**St. Thomas More Pastoral Council New Member**

Name: **Keith W. Feldmann**

Parish/Regina Involvement:

When our kids were little, I drove them down to Regina one evening a week for religious education. I sat in the grown-up study hall in the cafeteria, and wished that my kids could attend religious education with kids from their own neighborhood. So, when folks took up the challenge to offer RE in North Liberty, I signed up to teach for two years in the Centro Plastic Factory. Later, I taught RE another year in a day care out on Penn Street, and, finally in the basement of our current structure. Lately, my participation in our parish is serving as a lector, and once in a while clowning it up in the productions of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Godspell, and Jesus Christ Superstar.

Volunteer Work in Local Community:

Honestly, not that much. I’ve been devoted to my work as an elementary school teacher and a father. I was a roadie for the West High Show Choir, and helped when my son was in Scouts, but that was some time ago. Time for me to do some more.

Why do you want to serve on the **Pastoral Council**?

I really love our parish. Our family has been here since 1996. Not counting when I worshipped here back in my college days, back in the ‘80’s. At the first mass in our new building, my sister read the first reading, and my son and I carried a candle. This is place where people are connected with each other, like a community. I want to help keep that going.

What skills/talents do you feel you would bring to this position?

I am a really good listener. I care about people. I care about families. I am really good at learning what people feel strongly about.

*Occupation: 3rd grade classroom teacher at James Van Allen Elementary School*

*Name of spouse: Alice Kretzinger-Feldmann*

*Children: 3 grown children. Rachel, Kathryn, Joseph*