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Follow Me

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness

Matthew 9:35

The most difficult part of my studio classes are the demos. For two hours you sit, huddled around the instructor, trying to take notes while she demonstrates a technique. Yuk! Even when the technique is something I'm really excited about, after an hour I start to get restless.

But, on the occasions when I'm handed a text to read or have had only a verbal explanation, I generally fail more. By watching my professors, I note not just all they are saying, but also am able to observe all the unconscious actions that make the process a success.

Before Jesus sent out his disciples he modeled the attitude and behaviors he wanted them to have. He prayed to his father in front of them. He healed the sick. He taught to those interested in his message. He didn't say, "Now I want you to go out and teach and heal. Here's a manual. Read it on your way."

Believe it or not, he didn't give us an instruction book and expect us to go to it. The Bible is our manual, so to speak. It gives us an account of who God is and what our relationship to him is to be. He has expectations of how we should act if we claim to love him and trust him. But he has also given us people in our lives to model after, Chuck and Mario for starters, all the historic saints like St. Augustine of Hippo, modern day saints Elizabeth and James Elliot. Look to the men and women God has placed in your life already as mentors.

The other side of the coin is that our children are watching us. They are learning how to love and share Christ by what we are doing (or not doing). I can order my boys to be generous with each other, but if I'm hoarding chocolate bars my words are empty and useless.

Christ has called us to follow him. What you need to remember is that while you are following him, your children are following you. Right into the arms of their loving father!

With joy,

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Monthly Mentions

Please join us for the Lenten Supper Series every Wednesday through March. Holy Eucharist is at 5:45, Potluck dinner at 6:00 & teaching for all ages. Preschoolers and under will receive childcare; older children will enjoy "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis. Helpers for the last two weeks are still needed.

VBS is in the works and all hands on deck. If you would like to guarantee your child's placement, volunteer. June 28th—July 2nd, all positions are needed. Please contact January Britt at 447-0322 or januarybritt@verizon.net.

The Golden Babysitter book is in process. Anyone willing to refer their favorite babysitter or in need of a babysitter, please contact Jill at 288-1911 or jillatstmatts@hotmail.com. We are trying to put together a resource for all parents to use.

We have some openings in the Nursery that need to be filled. If you can help out, please give Jill Rich a call at 288-1911. Dates are March 21, infant, toddler & preschool, April 11, infant, & May 23, toddler. Thanks in advance.

Nursery Schedule

Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.

If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.

Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
March 7	Lynda Jenkins Nancy Knight	Kate Garitz Shawn Garitz	Megan Lloyd Chris Lloyd
14	Lee West Anne Simpson	Ann Brown Boyd Brown	Adrian Hudgins Susan Harrison
21	Carol Grainger		Natalie Axtell
28	Jean Ray Shannon Norris	Kathryn Martin Dave Martin	Bethany Piersol Jake Piersol