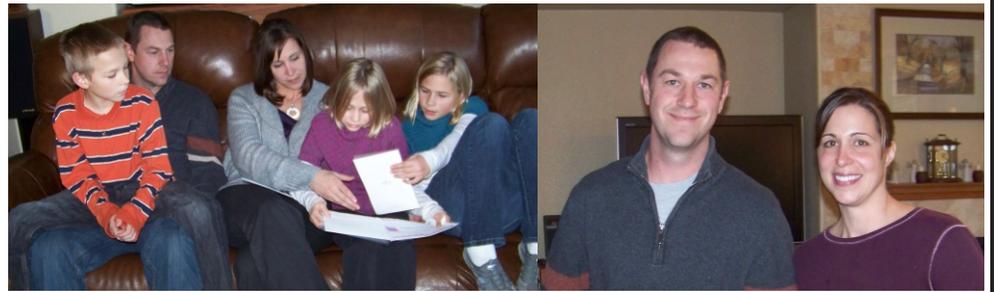


January 3, 2012

Dear family & friends,



January Birthday Parties for Amy & Katie

For the first time in recent years, I have missed completing this letter in time for a Christmas mailing, so I am sending it to you as our New Year's holiday letter.



Carl & Pat on a Mexican cruise with Carl's brother Craig, sister Karen, Mom, Aunt Toni and cousin Pat



August San Francisco trip with Craig, Kevin, Karen and Megan



Mid-summer trip with the Palau team to Bend, Swimming, Fellowship, and Music (Toby MAC)

This last year has been one of much travel and time with the family. The photo gallery portrays much of the year's excitement but I will add a few words to fill in the gaps.



Early summer, Pat and Maddy went to visit Paul & Becca in Baltimore.



Matt, Nate, and Pastor Tony  
Nate is getting baptized by Matt.



**Maddy, Nate, & Katie during October pumpkin party with Grandma & Grandpa**

Carl continues to serve in the food bank warehouse and also serves on the Board of Directors. His Shepherds' Assistant ministry continues to serve local pastors and keeps him busy creating new sermons. During most months I am preaching in 2-3 churches, and record a 20 minute devotional for broadcast on a local radio station. Carl looks forward to being through with school in December 2012 and receiving his Masters of Divinity.



**Carl & Pat visiting Heidelberg (Germany) & Prague (Czech) with Paul and Rebecca**

Pat has expanded her ministry this year. She is now leading a weekly woman's Bible study for those detained at the county jail, and meets with others throughout the week for discipleship and sharing. Music continues to be a big part of our life as Pat continues in her two bands with her French horn. She is now giving piano lessons to our 3 grand kids, clarinet lessons to Maddy and meets with others to play their instruments together.

We hope and pray that each of you and your families will see God do great things in 2012.

*All our love, Carl & Pat Simonsen*



**Katie, Maddy and Nate with their gingerbread creations.**