
THE VOICE OF THIRD LUTHERAN





**From Our Pastor
Steven Renner**

NOVEMBER

Dear Friends,

I often will use images from lessons that we have just heard in worship or that we are about to hear for my devotional for council meetings. Lately, we have been hearing from Jesus that we all we have is actually God's and that we are just tenants here. I did some research and I discovered that somebody (with more time on their hands than I do) has noticed that the word *believe* appears in the Bible, 273 times, *pray* appears 371 times, and *love* appears 714 times. *Give* appears 2,172 times. That was eye opening for me, so I shared it with the council. We then pondered the question that if every Christian would give a percentage of God's gift to them, churches would not have one concern about doing all of the outreach work they wanted to do. Again, as the lessons have pointed out this fall, what we have is really not our own. What we give to the church, whether it be our time, talents or treasure, we are really returning to God a portion of what has been given to us.

As I write this column, the sermon I am working on is based on the questioning of Jesus and his response of render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God, what is God's. While preparing a sermon I often will skim through stories that I have been given or have found that might help to illustrate the point. For this specific topic I had an abundance so I want to share with you a story here (so my sermon is not too long).

Sometime back ABC TV news carried a brief story about Louise Hauser of Houston, Texas who won \$50,000 on the game show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." Here is the remarkable thing about Louise. Her home had sustained significant damage in Hurricane "Ike" a few months before. She is not a wealthy woman. She could certainly have used all of the \$50,000. Yet Louise Hauser gave \$10,000 of her prize winnings that's 20% or two "tithes" of that money to the West Houston Assistance Ministries, a food pantry where she works. She plans to give to her church as well. By way of explaining her generosity to an astonished reporter, Hauser said, "My husband Nick and I have a very simple life and we don't require much in the way of 'stuff' to be happy. I'm very blessed." She is blessed. Beyond the blessing of material goods, Louise is blessed with spiritual maturity. She understands that happiness does not consist in having stuff. Happiness comes from being in a right relationship with God and our neighbor.



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From Our Pastor: Steven Renner—*Continued*

One of the joys of being here at TLC is that I see those relationships that we all have with our neighbors. I see the food that comes through this community of faith and goes to UCHM for their food pantry. We all got to see the amazing witness of our youth this summer in terms of TLC raising \$2500 to support the programs of UCHM. I am amazed at what we are doing as a small community of faith. Sometimes, I worry that we don't realize that we ARE a small community. Our outreach this year has been nothing short of amazing, but I worry about the toll it is having on the few leaders. It is through our joint efforts that we are to be workers in this corner of God's vineyard. When just a few folks are doing a lion share of the work, I fear for them. Whether it is our time, our talent, or our treasure we are all being told by Jesus to render unto God's what is God's. As we move towards Thanksgiving, I urge all of you to find time to listen to the Holy Spirit to discern how you can increase what you returning to God and how that will help all of us to be better stewards.

See you in church,
Steven





Beth Roche'

FROM OUR OFFICE MANAGER

UPCOMING EVENTS

I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming Olde Tyme Christmas on Frankfort Avenue. This year, it will be on December 3rd from 9:00am—2:00pm. We have a lot going on that day so try to become a part of these activities. We welcome your participation.

- UCHM Santa Sprint on the same day (youth participating as the living Nativity)
- Living Nativity by the Youth
- Crèche display in Narthex/Sanctuary
- Craft Sale—Craft tables available for \$10. Contact the Church office for forms. Any and all crafts are welcome
- Lionel Train display
- Bake Sales (baked goods needed)
- Concession/kitchen sales (proceeds for UCHM)
- Yard Sale (proceeds to Youth Group)

All Yard Sale proceeds and Craft table rentals go to the TLC Youth Group to help fund their trip to the ELCA National Youth gathering. Bake sale and kitchen sales will benefit UCHM.

November 6th - Please mark on your calendar of the congregational meeting directly after worship to vote on a security system. All Congregational members should attend this meeting and vote.

The Lutheran Magazine and the Little Lutheran

These magazines are available to everyone. If you are not receiving your copy already, please contact me at the Church Office and I will be happy to assist you. You may also sign up to receive additional weekly emails from the Lutheran, as well.



16th ANNUAL SANTA SPRINT AND STROLL

Saturday, December 3, 2011

9:00 a.m.

The Santa Sprint and Stroll is a 3.1 mile run and walk or a 1 mile walk. The course is flat and runs along Historic Frankfort Avenue in Crescent Hill and Clifton. The Courier-Journal has noted that it is "more festive than the run-of-the-mill 5K," attracting both serious runners and holiday merrymakers. The Santa Sprint and Stroll is sponsored by the Frankfort Avenue Business Association to benefit United Crescent Hill Ministries.

Fees

\$15.00 Early — under 18 (postmarked by Nov. 21st)

\$20.00 Early — 18 years and older (postmarked by Nov.21st)

\$25.00 Late — Anyone registering on or after November 22

Phone 893-0346 or visit www.uchmlouky.org for more information.

ST. FRANCES OF ROME CHILI SUPPER

When Wednesday, November 2

Time 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Where Clifton Center dining hall

Proceeds benefit UCHM



SILENT MOVIE NIGHT—*Patty Featherstone*

TLC organized another great activity for the neighborhood's monthly F.A.T. Friday. We had a Silent Movie Night in the sanctuary. Everyone laughed through Charlie Chaplin's "The Tramp" and Laurel and Hardy's "Big Business" on a big screen. Organist, Tim Baker, provided the organ music to accompany the flicks. We also wish to thank Tim for providing the movies from his collection. Our very own Mary McCuen, Christophor Gilbert, and Sean Patrick entertained us during the intermission with songs from that era. Everyone had a great time while munching popcorn that was provided by Marie and Helen Johnston.





OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS—*Patty Featherstone*



BLESSING OF THE PETS

It was a beautiful Saturday morning and about 20 folks with their pets gathered in the backyard of Grace Manor for the blessing of their beloved pets. We had more pets than humans. Christophor Gilbert created a beautiful banner of St. Frances of Assisi for the occasion. Christophor's inspiration came from a sculpture in New Harmony, IN. The banner is in Steven's office if you missed seeing it. After the blessings, prayers, and songs everyone enjoyed treats on the front porch of Grace Manor.






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NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME/EVENT
November 1—Tuesday	7:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
November 2—Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
November 3—Thursday	7:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
November 4—Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting
November 6 —Sunday POTLUCK SUNDAY	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 9:30am — Children & Youth Sunday School 10:30am — Worship Services 11:30am — Congregation Meeting 2:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
November 7—Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting
November 8—Tuesday	7:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
November 9—Wednesday	7:00pm — Council Meeting 7:00pm — AA Meeting
November 10—Thursday	7:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
November 11—Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting
November 13 —Sunday NOISY SUNDAY	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 9:30am — Children & Youth Sunday School 10:30am — Worship Services 2:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
November 14—Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting





NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME/EVENT
November 15—Tuesday	7:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
November 16—Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
November 17—Thursday	7:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
November 18—Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting
November 20— Sunday	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 9:30am — Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30am — Youth Sunday School 10:30am — Worship Services
November 21— Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting
November 23—Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
November 24—Thursday	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
November 25—Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting
November 27—Sunday SCC YOUTH SUNDAY	9:30am — Children & Youth Sunday School 9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Worship Services
November 28—Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 7:00pm — Worship & Music Meeting 8:00pm — AA Meeting
	



HEHAW! HOEDOWN - *Patty Featherstone*



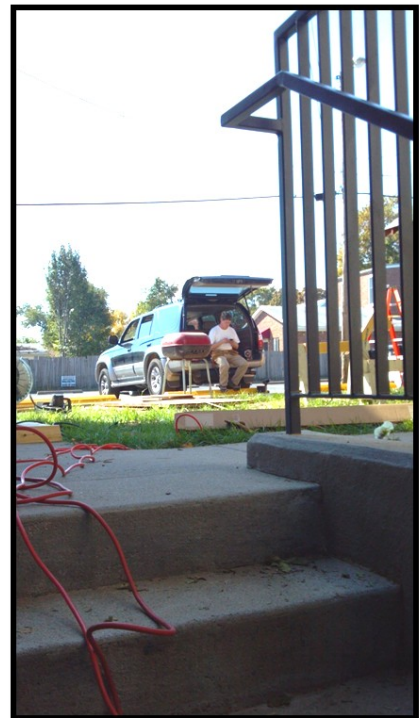
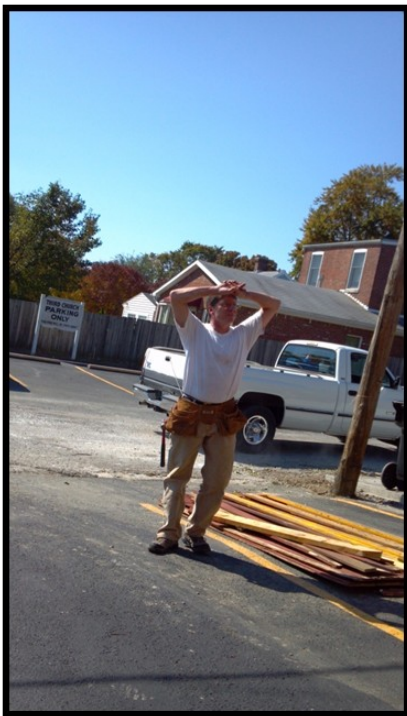
About 50 folks, half of whom were under the age of 18, enjoyed the hoedown at TLC. Super decorations, good food, authentic costumes, and music filled the fellowship hall. Thanks to Betty Frazier for preparing the delicious food. Proceeds from the concessions will be used to help send our youth to the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Thanks to Kelly Burden and all who planned the event with her and all who supported their efforts.





PROJECT “FACE LIFT”

Many thanks to everyone who helped repair the TLC Shed. Phillip Burden kicked off the project by providing an estimate for the repairs and organizing the work day. Jim Frazier and Butch Johnston helped out. Phillip and Jim Frazier continued till the walls and doors were replaced while Steven Renner painted the newly repaired exterior. Debbie Carter, Diane and Justin Bagby, Steven Renner and Sean Patrick made additional Church ground improvements by installing fencing and landscaping rock. Before Tom Tretter and Jim Frazier gave the shed a new roof, they also repaired the rotting wood beneath it. Our sincere thanks to each of you for undertaking and completing such a huge task.





ADULT EDUCATION—*Mac McCuen*

By the time you read this the Sunday Adult Education Class will have finished about half of our elective on THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION.

In our Class Introduction we received a roadmap for the course, a Reformation Time Line and we discussed not only why the Reformation was necessary, but also signs that we might be in for a new Reformation in the Twenty-first century.

Our focus in the second class was on the period before the Reformation. We looked at earlier divisions in the Church and the groups and leaders of these groups who for the most part were excommunicated by the Roman Church: Eastern Orthodoxy, the Cathari, the Waldensians, and the Humanists. We learned how humanistic thinking and studies paved the way for the Reformation.

Our third and fourth classes focused on the Lutheran Reformation. We watched a DVD on the early life of Martin Luther and saw how a lightning bolt in a storm changed the course of his life. We discussed how his thought (theology) changed as a result of biblical studies and the sale of indulgences. Copies of the 95 theses were given out for discussion.

In the weeks ahead we will discuss re-baptism, the meaning of the sacraments and the beginnings of the Radical Reformation (Baptists, Mennonites, *etc.*). John Calvin and the Reformation in Geneva, Switzerland will be discussed. Karole Spangler will walk us through the tribulations of the English Reformation, and the beginnings of the Anglican Church. We will watch the reaction of the Roman Catholic Church with its Council of Trent, Jesuit Order and the Inquisition. Finally, we will share our reactions, thoughts, and evaluations of the course.

The following books may be helpful to those who wish to read more on this subject:

Crisis and Renewal: The Era of the Reformations by R. Ward Holder, Westminster, 2009.

A Reformation Reader: Primary Texts with Introductions, ed. by Dennis R. Janz, Fortress Press, 2008.

The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine, (Vol. 4 Reformation of Church and Dogma) by Jaroslav Pelikan, University of Chicago Press, 1984. (This is more difficult reading but is the work of a respected Lutheran scholar.)

Mac McCuen



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Youth & Children Sunday School

The Youth and Children Sunday School are now scheduled through the end of December .
Please see the Schedule below.



		YOUTH		CHILDREN
DATE	SUNDAY	LOCATION	LEADER	LEADER
Nov 6	1st	TLC	Music	Music
Nov 13	2nd	Vint	Grace	Jeanne
Nov 20	3rd	TLC	Steven	Jeanne
Nov 27	4th	NO CLASS		
Dec 4	1st	TLC	Music	Music
Dec 11	2nd	Vint	Grace	Jeanne
Dec 18	3rd	TLC	Steven	Jeanne
Dec 25	4th	NO CLASS		



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From Bishop Bill Gafkjen

Dear Companions in Mission

The air around us is finally beginning to chill. Leaves fall abundantly and gracefully. The quintessential fall festival, Thanksgiving Day, cannot be far behind. Nearly every fall I am drawn to reflections from the late Gerhard Frost, entitled “Let Us Give Thanks,” as found in his book *Blessed is the Ordinary*. His words seem especially important this autumn.

Let us give thanks for this moment:
for the sturdy fact of God’s continuing love,
for mercies which go before us and follow after us, for those free
Gifts which cost God so much.

Let us give thanks:
for memory and expectation,
for the good that we have known
and know today in Jesus Christ,
for the Spirit’s brooding presence
in our nights and in our days.



Let us give thanks:
for pleasures which comfort
and pains which force our growth
and keep us at the Shepherd’s side,
for deep meanings revealed
and mysteries, mercifully concealed,
for the image of God within us,
the capacity to inquire and adore



Let us give thanks for one another,
for just being together,
for differences which complement and complete,
for gifts which enrich
and disagreements which challenge,
for our oneness in Christ.

Let us give thanks for melody and mirth, for rhythm and beat,
for the repeated and the common,
for the ever-unfolding,
and for sense with which to respond.



Where mission meets the road
And let us give thanks for Someone to thank

Bishop Bill Gafkjen



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

November	7	Eleanor Burkholder
November	8	Beth Beres
November	11	Will Clifford
November	19	Diane Bagby
November	22	David Lee
November	21	John Featherstone
November	22	Jennifer Glass
November	24	Ken Durham

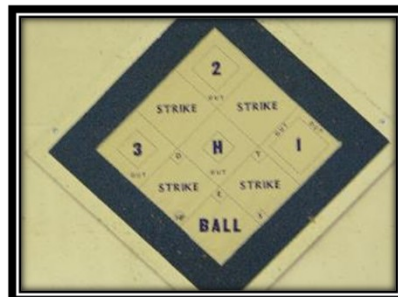
From the Property Committee Chair: - *Debbie Carter*

There are old unused pews and pieces of pews in the balcony. We would like to clear out this area and so the Property Committee is allowing anybody who wants to take these to please remove them. By January 1, any unused pews (not used in the balcony) will be disposed of in January.

DART BALL

In the past few months Jim & I have been asked by our dart ball league if Third would be willing to sell their dart ball board. I would also like to know if anyone is interested in starting a dart ball team at Third. It takes at least nine players and the season is from September to April. Let me know. Thanks.

Betty Frazier



Dart ball is a game in which darts are thrown at a large wooden or homasote board that resembles a “Baseball Field” with colored areas that denote bases. Dart ball uses baseball-like rules and scoring.



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Please Join Us On Sunday

9:30 Sunday School - All Ages

10:30 Worship Services

Steven Renner - Int. Pastor

Beth Roche' - Office Manager

WE WELCOME EVERYONE INTO GOD'S HOUSE

Everyone needs a little TLC

