

Highlights from 2012...

Dave & Marci got the chance to get away for an anniversary trip out to California. We had wonderful tour guides (Marci's Uncle John & Aunt Kandice) who gave us suggestions on hidden treasures to visit along the coast in Northern California and the Wine Country. Then, they were gracious hosts for a few days showing us around their town and Tahoe. What a beautiful part of the country!

Mid-2012 Dave resigned from his position as Director of Music at Bloomington Covenant. We had a wonderful time at Bloomington Covenant and made many lasting friendships there. However, it was time for Dave to take a break from part-time music ministry to have more time to dedicate to our family and his full-time job. Though we were welcomed to stay at Bloomington Covenant by the church family, we decided that we needed to find a church closer to home. We feel blessed to have found a church home in Restoration Covenant Church. It is close by in Apple Valley and has a growing, thriving, Christ-centered community. We feel blessed to have been welcomed into a life group (Restoration's version of small group Bible studies) where we are deepening our relationships with God and one another.

As a family, we visited Branson, Missouri in June. Grandpa Peterson loves Branson and was excited to have us come visit it with him. We took in all the shows, Silver Dollar City, a Duck Boat ride, and enjoyed time at the condo relaxing and swimming.

Both Jacob & Hannah started new schools this year so we now have a middle school student and a high school student. It is hard to believe! They are both enjoying their new schools and embracing the responsibilities of being in the next level of school.

We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and peaceful New Year!!!

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As we look back on 2012,
here are a few highlights
of the year:

California...Missouri...
Music...Sports...
School...Church...

Read on to find out more!

Jacob's Jottings



Hello everyone! I am 14 years old and in ninth grade at Rosemount High School this year. Since this is my first year at the high school, I was nervous at first but now everything seems normal. I am in three honors classes: English, American Government and Citizenship, and Earth with

Physical Science; that keeps me pretty busy in school. I am also in Student Council. I am still in the Minnesota Boychoir, but this year I am in the high school group, Allegro. I am also in the Freshmen's Select Men's Ensemble at school. This summer we went to Branson, and one of my highlights was going on the Wildfire at Silver Dollar City, a huge, loopy, roller coaster!



Marci's Musings

My main job continues to be stay-at-home mom. Amira and I continue to keep busy with her activities, MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers), and play-dates. Along with all that a stay-at-home mom job entails, I have recently started working **very** part-time from home for TIES. It is a blessing to have a job with flexible hours (no daycare needed) and no commute. I continue to be a part of a Bible study group with women from our former church and am excited to be getting more involved at our new church. My most recent hobby is using coupons. No, I have not become a hoarder but it is exhilarating to see how many things I can get for free or how much I can save. I'm not sure it is really helping the bottom line a ton but for now I'm enjoying the challenge.

Hannah's Happenings



Hello! Happy Holidays to you all! So far this year has been a blast! I'm 11 years old and am a 6th grader at Rosemount Middle School. I love being in middle school, I don't like only having 4 minute passing time!:) My favorite subject in school is

English with my favorite teacher Mrs. Picker. My favorite colors are purple, green, and blue. My favorite sports are soccer, volleyball, and swimming; and my favorite animal of course is a Panda! This summer, our family



and grandpa and grandma Peterson went to Branson, Missouri. It was super fun! At Silver Dollar City (which is an amusement park,) I got Jacob to ride two of the biggest roller coasters there! (one went upside down 5 times!) I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

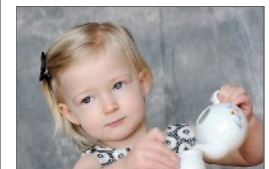
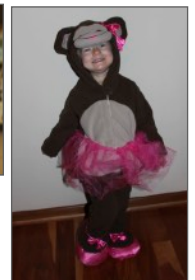
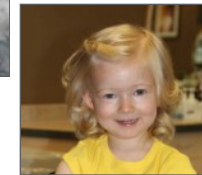
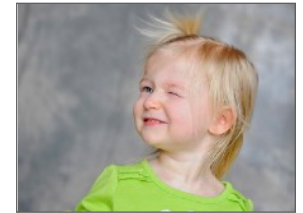


Amira's Anecdotes



I am 2 1/2 years old. I like to keep busy. Every night before bed, I need to know what we are going to be doing the next day. Each week I go to swim lessons and gymnastics. At swimming, I don't like getting my face wet but everything else is fun. I love everything at gymnastics, especially the big

trampoline. I've been working hard at swimming & gymnastics; after Christmas, I will graduate into the 3 year old classes for both. That means my mom won't be with me in my class anymore. When I'm not busy with these activities I like to run errands with mom (Target is my favorite as they give me cookies & stickers!), play with friends, & go places like the library, zoo, or the Children's museum. I also love to sing songs and read books, perhaps you have seen my videos on



Dave's Declarations

I am in my 8th year working at TIES in my role as Senior Consultant in our Data Services Department. My job continues to grow and challenge me as we continue to work on innovative tools to help educators make a positive impact in the growth of our children. I did have a health scare this October where I was sent via ambulance from urgent care to the Hospital ER. Fortunately, it was nothing heart related and after a stress test, it was determined that my heart is running strong! I still am using the talents that God gave me as I sing with the worship team occasionally at Restoration.