

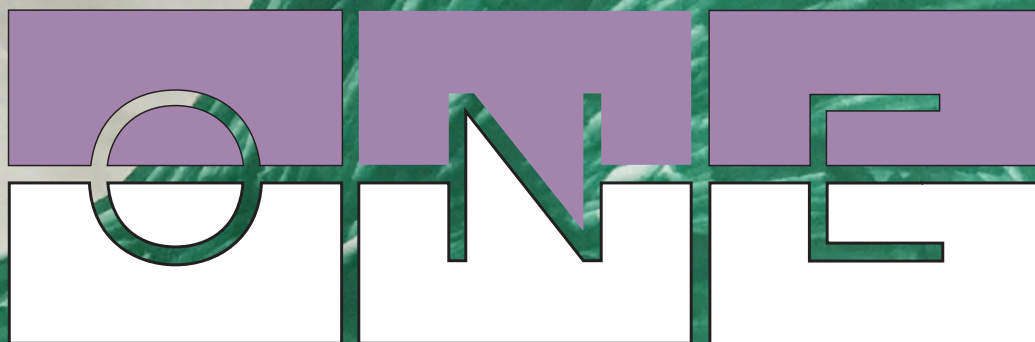
# Faith like a child

"Taking children on  
His knee, saying let  
them come to me!"



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# Love for the childlike simplicity

Karl Barth was a Reformed theologian considered one of the greatest theologians of the twentieth century. He was a prolific writer; his 13 volume Church Dogmatics took more than thirty years to complete and is more than six million

words long. Late in his career Barth made a visit to the United States and lectured at the University of Chicago. The often-repeated story is that he

was asked a last question before leaving the podium. The question: "What is the most important insight to God you have ever discovered?" Barth paused for only a moment, smiled, and answered, "Jesus loves me this I know; for the Bible tells me so."

I love the childlike simplicity of that story. Barth wrote millions of words on Revelation, God, Creation, and Reconciliation, and dozens of scholarly books on the practice of Christianity and yet

summed up his life's work in twelve simple words.

I think there is a tendency among church people to consider theology and religious concepts too confusing or complicated for most people to grasp. Why else could there be 13 volume books? Sometimes church folk can get caught

up in debate over theological concepts, often to establish that our particular branch of the Christian family "gets it right." And yet,

the Gospel should be able to be understood by a child or someone who is very new to faith. If not, perhaps the problem is with the teacher, not the Gospel.

In this edition of ONE, the Advisory Team — Pastors Kevin Daniels, Steve Dinkel, and Marie Sager, challenged the writers to consider a religious or theological concept and write about it as if to a child. I wonder how you might approach such an assignment? What matters deeply to you about your faith? The aim

after all is not to articulate the perfect answer or to win an argument, but rather to share something you cherish so that a child comes to treasure it as well.

The churches of the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance (ECMA) value you and your children and hope that you come to know the transforming grace of God whose love we know in Jesus Christ. Our individual churches and ministries worship and serve God using varied styles and practices. We gratefully join together across our differences because our commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is greater than anything that might divide us. We hope and pray that you will find a church home and family to share your questions, your struggles, and your whole self. In whatever you might be going through, may you carry these words of wisdom and hope "Jesus loves me this I know; for the Bible tells me so."



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## RECIPE

### HAM AND ASPARAGUS ROLLS

#### Ingredients:

Thin ham slices  
Swiss cheese slices  
Fresh asparagus spears  
4 T. butter  
4 T. flour  
Salt and pepper  
1.5-2 c. milk  
1.5-2 c. grated monterey jack cheese  
0.5 c. crushed smoked almonds

#### Directions:

Place a slice of cheese on a slice of ham. Wrap 2 to 4 asparagus spears in the middle of ham and cheese. Roll up and place in greased 9 x 13 pan. Make a white sauce by melting butter, stirring in flour to make a paste and gradually adding milk to make sauce. Turn to low and melt in cheese. Cover asparagus rolls with cheese. Cover and bake 45 minutes at 325 degrees. Sprinkle with smoked almonds before serving.

## HOLY HUMOR

A Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments to her 5- and 6-year-olds.

After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked,

"Is there a commandment that

teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

One little boy shouted, "Thou shall not kill."

*Submitted by Celeste Lasich, Hays First Presbyterian Church*

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**On the cover:**  
The winner of this month's "Faith like a child" coloring contest is Logan Daniels, 10, from Hays Christian Church. The honorable mention selections are on Page 7.



# The Fake Apology and The Garden of Eden

Children misbehave.

It's an undisputed fact.

And adults then react (or over-react) to those poor choices.

One thing that I can remember seeing over and over growing up is that when two kids got into a fight of some kind, the adult in charge would often make them apologize to one another and then give each other a hug. As you can imagine, and have probably seen, this doesn't generally work well.

The first obstacle is generally the perceived authenticity of the apology. "No, Johnny. Say it like you mean it." The second is similar to the first, as the hug is genuinely quick, with the two barely touching, or on the other end of the spectrum, the two turn it into a mini-wrestling match to who can squeeze the hardest.

Neither of these outcomes is generally

what the well-intentioned adult wants, but if done with just enough sincerity, it passes the sniff test and all goes back to normal.

Just a few days ago, someone asked me the question, "Why did God place the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden in the first place?" For him, it would have been better if human beings just didn't have the option to sin in the first place. Then we'd all be with God for eternity, no one would be separated from God, and there would be no sin in the world. Pretty great, right?

The answer to the question, however, goes back to those fighting kids I talked about in the beginning. In order to actual-



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ly love someone, one must make a choice to do so. There has to be a conscious act of the will to make the decision, "I love you." That can't happen when it is forced. Just like when Johnny is forced to apologize and hug his enemy, though he's saying the right words and doing the right actions, his heart really isn't in it. There's

not a choice to love at that point.

When God created humankind, he gave each of us a choice to love him and worship him in return. Yes, he could have created us to be like robots — or the stubborn child — who would simply reply that we loved him, but that would not have been true love, would it? True love requires choice.

So God provided us with the choice

— will we follow him or not? Will we love him or not? Will we choose to put him first in our lives? Without that choice, our love for him is just as meaningless as the child's forced apology and hug.

God has created us in his image, and has given us the choice whether to love him or not. This choice to love is only possible because he first loved us. Without God we would not know what true love looked like. And the ultimate example of love was Jesus dying on the cross for our sins.

Kids, next time you're forced to give that fake apology or fake hug, take a minute and remember that God did not give you a fake apology or fake love — he showed his true love by sending his Son to die on the cross for you. It's up to each of us to choose how to respond.



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# Bible reading can create fond memories

**G**reetings Bible reading plan friends. I hope that you are enjoying your spring season and keeping up with the your Bible readings. The season is only going to get busier, so don't get distracted!

The theme for this month's ONE magazine is focusing on communicating our faith to children.

One of my fondest childhood memories are the stories that my mom read me from the Bible. It created an appetite in me to know more about God's story. And since Jesus exhorted His disciples to let chil-



## Bible Reading Plan

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dren have free access to him in all the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, consistent study of the Bible is a great habit to communicate to the children around you.

For our Old Testament readings we will continue to read through the

books that record the development of God's Old Testament Covenant people; Israel. The story continues to develop through the

book of Numbers. God is organizing His people to take the land that He had promised them. (That seems to be God's strategy for us New Testament people as well, to inherit all the prom-

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ises God has for us.) We will finish Numbers at the end of this month.

Our New Testament readings will continue through the writings of the Apostle Paul. We will finish 2 Corinthians, Galatians, and begin Romans. Some theologians comment that the book of Romans is the most complete

work of Paul's theology. I think Paul's writings resonate with so many of us because his experience with Jesus was much like ours; it happened after Jesus had returned to the Father. Instead of reading Romans, let Romans read you. This book can change your life!

Read on!



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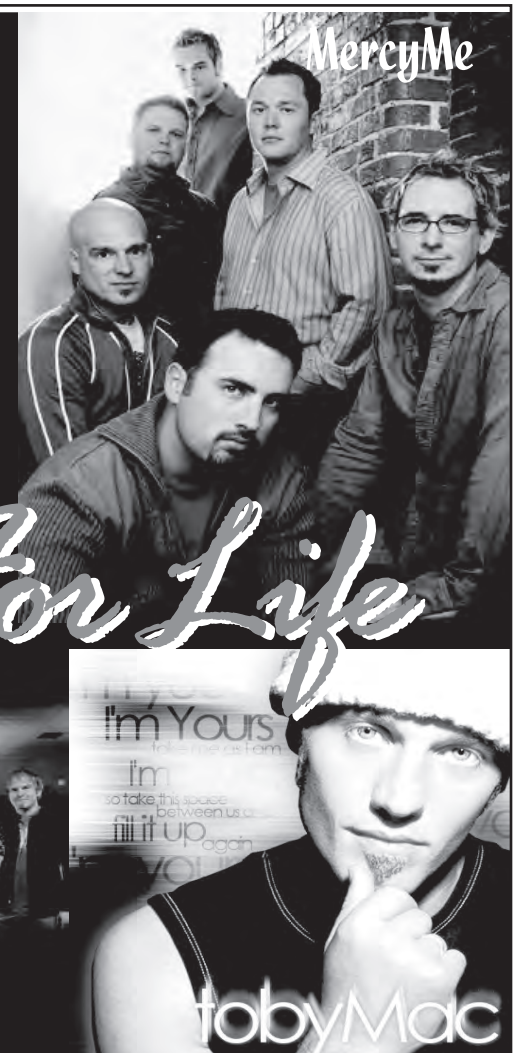
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# 'Jesus loves the little children'

**K**arl Barth the renowned Swiss theologian who is often regarded as the greatest Protestant thinker of the twentieth century was at Rockefeller Chapel, a Gothic-like cathedral on the campus of the University of Chicago during his lecture tour of the U.S. in 1962. After his lecture, during the Q & A time, a student asked Barth if he could summarize his whole life's work in theology in a sentence. Barth allegedly said something like "Yes, I can. In the words of a song I learned at my mother's knee: 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'"

It is that simple faith like a child that Jesus says we need to enter the Kingdom of heaven. "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Mark 10:15) And for many of us those simple truths were first conveyed to us by groups of loyal volunteers who are the backbone of most churches and are entrusted with introducing the word of God, the Bible, and its message of the Gospel to children: Sunday School teachers.

I recall back in 1979 reading a little book entitled "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum. Just recently I read another version in a blog by



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Pastor Scott Daniels who gives it a Sunday School slant. "All I Really Need To Know And What To Do And How To Be I Learned In Sunday School"

Wisdom was not discovered at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but around the felt-board in Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

Everything is a gift, and gifts are meant to be shared.  
Life is not always fair, but God is just.  
When people hit you, work on not hitting them back.  
Whatever we have been given is on loan to us by God, so put everything back where you found it, and clean up your own mess.

We all sin, so practice saying, "I'm sorry." We all have to say it a lot.

Cleanliness is next to godliness. (That isn't in the Bible — but don't tell anybody).

The Lord commanded a Sabbath so we would remember that life is more than work. That also means that Sunday afternoon naps are not a suggestion but a demand from on high.

Keep your hands to yourself, because your body is not your own. You have been bought with a price. So be careful little hands what you do.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He designed us to need each other, because everybody entered the ark two by two.

Giants are no problem for God.

Running from God usually means you wind up in the belly of a whale.

God will always meet you in the fiery furnace or in the lion's den.

God answers prayer.

When our friends are sick we should take them to Jesus, even if we have to lower them through the roof.

Jesus can do a whole lot with very little. You can't believe what he can do with a sack lunch.

God created us to sing — or at least to make a joyful noise. So, "Praise him, praise him, all you little children. God is love. God is love."

And, "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."

And most importantly, "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me."

It's all pretty simple. Remember Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:15) Have faith like a child.

## A look at the year through the church calendar

**I**t's May! So many things are happening. It's graduation time, Mother's Day, and harvest is coming. Each of these things happens in a specific season. You can look at your calendar and know what day it is, what month, and what the weather should be doing. Just like the outside world, the church also has a calendar that tells us how time changes.

The church's year begins with Advent, the season leading up to Christmas. In the season of Advent, the color is blue, but sometimes, you might see purple being used. At Trinity Lutheran Church we use blue, which makes us think of the hope we have that God is coming.

The next season is Christmas or Christmastide as it is sometimes called. Christmas is not just one day, but also a season lasting for 12 days. The Christmas season goes from Christmas Eve until the feast of Epiphany on Jan. 6, where we remember when the Magi came to visit Jesus. The

color of the Christmas season can be either white or gold. We use these colors to remind us of the pureness of the newborn Christ, and our light and joy in him.

The Day of Epiphany starts the next season that lasts until the Transfiguration of our Lord. The days between Epiphany and Transfiguration are green, and are sometimes called "ordinary time."

Ordinary here does not mean that they are not special, but it comes from a Latin word for number. The color of this season is green, to remind us of our growth in our faith in God.

Then comes one of the most well-known seasons, Lent. The Lenten season is 40 days, from Ash Wednesday through Easter, not including Sundays. The color of Lent is purple, and many worship spaces

become empty. The color purple was once connected with royalty, kings, and with repentance — asking for forgiveness. Lent also includes Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday where we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Then is what some traditions call the great Three Days or Triduum, Maundy

Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil. Maundy Thursday marks the Last Supper and the betrayal of

Jesus. Good Friday is the day of Jesus' death. And the Easter Vigil is the first service of Easter, where people move from darkness to light.

Easter is also not just a day, but a season as well, Eastertide. The Easter season is 50 days, running from Easter Sunday until the Day of Pentecost. The color of

the Easter season is white to remind us of what a joy it is that Jesus died and rose again for each of us!

The final season is the longest. The season of Pentecost runs from the Day of Pentecost (May 15 this year), all the way through Christ the King Sunday, the Sunday before Advent begins. On the Day of Pentecost, the color of the day is red, to remind us of fire and the Holy Spirit. The primary color for the rest of the season is green like the season of Epiphany. Green again reminds us of growth, especially in the Summer. And if your church follows a lectionary, a set of Bible readings, the Gospel readings show us Jesus in action, teaching by both speaking and doing.

All of this can seem a bit confusing at first. If you look around for signs of seasons changing, I bet you will find surprising things! And don't forget to ask lots of questions about what you see!



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# Almost time for summer camp

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The season of Church Camp is just around the corner.

In anticipation, camps are in full preparation mode. It's time for summer employment to prepare the agenda. Each camp will be ran in its unique way, but the mission of them is virtually the same — the message of God.

"The objective is to experience God," said Christian Camp Brian Barr, director of Lakeview.

"We'll do bible lessons and games and activities. All of it is God-centered."

Church youth groups ranging in age from grade school through high school from across the area will attend camps.

Some will travel to places like Lakeview, just outside Stockton at Webster Lake or Camp Lakeside at Scott Lake, just north of Scott City. Others will go farther away to Camp Horizon in Arkansas City, Camp Tomah Shinga in Junction City, or Golden Bell Camp in Colorado. Some churches will hold their own camp.

Celebration Community Church hosts

its C3 Kids Camp for incoming third- to fifth-graders.

Camp sites have websites filled with information to introduce themselves, from dates of specific camps to activities each provides. Camp Lakeside even has a date calendar on its home page, counting down to the exact second the first day camp opens. The youth camps at Lakeside run from June 1 to Aug. 1. The camp is affiliated with the Methodist Church.

"All youth Lakeside camps are done by a core curriculum that has been approved," Camp Lakeside Executive Director Andie T. Strong said.

While some of the camps will have a strong classroom presence, they also are about getting the campers out into the nature around the area to participate in activities. The camps at Lakeside allow campers to sign up for individualized camps like a sailing camp, sports camp or high adventure, among others. At Lakeview Christian Camp, activities include a rock-climbing wall and zipline.

Barr, who has just recently been hired at Lakeview Christian Camp, arrived with his

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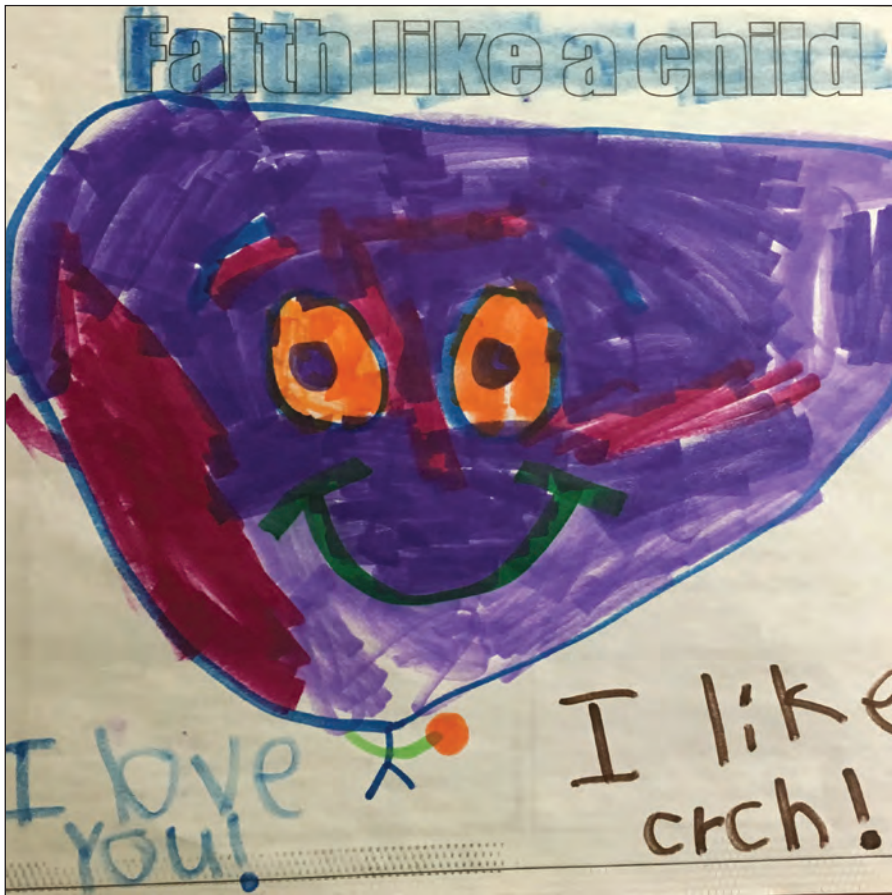
**MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP: THE AMAZING RACE**  
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wife and his four month old son Ellit a week ago from their home in Virginia. He said the camp draws youth from across Kansas totaling 20 different churches. Lakeview offers nine camps ranging from first grade through

college age students. Like the Lakeside venue, Lakeview operates year round. One thing in particular Barr said they are still looking for is staffing members. The campsite is taking applicants for positions.



COLORING CONTEST HONORABLE MENTIONS



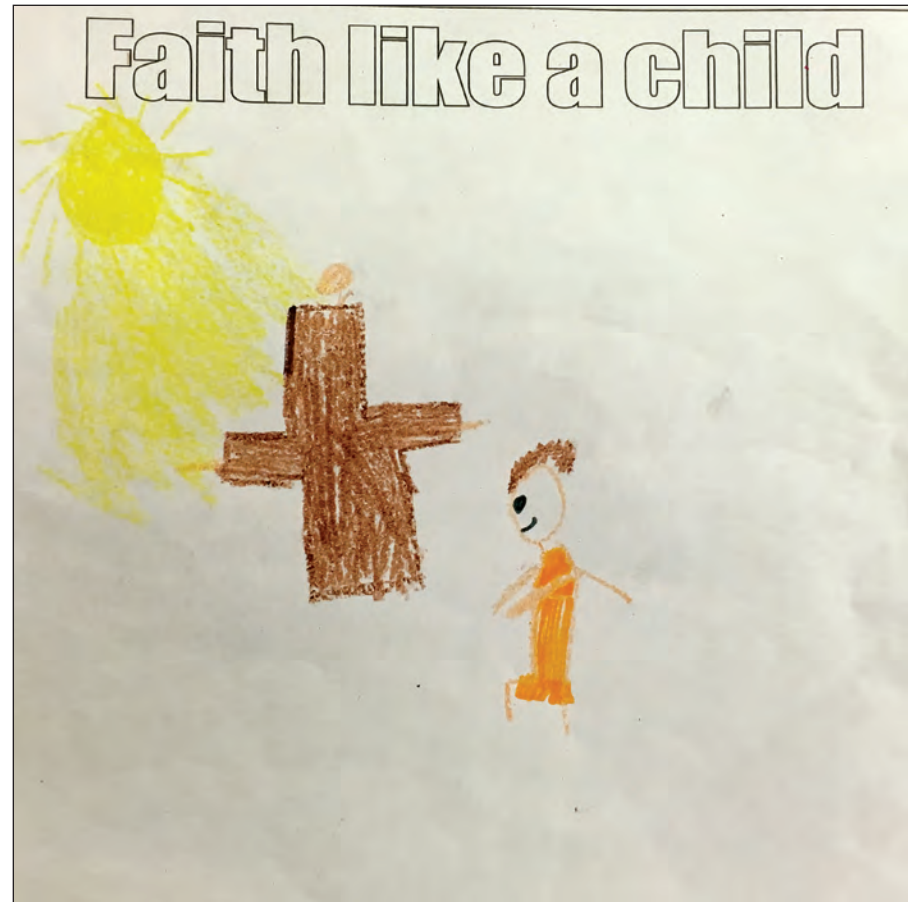
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## Youth Spotlight

# Confirmation approaching for students

By **MIKE KESSINGER**  
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Every Wednesday night during the school year, Parrish Ministry Associate Kim Frederking meets with four students at St. John Lutheran Church, 7 miles north of Ellis.

The four of them are in junior high and members of one of the Lutheran churches aligned in the Prairie Faith Shared Ministry. The ministry group is made up of six churches in Northwest Kansas — Bethlehem Lutheran, WaKeeney; Emanuel Lutheran, Ogallah; Immanuel Lutheran, WaKeeney; Our Redeemer Lutheran, Ness City; St. John and Zion Lutheran, 9 miles south of WaKeeney.

The reason for the weekly meeting is confirmation class. For Frederking, a longtime member of the Lutheran church, this is the first confirmation class she has taught.

“We have enough active conversation most of the time that we actually run over our hour,” Frederking said. “I have a great group of kids. They’re not shy about expressing themselves.”

Before beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, the class is treated to a meal usually prepared by a parish member. Parents and siblings along with occasional other church members will join. It’s a time Frederking appreciates in that the students, Caitlin Smee, Ness City, Hayley Keller, Palco, Logan Armbrister and Donovan Colby, both of Ellis, get to

converse with church members.

Frederking said she enjoys watching the students talk to the older church members as it gives them a better sense of what they are accomplishing in the class.

The confirmation process in the Lutheran church is a two-year class. Two of the four students are in their second year and will be confirmed into the church May 11. What confirmation will mean for the students is they will become a full active member into the church. It gives them an opportunity when they choose, usually down the line, where they can be a part of the church council or hold other positions in the Lutheran faith.

“A lot of times we’ll relate parts they’re learning about to everyday life,” Frederking

said. “I try to get them to understand how much influence God has in their lives.”

Frederking has broken the two-year class sessions the students take into two parts. In the first year, she said the focus of class is on The Bible. In the second year it is about focusing on catechism. Since two students will be confirmed this year, the new students next year will start on the study of catechism with the second year students so they will be able to work together and won’t have to worry about mixing parts together.

“One thing I love about teaching these parts is when the kids get it,” Frederking said. “We’ll get to challenging parts and it’s fun to see their eyes when they understand it.”

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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Celebration Community  
May 23 to 26  
6 to 8:30 p.m.  
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### Ocean Commotion

North Oak Community  
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We will explore God’s love using the story of Noah and the Ark.  
Register online: [www.northoak.net](http://www.northoak.net)  
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Liberty Foursquare  
June 27 to July 1  
5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (supper included)  
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Register (no cost) on the first day at the church  
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### Courageous Faith

Trinity Lutheran & Hays First Presbyterian  
June 27 to July 1  
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Ages Kindergarten – 6th grade (grades completed)  
\$20 for first child, \$15 for each additional child (includes lunch & snacks)  
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For more information: Becca Cass [bcass@gbta.net](mailto:bcass@gbta.net), (785) 726.2467, (785) 639.2745 or Althea Groff [agroff@gbta.net](mailto:agroff@gbta.net) (785) 726.4250

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July 17  
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9-10pm (entering grade 6 – grade 12)  
Grades 3 to 12.  
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For more information: Lori Daniels [lori@hayschristianchurch.org](mailto:lori@hayschristianchurch.org), (785) 625.0094

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Hays First United Methodist  
July 18 to 21  
5-7:30 p.m. (light meal for all 5-5:30pm)  
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# The Heart of a Child

This issue of One Magazine is focusing on the heart of a child, which is probably one of my favorite subjects. I have been involved in children's ministry since the early 1980s in many areas of the church, from Sunday School, to Christmas programs, to VBS. My husband and I have also raised four children, presently ranging from ages 19-30 years old. Through the years I have observed that a child's heart is often open, generally willing and remarkably mobile. I think we can all appreciate that about kids and learn from their example.

I often say that kids' hearts become like little sponges for the Word of God. They are so open to learning about God, about Jesus and about welcoming the Holy Spirit to walk with them in their lives. One way that we have found to win a child's heart, is to have some fun games where they can scream and run, and be completely unleashed and appreciated. Then we feed them a sandwich and read a Bible lesson so some spiritual food and the physical food can get in and comfort at the same time. An activity page and discussion time then help their minds digest the information and make it into a reality. For some kids it will stick with them for the rest of their lives.

Once kids' hearts are open, they are generally willing; willing to follow, willing to share. As any parent can tell you, the will of a child is a powerful thing, and sometimes even unsurpassable. But if you get a child willing to go in a positive direction, get out of his/her way and let it happen! Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them."

We have dozens of kids willing to

come to Kids Club on Wednesday nights and willing to learn and grow in Jesus. In this generation, it isn't the parents making the kids come to church, but exactly the opposite. We often see the kids insisting that their parents or nanny bring them to church. The kids show up with hearts open and willing. Then it's up to us to guide them, like steering a car.

Just like a car, kids' hearts are remarkably mobile. Kids can go places that often adults are not allowed to go. For instance, I have seen a child insist that her suffering, alcohol prone father attend church so he could get saved. He not only went to church, but God turned the man's life around and he is an alcohol free,

stable, respected elder in our church today. Another example is in Acts 23 when the Apostle Paul's nephew gets in to the proper authority and saves Paul from being killed in the conspiracy against his life. Kids can go places and reach people where adults often cannot.

When a child's heart is full of God, it will most likely stay open, willing and mobile for that person's entire life. Jesus encourages us all to become as a child to enter the Kingdom of God.

Brian Duncan wrote a song that encourages us to have the heart of a child.

"Don't let me live without a child's love,

Like the love in this child of mine.

Help me dear Lord, to have a love for You,

A child's love."

May we all have the heart of a child, and may we be the delightful children of God who touch God's heart with pleasure, and touch other people with His peace.



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# If your wings are broken ...

We can learn a number of lessons from Jesus' association with Martha, Mary and Lazarus, three people who interacted with Jesus during his lifetime. Perhaps the most obvious one is the fact that they were friends. Jesus was very interested in their welfare, even entering into their family squabbles at times, but especially he felt sorrow when Lazarus had died.

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus (John 11:1-5).

Jesus was saddened by his friend's death, and true to friendship till the end, worked toward some resolution of his feelings by performing one of his greatest miracles.

Rachel Platten in her song "Stand By You" speaks to feelings and actions among friends, friends who have promised to remain friends forever. In beautiful words, the lady in the relationship tells her friend that she will be that friend no matter what.

She will be the wings her friend must have, she will find a way to break through any problems, she will walk through hell itself just to prove that her friend is not alone:

"Hands, put your empty hands in mine. And scars, show me all the scars you hide, and if your wings are broken, please take mine so yours can open too, 'cause I'm gonna stand by you. Even if we're breaking down, we can find a way to break through. Even if we can't find heaven, I'll walk through hell with you. Love, you're not alone, 'cause I'm gonna stand by you."

When people determine that they fall into the category of being "true friends," there are certain obligations that follow. Too often we humans say very

strong words like "friends forever" or "I will always be with you" or even "till death do us part." And too often the words mean nothing or very little. We grow older, we move away, we find ourselves in different circumstances, and we forget about the friendship.

When we say a friendship is true, it will last no matter what happens in life. Lazarus and his sisters felt that type of friendship from Jesus. Rachel Platten reminds us about the duties of a "true friend" in her song. It is a concept that every one of us should make our own.

## The Gospels in Fr. Mike's Top 5 (as of April 17)

- 1 — "Love Yourself" / Justin Bieber, Matthew 16:24-26
- 2 — "One Call Away" / Charlie Puth, John 1:44-46
- 3 — "7 Years" / Lukas, Graham Luke 18:18-23
- 4 — "Stressed Out" / Twenty One Pilots, Matthew 19:16-22
- 5 — "Cake By the Ocean" / DNCE Luke 8:11-15



Message at the Top

**Father Mike Scully**

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Balloons blow in the wind as people pray in groups during a National Day of Prayer event May 7, 2015 in front of the Ellis County Courthouse.

## Day of Prayer on May 5

Last year, approximately 50 people gathered outside the Ellis County Courthouse to embrace the power of prayer over matters of business, military, media, church, family, education and government.

This year's event is from noon to 1 p.m. May 7 again at the courthouse on the west side by the Veterans Memorial. The theme for his year's event comes from Isaiah 58:1, "Shout it aloud, do not hold back, raise your voice like a

trumpet!"

Local citizens will lead the prayer for area leaders.

A time for personal prayer requests from area congregations will be new at this year's event. Prayer requests can be made through a local pastor or by contacting KPRD at (785) 628-6300.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to the newly opened Breathe Coffee House at 7th and Main in downtown Hays.



On April 17, members of Liberty Foursquare Church at 400 E. Seventh, Hays, unveiled the completion of the church's new location with a dedication service and open house. Tours were provided, and cookies and punch were served. The dedication was the culmination of the work of numerous volunteers and professionals from the congregation and the community.





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