

# Faith in Action

January  
2013

## Spiritual Practice of the Month

### The Secret of Success

By Max Lucado

An accomplished Ironman tri-athlete told me the secret of his success. He said, "You last the long race by running short ones." Don't swim 2.4 miles; just swim to the next buoy. Rather than bike 112 miles, ride 10, take a break, and bike 10 more. Never tackle more than the challenge ahead.

Didn't Jesus offer the same counsel? He said in Matthew 6:34, "***So don't ever worry about tomorrow. After all, tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of it's own.***"

When asked how he managed to write so many books, the author explained that he'd never written a book. All he did was write one page a day.

Face challenges in stages. You can't control your temper forever, but you can control it for the next hour.

Remember, you last the long race by running the short ones!

### Leadership Blitz

Calling all committee members - our work towards the 2012 Discipleship Plan begins with a Leadership Blitz where we will;

1. Review our Discipleship Plan and Vision for the next five years.
2. Set meeting days/times for committees.
3. Covenant to work together as the Body of Christ.
4. Take a 'Spiritual Gift Inventory' to help us learn where God can best use us and our gifts.

The Blitz will be on Saturday, January 26th from 1-4 p.m. Bring a simple snack food to share. Our church will be 'on track' as we line up our 'train cars' (committees) and get behind the Engine that is Jesus Christ!

Everyone is welcome!

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There never has been, and never will be, another day like today. This is best reflected in our calendars.

You cannot recycle an old calendar, can you? And the same is true for this new day. We cannot recycle all of the stuff we didn't do yesterday, all the "shoulds" and "musts" that haunt us. Instead, when you throw those calendars away, take some time to meditate and throw away those limitations and fears and unrealistic expectations, and let them go where they need to be...right in the garbage of the past.

Rev. Shay St. John



## Have Coffee With the Pastor

**When:** 4th Sunday of each month,

**Time:** 10:00—10:45 a.m.

**Where:** in the Overflow Room

Congratulations to John Beatty on his recent graduation from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He has earned a Bachelors of Art/Political Science Degree and a Bachelors of Art/Communications Degree with an emphasis in film and media art.

Our candy sales for the Advent Season finished last Sunday with a profit of \$1,375.78 for Renovations. We appreciate everyone's support with the project again this year and also thank Ace Hardware for letting us sell candy at their store 3 different Saturdays. Again this year, we let Pat Hyatte know that we were selling the "Roy Hyatte Memorial Peanut Brittle" and she wrote back thanking us for again remembering Roy in this way. Roy and Pat were very active members of Faith when they lived here in Kearney. Thank you again from Renovations for a successful fundraiser.



I want to thank those who helped with my recent move, including Rich Chandler, Doug Jesch, Fran Wilson, and Rob & Lee Carter. A special thanks to Dayla Rhodus who not only helped but also coordinated everyone else's schedules to make this move happen. I would also like to thank all those who have visited and kept me in their prayers during my recovery from surgery. I feel very blessed to have such wonderful friends!  
Sincerely, Mary Helen Samp (A donation was given in their honor)

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4  
MARV & CAROL  
HILTON

10  
LYLE & LYNDA  
HENDERSON

14  
RON & ILA  
LOEBIG

14  
RICH & LORA  
CHANDLER

27  
STAN & ROMA  
GRUBE

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1- Larry Peterson     | 18- Bob Eberhard       |
| Alta Crapson          | 20- Richelle Schriener |
| 3- Ed Kohel           | 21- Blanche Frederick  |
| Mike Lamkin           | Merland Clark          |
| 4- Taylor Walters     | 22- Lois Idt           |
| 5- John Reicheneker   | Brandon White          |
| 9- Paul Miller        | McKenzie Mayo-Proell   |
| Marci Jo Lambert      | 23- Gayle Vavra        |
| 12- Bill Crapson      | Zeanna Odens           |
| Keenan Clark          | Blake Chandler         |
| 14- Steve Christensen | Macey Pettit           |
| 15- Kathy Larson      | 26- Jennifer Slack     |
| Bob Krell             | 28- Ethan Mizner       |
| Tab Eastberg          | 29- Steve Curtiss      |
| Logan Maschmann       | 30- Bob Olmsted        |
| 16- Patricia Sadler   | Carol Hilton           |
| Jocelyn Hamaker       | Beth Ann Reed          |
| 17- Darrell Epping    | 31- Nancy Zwink        |
| 18- Jan Wilson        | Kimberly Kohel         |
| Millie Otto           |                        |



# January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> CHURCH CLOSED	<b>2</b> 12:15-12:45 Weight Watchers  NO CCF NO UMYF  5:30 Confirmation 5:30 Praise Band 7:00 Choir	<b>3</b> 9:00 Quilters   5:45-6:15 Weight Watchers	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30-9:00 Weight Watchers
	<b>6</b> 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>7</b> 9:30-10:00 Weight Watchers  6:00 Lay Leadership Meeting  7:00 Webelos II	<b>8</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship	<b>9</b> 12:15-12:45 Weight Watchers  3:30 CCF  5:30 Confirmation 5:30 Praise Band 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir	<b>10</b> 9:00 Quilters   5:45-6:15 Weight Watchers	<b>11</b>
<b>13</b> 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship  UCM Brunch & Serv	<b>14</b> 9:30-10:00 Weight Watchers	<b>15</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship  Noon Clergy Lunch	<b>16</b> 12:15-12:45 Weight Watchers  3:30 CCF  5:30 Confirmation 5:30 Praise Band 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir	<b>17</b> 9:00 Quilters  12:00 – 3:00 pm Bishop Lunch  5:45-6:15 Weight Watchers	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30-9:00 Weight Watchers
<b>20</b> 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship  3:00 Pack 135	<b>21</b> 9:30-10:00 Weight Watchers   7:00 Webelos II	<b>22</b> 9:30 - Women's Bible Fellowship	<b>23</b> 9:00-2:00 p.m. Pastor Michelle @ Nursing Homes 12:15-12:45 Weight Watchers 3:30 CCF 5:30 Confirmation 5:30 Praise Band 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir	<b>24</b> 9:00 Quilters   5:45-6:15 Weight Watchers	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30-9:00 Weight Watchers  1:00-4:00 Leader- ship Blitz
<b>27</b> 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship  12:00 Community Meal	<b>28</b> 9:30-10:00 Weight Watchers	<b>29</b> 9:30 - Women's Bible Fellowship	<b>30</b> 12:15-12:45 Weight Watchers  3:30 CCF  5:30 Confirmation 5:30 Praise Band 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir	<b>31</b> 9:00 Quilters   5:45-6:15 Weight Watchers		



# Children & Youth

**Schedule Note:** NO activities on Wednesday, January 2, 2013

## C.C.F.

(Children's Christian Fellowship)

January will kick-off our adventure through the 10 Commandments in lesson, games, crafts, and music. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is invited to join us at ANY TIME on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30pm.



## U.M.Y.F.

(United Methodist Youth of Faith)

We'll continue to "Ruin Your Life" in lesson, activity, and game. Youth never know what we might have in store, 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us ANY Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm.

## Reality Check

Yes, we have recently taken one of our Youth Ministry area and concluded that we need to start a small group to discuss issues at hand. We will begin MONTHLY meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY of every month with JANUARY 26 from 1-3pm. Keep your eyes peeled for details on the topic of the month and our topic walker. There will be a code of conduct addressing privacy and behavior to ensure a positive environment for everyone to gather to overcome and support.

**Kids of the Kingdom Sunday School** will wrap up the lessons set aside for Advent. There will be more Holy Moly! for elementary, "Self Esteem" for middle school, and "Christian Life" for high school. Then we'll dive into Lent in February. Join us ANY Sunday from 10:00-10:45am, upstairs to explore God's Word.

**THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers, staff, and congregation members that made our Kids' Night-In, Nativity Parade Christmas program, and Youth Lock-In possible in December.



**THANK YOU** to all who donated blankets during the month of November for our Children and Youth's Blanket Drive Mission Project – you helped us bring God's love and comfort to our community through cozy blankets. The youth hand-delivered them on December 5 to the Safe Center in Kearney.

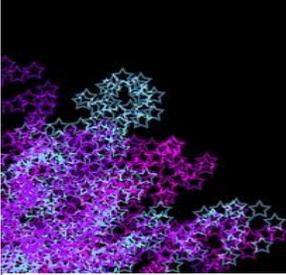


## Prayers Please

Summer 2013  
Youth Mission  
Trip

Confirmation  
Class 2012-  
2013





**Community Meal**

Sunday,  
January 27

**January Sermon Series**

The Lord's Prayer - Begins January 20.

**United Campus Ministry**

UCM will lead worship on Sunday, January 13 at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. They will serve a breakfast during the Sunday School hour. Thank you for your support of our UNK Students!

**Chancel Choir Practice**

Wednesdays  
7:00 p.m.



**USHERS**  
THIS MONTH

**8:45 AM**

**6** - Steve & Suzann Christensen

**Scripture -**

**13** - John & Sue Divan

**Scripture -**

**20** - Bill & Alta Crapson

**Scripture -**

**27** - Rachel Brown Family

**Scripture -**

**11:00 AM**

**6** -

**Scripture -**

**13** - Lee & Patty McQueen

**Scripture -**

**20** -

**Scripture -**

**27** -

**Scripture -**

*Bus Ministry Available*

Bus transportation is available to church services in the local area. Contact the Church for times and locations.



**January Bus Driver Schedule**

**6** - Mike Fox & Jake Greder

**13** - Tony Miller & Ryan Findley

**20** - Pat Garrelts & Dan Odens

**27** - Jim Brewer & Pat Slack

# Bishop's INM Free Throw Challenge

Dear sisters and brothers,  
How many free throws can I make? On Feb. 23, we'll find out as I shoot 1,000 free throws to raise money for Imagine No Malaria. For \$10 (the cost of one mosquito net to save a life) anyone can guess how many I will make.

Please encourage your congregation members to make a guess. For those who guess the right number, I will buy them dinner. (For transparency, you might want to know that I played 8th grade basketball in Indiana, and on a church team in 1988. No organized basketball since then).

To pick your number, go to [www.ShootForNoMalaria.net](http://www.ShootForNoMalaria.net) and click on "Bishop's Free Throw Challenge." You can guess one or more times and donate via

PayPal, or you can download a form, write in your guesses and send a check payable to the Nebraska Conference Treasurer with Bishop's Free Throw Challenge in the memo line to 3333 Landmark Circle, Lincoln, NE 68504.

Better yet, organize your own free throw event and let people in your church guess your number for a donation of \$10. Bruce Davis, one of the pastors at St. Andrews UMC, in Omaha, has already agreed to do this. Better yet, he has started practicing! For help, talk with Ashley Gish, [agish@umcom.org](mailto:agish@umcom.org).

By the way, Mary Lou is predicting I will make 200. I am buying 650. Multiple people can buy any number. Let the fun and fun-draising begin!

Grace and peace,  
Scott Jones



## Power-Packed Prayers for Public Schools

1. **Rejected students.** "Lord, come alongside those children who feel rejected by their peers or teachers. Plant people in their lives who will love them unconditionally. In your divine wisdom, Lord, convict the students and teachers who ostracize these children." (Is. 1:17)
2. **Failing students.** "Lord, I ask You to encourage those children who are struggling with their studies. Strengthen their minds. Help their teachers and parents know how to help them learn. Protect them from feelings of worthlessness and shame." (1 Thes. 5:14)
3. **Children of divorce, abuse and neglect.** "Father of the fatherless, heal the children of this school whose homes and hearts are ravaged by divorce, abandonment or domestic violence. Protect them from physical harm and emotional scars. Bring people to them who will pour Your healing Word into the broken places of their hearts." (Jas. 1:27)

**Faith United Methodist Church Leadership 2013**

**Administrative Council:**

Chair- TBS  
Vice chair- Dayla Rhodus  
Lay Leader-  
Recording Secretary- Patty McQueen  
Lay Member to AC- Penny Buettner  
Alternate Lay Member –  
Church Treasurer- Penny Buettner  
Financial Secretary- *Sandy Townsend (temporary)*

**At Large Members:**

2013 Marie Danburg, Jon Obermiller  
2014 Pat Garrelts, Doug Jesch  
2015 Suzann Christensen

**Trustees:**

Chair- *voted in at first meeting of the year*  
2013 Linda Johnson  
2014 Amy Bear, Kathy Garrelts, Pat Slack  
+ Renovations representative  
2015 Roger Townsend, Annette Froid, Keith Danburg

**Building Accessibility Committee**

Chair: Pat Slack  
Bob Bradley, Roger Wisch, Lee McQueen, Pat Slack,  
Patty McQueen (recording secretary/no vote), Marlys Bauer

**SPRC:**

Chair- Diane Steinbrink  
2013 Marv Hilton, Sherri Peterson, Marlys Bauer  
2014 Diane Steinbrink, Tari Maaske  
2015 Mindy Lester, Lynda Henderson, Tom Schultz,  
Ryan Findley

**Lay Leadership:**

2013 Dayla Rhodus, Jacque Triplett  
2014 Kathy Garrelts  
2015

**Finance:**

Chair: Lee McQueen  
2013 Sue Divan, Lee McQueen, Larry Peterson  
2014 Jennifer Slack  
2015 Tim Lester, Robb Carter  
+ Reps from SPRC, Trustees, Renovations, Lay Member to AC,  
Chair of Ad Council, Lay Leader, Financial secretary and treasurer.

**Christian Ed:**

Chair:TBS  
2013 Janelle Beatty, Lora Chandler  
2014 Dixie Obermiller, Rachel Brown, Mindy Lester  
2015 Karen McBride, Mary Nuss, Joleen Stowell  
+ Christian Education/Youth Director

**Nurture: Nurture, Outreach, Witness**

Chair: Dayla Rhodus (2009)  
2013 Darrell and Joan Epping, Mary Mendlik  
2014 Kathy Brisbin  
2015 Sarah Stubbs, Nancy Zwink, Jacque Triplett  
(Cradle Roll)

**Memorial:**

Chair: TBS  
2013 Gary and Marci Jo Lambert  
2014 Alta Crapson, Nancy Zwink  
2015 Jon McBride, Mona Ripp, Mary Garrison

**Worship Team:**

Michael Heuertz, Lee Carter  
Penny Buettner, Fran Wilson, Suzann Christensen,  
Witness of Faith Praise Band members

**Community Meal: TBA**

**Art in the Park: TBA**

**Community Garden Team: TBA**

**Transportation:**

**Healthy Lifestyles: Kathy Larson**

**Safety: Pastor Michelle, Selia and Bob**

**Prayer Quilts: Dayla Rhodus**

**Head Ushers: TBA**

**Caring & Sharing: Annette Froid**

**Gateway District Representative: TBA**

**United Campus Ministry Rep: TBA**



# Faith Fellowship

**When:** Sundays

**Time:** 9:45-10:45 a.m.

**Where:** Overflow Room

**What:** Join us for fellowship & morning beverages after and before services, or somewhere in between.



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**H**appiness depends upon your outlook on life;

**A**ttitude is just as important as ability;

**P**assion is a sister of success. May you find yours this year!

**P**ositive thoughts make everything easier;

**Y**ou are unique, with special gifts: use them.

**N**ew beginnings start now. Start your new life today!

**E**nthusiasm is the foundation of happiness. Have joy!

**W**ishes are good. Plans to implement them are better.

**Y**oke yourself to something spiritually higher. May you find happiness within;

**E**nergy is the spice of life. May you have lots of it;

**A**ppreciate that life is what you make it: choose happiness!;

**R**elax (sleep) & laugh lots. It's really good for you!

Christopher Ian Chenoweth

