Fidelis parish.

"We do simple meals and average 10 to 11 kids a day."

All the while, Maki is making plans for the school year and approached Rick Binder, youth minister at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays, for some

direction. IHM has a large, active CYO organization with approximately 100 members in grades 6 through 12.

"What works for them might not work for us," Maki said. "But I got a lot of good ideas. I'd love to have the kids do something in the community."

However, Maki said she wants the students to be a part of the decision. She expects at least 30 students in grades 6 through 12 to participate.

"The first year is getting to know the parents and the kids," she said. "I want to be deliberate and thoughtful and figure out what their needs are. I'm excited. I'm looking forward to it."





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