

I'm not perfect; I make mistakes. So what?

In 2013, the Florida State Seminoles were celebrated as college football's BCS Champions after completing a perfect 14-0 season. In the 135 year history of Major League Baseball, only 23 pitchers have tossed a perfect game. Each of those 23 pitchers is widely celebrated for accomplishing one of baseball's rarest individual feats. In 2009, USA Today reported that a Michigan teen got a perfect score on her ACT—and her SAT—and her PSAT! She was rewarded with a full-ride scholarship to Princeton University.

If perfection is so celebrated because of its rarity, should the opposite be true as well? Should imperfection be condemned? I mean, if perfection is considered the rarest of all feats, shouldn't it be considered acceptable if the rest of us don't achieve such a vaunted status? Nobody's perfect at life! We all make mistakes. Who cares?

God cares. While imperfections are an accepted part of life for us, they are not acceptable to our God. Imperfections run contrary to the way God intended this world to function. When he finished his work of creation, God was pleased to know that everything worked in harmony. There were no imperfections; "God saw all that he made and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). Our imperfections are therefore an offense to our perfect creator God. They are not excused; they are not overlooked. They are punished for the offense that they are.

Sure, nobody's perfect. That's why we need someone to be perfect for us.

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). Yes, Jesus Christ who had no sin or imperfection became our imperfection so that he might receive all of the punishment that we deserved, paying for it all by his death on the cross. In return, he grants us the perfection that we could not achieve on our own. In Christ we become "the righteousness of God."

As much as we celebrate individual accomplishments of perfection—the perfect season, the perfect game, or the perfect test score—how much greater can we celebrate the perfection that is ours by faith in Jesus Christ! In Christ you are perfect; believe it! Celebrate it! Live it!



Julie Dvorak	1-Jan
Jerry Hale	1-Jan
Brigitte Wells	2-Jan
Scarlet Matzdorff	6-Jan
Mindy Wood	7-Jan
Molly Skinner	12-Jan
Isaac Nichols	15-Jan
Chris Reinheimer	16-Jan
Hannah Orta	16-Jan
William Castellano	18-Jan
Ema deKalands	18-Jan
Joel Thibodeau	19-Jan
Calla Haukap	20-Jan
Cecil Maus	20-Jan
Virginia Durall	21-Jan
Erin Jensen	24-Jan
Henry Kassebaum	25-Jan
Kyleene Campbell	28-Jan
Nathan Wood	28-Jan
DaVana Yates	31-Jan

January Anniversaries

Ken and Mindy Wood 28-Jan

Note: Please let Tina know if an error has occurred in the newsletter.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starts at 10 am, everyone is welcome. Please join them.



Choir Practice Time Change

Choir practiced will be starting at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings, everyone who would like to sing is welcome to join us!

CONFIRMATION CLASS DAY AND TIME CHANGE

Youth Confirmation class will now be held on Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Students can join the Adult Bible Study on Sunday morning or

if we get a volunteer to teach a youth Bible study class, then they can go to a class with other confirmation students. If you want to volunteer contact Dann Reynolds.



Sunday School, Adult Bible Study

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: 11:30am

Church Council

Voter's Meeting Sunday, January 25th after Worship.

Youth Group

Pancakes Cook off on January 11th during snack time after worship. Free will donations will be accepted.

Valentine's Day Babysitting: Between 4:30-10:00 (kids have to be picked up by 10:00). Sign up list posted.

Next Meeting: January meeting is set for the 25th, and the February meeting is for 8th.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Cleaning Service has resigned, effective today they will no longer be cleaning our facility. The Council has discussed the options and is recommending that we NOT hire another cleaning service for several reasons. Since the Council requires the Voter's to make a decision on hiring a new cleaning service or not, the final decision will be made by the Voter's at the Quarterly Voter's Meeting in January. In the meantime, the Council is asking for Volunteers to clean the church once a week until a decision has been made. If you are willing to volunteer a sign up sheet will be posted or speak to Michael Rowlette (Property Chairman) to schedule a time to clean. It would be best if volunteers would group together to share the work load and make the task easier.

Faith Lutheran Prayer Circle

From time to time a brother or sister at Faith has a need or concern. They call Pastor Martin or Brien Grace and ask that the saints bring their request to our Father in heaven. Anita Enevold then contacts members who have signed up for the prayer circle. Those saints then pray for that member's request. If you wish to be included in the prayer circle, please contact Brien Grace or Anita Enevold.

"We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard!" (Acts 4:20)



Here is our Twitter address: FaithLutheranKy

Here is our name for the Facebook home page:

Faith Lutheran Church, Radcliff, Kentucky

Spread the good news of Jesus to family members, friends and neighbors by sharing sermons through our social media sites.

NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

OUR NEW PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY:

PETER AND LISA JEREMIAH, NOAH, ANNA AND JACOB MARTIN



- Q: How and where did you meet?
- A: On a blind date at DMLC. We only went out twice. Then five years later we met again at an Easter Seminary Choir concert in Kansas City. 2nd time was a charm!
- Q: When and where you married?
- A: We were married on July 1, 1995 at Lisa's church in Pittsburg, Kansas.
- Q: Tell us about your children.
- A: Jeremiah is 17, a junior at LPS. He has lived on a different continent than us since he was 14! He is involved in the forensics (debate) team at LPS and enjoys soccer. Noah is 15, a freshman at North Hardin. He enjoys biking, swimming, and rugby. Anna is 13, an 8th grader at North Middle. She enjoys reading, being outdoors, swimming, and music. Jacob is 10, a 4th grader at Woodland Elementary. He enjoys biking, swimming, soccer, rugby and zip-lines.
- Q: What is your home state?
- A: Peter grew up is Wisconsin, his parents now live in Florida. Lisa grew up in Missouri.
- Q: What are your individual hobbies?
- A: Peter loves biking. Lisa loves flower gardening. We both enjoy hiking and quilting.
- Q: What does your family enjoy doing together?
- A: We love to camp and hike. We love exploring and learning all about beautiful America!
- Q: Do you have a favorite sports team?
- A: Peter Vikings, Lisa KC Chiefs, Jeremiah Liverpool (soccer), Noah Packers, Anna Packers, and Jacob Seahawks.
- Q: Are you having trouble transitioning to life back in the states?
- A: For some things, yes. Everyone is so fast here walking, talking, driving, planning, and cooking! A study was done and Malawi came out as the people who walk the slowest on Earth. So please be patient with us, we will try to speed up.
- Q: What do you like best about Faith Lutheran Church?
- A: The attitude we see and feel is that the members put God's Word and work first in the church. We love all of the people!

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SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7 Women's Bible Study 10 am Council Meeting 5 pm Confirmation 7 pm	8	9	10
11 Youth group Pancake Cook off after worship	12	13	14 Women's Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 7 pm	15	16	17
18 Women of Faith Meeting after Bible Study	Pastor's	20 Conference	21 Women's Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 7 pm	22	23	24
25 Voter's Meeting after Worship Voters Meeting Youth Group Meeting	26	27	28 Women's Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 7 pm	29	30	31

Sundays: 10 am Worship

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: 11:30am

Communion Sunday =



STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

Thank you for your service to our Lord!
A friendly reminder: if you are unable to perform your duties as usher, please find someone to take your

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Pray for the members of our church family on the day their name is listed.				1 Peter Lisa Jeremiah Noah Anne Jacob Martin	2 Cecil Maus	3 Gerlinde McCarty
Ushers: Christian Stover, Dwayne Campbell, Richard Fullen, Bill Kimes Counters: Ben Emerson, Debbie Fangel Attendance: Valerie Erne Organist: Lynne Hogan	5 Scott Tina Ben Milward	6 Dean Katy Kristen Dayton Moreland	7 Chris Isaac Nichols	8 Virgil Sandra Teri Oakes	9 Carlos Dawn Joshua Hannah Matthew Orta	10 Richard Poore Julie Dvorak
Ushers: Ben Emerson, Shawn Campbell, Richard Elliott, Ben Milward Counters: Mike Rowlette, Bet- ty Kimes Attendance: Earl Enevold	12 Chris Reinhei- mer	13 Steve Reinhei- mer	14 Dann Kay Megan Reynolds	15 Jamie Wendy Dakota Rodgers	16 Michael Rita Rowlette	17 Anna Troy Tyler Dominic Sanders
Ushers: Dann Reynolds, Paul Kassebaum, Jamie Rodgers, Rob Strickland Counters: Brien Grace, Earl Enevold Attendance: Valerie Erne Organist: Louise Skinner	19 Christa David Saski	20 Sean Louise Hannah Molly Abby Natalie Skinner	21 Barbara Snider	22 Nichole Spencer	23 Jake Angy Christian Abby Joshua Stover	24 Rob Kris Justin Collin Strickland
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