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| ****Embrace the Journey****"New normal" is a phrase some people have grown comfortable using in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, but let’s be honest "new normal" is not comfortable at all. It’s requiring new perspective, new attitudes, new ideas and new leadership from each of us to meet the challenges of what we are learning will be our new way of life together. And “life together” is exactly what we were created for. God never meant for any of us to experience life in a vacuum; on our own. Though we will not agree on exactly how to live together or what it means to do so with the “care” God intended us to show one another, we must deal with the why He has called us to live together:  He loves us. And He wants us to love one another; especially when it is difficult. **Here are four things I believe God is challenging each of us to learn and embrace as we anticipate what this year will bring:** 1. **Embrace a new perspective.** While there are elements that will feel familiar, we must embrace the perspective that our circumstances have changed.  We won’t be going back to what we once knew as normal. We must release our desire for "when things settle down" or "when things get back to normal." It’s a new day. Habits, behaviors and expectations have shifted for all of us, and the future looks different. That’s not necessarily bad, by the way. Different simply means different. Let’s embrace what’s different and choose to lean into it.
2. **Embrace a new attitude.** There have certainly been moments over the last few months where I’ve been angry and irritated by all the changes and what it’s required from us. At times it has felt unfair. But one of the few things I do have control of is my attitude. I can control my response. And as a leader, how I’m responding to the challenges presented by this season speaks volumes to people around me. This is true for parents as well. Your children are going to follow your lead. We can choose to be annoyed by what’s changed or we can choose to embrace it with an eye on the opportunity that it will present. Your attitude in the weeks and months ahead may provide the greatest opportunity for learning your child(ren) will ever experience.
3. **Embrace a new idea.** Innovation comes only through constraint. The limitations of our circumstances can breed creativity. Again, we each have a choice. What new idea do you need to consider? What questions can you generate with your child(ren) to make this year a new adventure? Collaborate with idea generators...(teachers, other parents, etc.), those creative types that naturally see possibilities and generate ideas. Listen for their insights. You don’t necessarily need to be the chief idea generator. Just make room for the ideas to surface and, more importantly, do this with your child(ren) so they can follow your lead, but also show you their creativity ingenuity as well.
4. **Embrace new leadership.** What do you need to do differently to parent better in this season? I promise something different is needed from you as your child’s parent. It might be a new perspective, a new attitude or a new idea. This is an opportunity for you to grow as a parent. What does your family need from you? How do you need to engage them differently than you have before?

This school year will be different; even from last year!What "new" is required of you right now?God’s Peace!Mr. Neumiller |

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| ****Return to Campus Plan****The task force for reopening Faith has been working to complete our plan for keeping students, staff and visitors healthy and safe upon our return to campus this fall. There is a great deal of information to consider and clarify, but we have set a goal to publish a “first draft” by next **Friday, July 3rd** so the Faith community can begin the individual process of planning for fall. This document will most certainly be edited and adjusted as circumstances change throughout the remainder of the summer. It, as with the rest of life here on earth, will be a work in progress, so continue to check the school website often for the next several months.Thank you to the members of this group who have given countless hours researching, discussing, and praying over how best to care for one another and the greater community where God has placed us!Task force members:     Katy Acklam, Amber Jacobs, Katie Pyle, Sarah Elliott, Debbie Klumb,     Heather Kravitz, Robin McMillen, Amy Suelzle, Julie Roberts, and     Peggy DeGregory |

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| ****Summer Office Hours****Normal school office hours during the summer will be Monday through Thursday 9-12. We recommend calling the office at (360) 491-1733 to set up a time if you need to stop by. |

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