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*Lord of the loving
heart, may mine
be loving too.*

*Lord of the gentle
hands, may mine
be gentle too.*

*Lord of the will-
ing feet, may mine
be willing too.*

*So may I grow
more like Thee in
all I say and do.*

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What a Week

This month marks the sixth anniversary of my election to the Vestry and thus it marks my last month as one of the nine representatives to your church Vestry. As your Junior Warden I have been concerned about a very wide range of problems - most of them dealing with buildings and grounds issues. As I contemplated passing the title of Junior Warden on, I knew that the major ongoing problem was the leak in our "green roof." Everything else seemed to be in good shape. All of that changed on August 3.

As Claudia so eloquently stated in her homily one week later. "My goodness what a week! It's hard to believe that it was just last Sunday when the storm hit. Those of you, who were still here finishing up with coffee hour or rehearsing with the choir, will vividly recall first the lightening strike and then the rising water. Poor Dan (Danielson) was stuck in the elevator and someone else fell into the organ bench sustaining quite a bruise. I'm sure by now you all know the rest of the story: if the lightening strike and ensuing power outage, and flooding in the parish hall wasn't enough, on Monday night the church was broken into, thankfully sparing us damage to the worship space, but wreaking havoc in the office. The only word to describe the scene was total chaos."

I wish that I had room in this short article to describe how Claudia brought us from the scene of chaos to the thought that "chaos is the cauldron out of which creation is made." Quoting Paul's letter to the Romans where he says "for I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" she concluded that the God who has the power to create from chaos, has the power to make all things new.

...and as your Junior Warden for at least another week let me promise you, my friends, that with God's help, all things will be made new.

Peter Smith, Junior Warden

Memorial Communion Set

By Carlton T. Russell

Barbara Sorlien has given St. Francis a Communion kit for use by our Eucharistic Visitors and others in taking the sacrament to shut-ins.

Barbara writes: "This communion kit is presented to St. Francis in loving memory of Frederick Ian Wolf, grandson of Barbara Sorlien. Freddie, diagnosed with leukemia at age 21, entered 'into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints' (BCP, p. 493) in his 23rd year."

