
THE VOICE OF THIRD LUTHERAN



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From Our Pastor Steven Renner:

Dear Friends,

Every once in a while a whimsical story makes the news. A couple of years ago, the Associated Press carried a story about a woman in Olney, England, named Dawn Gallyot who defied snow and a biting wind to beat seven other women to the finish line in the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake race. In her first race, the 38-year-old schoolteacher made the 415-yard dash from a pub in the market square to the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul with a pancake and a frying pan in her hand in 73 seconds. That was 9.5 seconds slower than the previous year's pace.

Each woman must flip a pancake in the frying pan at the start and at the finish of the race. The record is 58 seconds. Mrs. Gallyot reportedly wore a traditional headscarf and apron, but opted for modern running shoes.

Shrove Tuesday, known in England as Pancake Day, is traditionally the last day for merrymaking before the start of Lent. Pancakes are thought to be a good way to get in the eggs and fat that faithful church people were supposed to give up for Lent. Legend has it that the Olney race started in 1445 when a housewife, dashing to get to church on time, arrived at the service clutching in her hand a frying pan with a pancake still in it.

The pancake race is but one of many traditions that have grown up around the season of Lent. New Orleans' Mardi Gras is another — one last blowout before a season of denial. I would be remiss if at this point, I did not cordially invite you to a TLC tradition — the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This will take place in the fellowship hall at 6 pm on March 8 where a free will offering will be requested, which will go to support the youth for their national youth gathering in New Orleans in 2012.



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From Our Pastor: - *Continued*

Throughout the years, Lent has become associated with fasting and denial. Even today many people talk about giving up something during Lent.

Some stop eating meat. Some give up coffee. For others it's chocolate or deserts. And that's all well and good, but the real intent of Lent is that should we look within. We should change our hearts and not our diets. A more modern trend/tradition is that instead of giving up something for Lent that we take on something for Lent.

I would like to invite you to consider starting a devotional for the season and we have ordered a wonderful one for the congregation, which will be available on the table in the Narthex. Many of you do not take advantage of the Adult Sunday School so I invite you to start a Lenten discipline of coming to the Adult Sunday School (it is only SIX Sundays!). You might also consider taking on a service project during the season. Perhaps that is regularly volunteering at Wayside Mission. You could discipline yourself to bring a bag of non-perishable goods and toiletry items for United Crescent Hill Ministry or discipline yourself to collect all of your spare change for Heifer Project International.

Lent reminds us that there is one who bears our sins before the throne of God.

There is one who hears the cries of our hearts and receives them. There is one who waits to welcome us home. The Lenten season is six weeks long, six weeks that could start you on a path of giving, of learning, of serving our neighbor. May God grant you peace as we begin this journey together.

See you in Church!

Steven Renner





COMMITTEE REPORTS

THRIVENT FUNDS TO ORGANIZATIONS—*Tom Tretter*



If you are a member of Thrivent and receive their magazine, you will discover that they offer a program to members that allows direct funds to organizations of their choice including local congregations like TLC. This program is offered to encourage member participation in directing where charitable outreach funds go, including local congregations and a number of qualifying national or international charitable organizations. These Thrivent choice dollars are earned by those who hold Thrivent insurance products (e.g. life or disability insurance) and a few other products. Amounts earned in 2010 can be donated up to March 31, 2011.

To learn more about this worthwhile program just go to their website. In order to become involved with this program, you must:

- Register and establish a User ID and password
- You can also set up your account to automatically donate these dollars in the future. (see “recurring direction” on their website).

The funds that aren't directed by members go to a pot for charitable organizations; these donations are decided by Thrivent directors so the money still goes to qualifying charitable organizations whether you participate or not.

To learn more about this program go to their website:

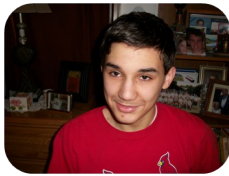
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YOUTH SPEAKS — *Cris Karem*

HONEY FOR HEARTBURN FUNDRAISER EVENT



On Valentine's Day (Cupid's Birthday) February 14th, TLC had its *Honey For Heartburn* fundraiser event. The meaning of that is, people came and ate chili till they needed Tums. We had a good turnout there. 50 people showed up and we raised \$240 for our Youth Group to go to New Orleans in 2012.

When I got my first bowl of chili, my thoughts in my head were, "I wonder if I'm going to get Heartburn?" When I tasted the chili, I felt I was reborn and it was so good! I felt like every drop of the chili felt like Christmas. The desserts were out of this world and tasted so good! I kept going for more and more. The people who made this happen were Kelly and Phillip Burden. They did so good of a job that they should win an Oscar for *Best Chili Supper of the Year*. I hope TLC does it again next year and maybe for every holiday.

HAPPY TUMMIES...HAPPY FACES



Kelly Burden, President of the Church Council and her husband, Phillip!



Left of table (front)-Patty Featherstone, Cathy Burgess, Steven Renner, Sean Patrick

Right of table (front) - Thelma Bowman-Corinne Koenig, Gerdi Ottman, Dick Ottman
Oh, by the way! The beautiful lady up front on the right, celebrated her 90th birthday February 15! Happy Birthday, Thelma!



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THE DREAM WEAVERS

“Live your dreams...and you will become the person you choose to be.”

The name Dream Weavers has many definitions. Gary Wright, a famous songwriter wrote “Dream Weaver” in 1976. Later it became a part of several TV series episodes such as *The 70’s Show*, *Nip ‘N Tuck*, and *Wayne’s World*, just to name a few. There is also a website with this name for those who wish to have their dreams interpreted, And, still another website with this name, advertising bed linens. Even John Lennon popularized the expression *Dream Weaver* in 1970 in his song, *God*, that was taken from his solo album *John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band*.

I thought this name would best describe our heroes rather than the present one, *Timeless Stars*. I believe it better describes how our hopes and dreams weave our challenges to a greater reward.

Hope you enjoy our new pair of Dream Weavers, Jim and Betty Frazier. Remember, no dream is impossible. It’s up to you.



Pat Karem-Gramig
Editor



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JIM AND BETTY FRAZIER



Jim is originally from Benham-Lynch, Kentucky and Betty was born and raised in Louisville. Jim met Betty on a blind date when she was a senior in high school. They attended Morehead State University together and it was inevitable that they would tie the marital knot. They were married at TLC February 28, 1970 when Jim was right out of Navy boot camp before reporting to his first duty in Pensacola, Florida.. They have been married 41 years and have two daughters, Jamie Sullivan (Mike) and Kelly Burden (Phillip). They also have a grandson

Brendon Sullivan, 17, and a granddaughter, Shannon Sullivan, who is 6 years old.

Betty has been a member of TLC all her life and Jim joined the church in the late seventies. Their involvement is constant. Jim became Church Treasurer and held this position for 15 years, served two terms on the Council totaling 6 years. He oversees the janitorial services and heads up the Habitat for Humanity project. Jim and Betty are also involved with the rejuvenation of the Haunted House project at TLC. Jim helps constructing the Halloween houses and Betty participates in other duties of the event.

Betty is presently the Financial Secretary at TLC, “piddles with the archives”, and you can always see both of them involved with the Church yard sales. Betty served on the Council as well as serving as President and is presently serving on the Board of UCHM.(United Crescent Hill Ministries). Both support their daughter Kelly with all the Youth events at TLC.

Your first impression of Jim Frazier may remind you of a famous quote President Teddy Roosevelt said. “*Walk softly and carry a big stick*”. Jim does exactly that. He is a quiet mannered man but the big stick he carries is one of dedication to the church. His humble nature is the key that executes his dedication.

Betty exerts energy, confidence and enthusiasm to achieve her hopes and dreams. Her energy only proves how hard she works and all that she accomplishes.

When you combine their qualities, you will understand why they are the ideal *Dream Weavers*. Nothing seems to be too small or too large for them to weave together their dreams into accomplishment. Jim and Betty, keep on dreaming!

Pat Kareem-Gramig



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME/EVENT
March 2—Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
March 3—Thursday	7:00pm — Ensemble Practice
March 4— Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting 10:30am — World Prayer Day
March 5—Saturday	1:00pm — Michael Zysk uses Kitchen
March 6—Sunday	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Worship Services 11:30am — 1st Sunday Potluck Dinner
March 7— Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 7:00pm — Council Meeting 8:00pm — AA Meeting
March 8 — Shrove Tuesday	6:00pm — PANCAKE SUPPER Fellowship Hall—Youth Fundraiser
March 9—Wednesday	7:00pm — ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Calvary Lutheran—1838 Bardstown 7:00pm — AA Meeting
March 10—Thursday	7:00pm — Ensemble Practice
March 11—Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting
March 13—Sunday	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Worship Services
March 14—Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting
March 16—Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting



FOOD FOR THOUGHT— MARCH

“Whether you think you can or think you can’t....

Either way, you are right.”

Henry Ford (1863—1947)

“What you think...Is...”*Unknown*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME/EVENT
March 17—Thursday <i>Third Lutheran Church</i>	HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY! 5:30pm — Soup & Fellowship 6:30pm — Worship Services
March 20— Sunday	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Worship Services
March 21— Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting
March 23—Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
March 24—Thursday <i>Calvary Lutheran Church</i>	5:30pm — Soup & Fellowship 6:30pm — Worship Services <i>Church Location: 1838 Bardstown Road</i>
March 25— Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting 6:30pm — FAT Friday Event
March 27— Sunday	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Worship Services
March 28— Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting
March 30— Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
March 31—Thursday <i>Third Lutheran Church</i>	5:30pm — Soup & Fellowship 6:30pm — Worship Services



Friday, March 25th

The F.A.T. Friday Trolley Hop takes place on the final Friday of each month. Trolleys run from 6:00pm until 10:30 pm unless otherwise specified. Hours of operation may vary by participating businesses. TLC is an active participant and sponsor of this monthly event. Come join us on **Friday, March 25th** and have some fun visiting the local businesses and learn more about your neighborhood!



ADULT EDUCATION—*Mac McCuen*

Beginning on Sunday, March 6th, the Adult Class will be studying the General, "Catholic" Epistles. Class will begin in the Church Library at 9:30am each Sunday. Mac McCuen and Bill Hovingh will lead these sessions.

The General Epistles are: James, 1 Peter, II Peter, I John, II John, III John and Jude. They are the non-Pauline (not written by St. Paul) epistles (letters). They are called "Catholic" or "General" because they were not addressed to specific churches; such as, Rome, Corinth, Philippi, etc. Nor were they written to specific persons such as, Timothy or Philemon.

These letters are important in that they represent a non-Pauline view of the early Church. They also make it clear that the Christian faith is much more than assent to a creed or set of doctrines, but is a matter of practice (faith in action) as well. Charity and humility were two key virtues that were important in the early church, in addition, these letters reveal the great cosmic struggle early Christians saw themselves involved in during those early years of the Church.

Since these General Epistles are only read in the Epistle reading in the Sunday lectionary of the Church about 20 per cent of the time, members will want this opportunity to read, learn and understand them better. Why not meet with us in the Church Library on March 6th. You'll be glad you did.

MORE ON MARTIN LUTHER —*Debra Carter*



TIMELINE

1483 - November 10, Eisleben, Germany - Birthdate

1507 - Ordained as a priest

1517 - On October 31, Luther nails his Ninety-five

Thesis denouncing the dispensation of indulgences to the door
of the palace church in Wittenburg

1521 - On January 3, Luther is excommunicated by the pope

1529 - Luther finishes compiling the Large and Small Catechisms

1534 - Luther's translation of the entire Old and New Testaments
appear in print

1546 - February 18 - Martin Luther dies



HIGHLIGHTS

“GRACE MANOR OPEN HOUSE”



Stephen and Sean were busy making everyone comfortable so they could have a good time at the Open House. As you can see, everyone did!





MARCH NEWS BULLETIN

MEET THE CHURCH COUNCIL—

The 2011 Church Council positions are listed below for your convenience. If you are interested in volunteering for a particular committee, please contact a Council member. Volunteers are always needed .

2011 CHURCH COUNCIL

Kelly Burden	President	502-541-9723
Rex Minrath	Vice President	502-303-6586
Tom Tretter	Treasurer	502-635-9234
Barbara Lee	Secretary	

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Debbie Carter	502-773-9715
Harold Holt	502-897-2323
Corinne Koenig	502-893-7061
Bob Martin	502-424-5110
Rex Minrath	502-303-6586
Betty Frazier-Guest of Council	502-895-3322

COMMITTEE LEADERS

The following are the present committee leaders. Some of these positions are currently in the process of change..

Altar Guild	Patty Featherstone	502-897-2463
Archives	Betty Frazier	502-895-3322
Building	Debbie Carter	502-773-9715
Evangelism	Corinne Koenig	502-893-7061
Grounds	TBA	
Music & Worship	Mary McCuen	502-938-0133
Newsletter	Pat Karem-Gramig	502-254-5921
Office Manager/Bulletin	Beth Roche'	502-893-6383
Stewardship	Tom Tretter	502-635-9234
Website	Kristen Jordan	502-432-0074
Weddings	Karole Spangler	
Youth	Kelly Burden	502-541-9723



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

JAVA BREWING COMPANY—



Every second and fourth Sunday of the month, the TLC children's Sunday School and youth group quietly slip away to visit one of our neighbors. While they are there, they explore with their Leader, many wonderful and exciting things that are happening in the real world and how it relates to the bible and the teachings of Christ.

The neighbor I am referring to is the Java Brewing Company, located down the street from The Third Lutheran Church on Frankfort Avenue .

We wish to thank the owners, Cris and Toni Lavenson for their kindness and hospitality. We would also like to extend our thanks to their staff whose smiling faces and warm reception brighten each of their customer's day.

So, whenever you are in the neighborhood, please stop by and visit our friendly neighbor who brews a very good cup of coffee. And, while you're there? Be sure to check out other fine services they offer, as well.

CAFÉ LOU LOU



Another good neighbor that brings out the *welcome mat* for TLC is our very good friend, Café Lou Lou. Corrine Koenig collects the communion bread every Saturday from them for Sunday Worship at TLC. Café Lou Lou has prepared our communion bread for several years now. This is their kind donation that gives us the opportunity to share communion with the rest of the congregation. We have thanked Helen and Jim, the owners before but you can never thank someone enough for their kindness and generosity. So, Helen and Jim, we appreciate you being in our neighborhood and taking good care of us. Each Sunday, you are remembered in our Church prayers by the congregation.

Remember to check out their locations on Sears Avenue in St. Matthews and Dundee Road in the Highlands. Visit them often. They deserve your patronage.



THE BOOK WORM'S CORNER—*Mac McCuen*

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READING

Last time we highlighted 20th century spiritual classics, we featured works by authors such as C.S. Lewis, Peter Marshall, and others. This month we want to highlight some of the daily devotional books we have on hand.

First a word about having a daily “quiet time” : this is a time for prayer, reading scripture, meditation and devotional reading. It is an important way to grow your spirit. Let us compare it to eating daily. Most of us eat three meals a day to support and nourish our physical bodies. What do we do to feed and nourish our souls? One hour or so of public worship each Sunday is a corner stone or foundation for this spiritual nourishment, but more is needed. One would not want to try to live a whole week on just one meal. One’s body would waste away quickly. Likewise one’s soul cannot thrive on just one meal a week. Something more is needed. A daily “quiet time” or prayers before meals and before bed can help.

This brings me to some devotional books in our library. A good example are the books of Mrs. Charles Cowman who lived and wrote during the first half of the twentieth century. I have used some of her devotional books myself and can attest to their value. In our library we have her *Streams in the Desert* written originally in 1925, but still available today. She cites a verse of Scripture each day and follows up with some thoughts of a devotional or inspirational nature. Often she weaves brief bits of poetry into the fabric of her writings. (This book happens to be a large print edition for people whose eyes are less than 20 - 20, like mine.

Here are a few more collections of daily devotional material in our library.

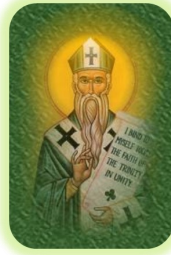
Daily Guideposts— 1978.

Make My Day— by Les Woodson. If my memory serves me correctly, this book was donated to the library by Corinne Koenig. It came from her late husband Dale’s library.

Daily Celebration— by William Barclay, the famous New Testament scholar from the British Isles.

There are others. Space here does not permit me to mention all of them. Why not take one out and “test drive” it for a month or two. If it does not fit you, try one of the others until you find one that is just right for you.

Mac



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 5th	Marie Johnston
March 17th	Pat Karem-Gramig
March 20th	Hannelore Tretter
March 21st	Olivia Beres

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 23rd	Joel and Beth Beres
March 25th	Dick and Gerdi Ottman

YOUTH AND CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

All classes begin at 9:30am.

The Youth Class is for 6th – 12th grades

Children's Class is for K – 5th grades

1 st Sunday	Both Youth and Children's groups will attend Music
2 nd Sunday	YOUTH – Java Brewing Co
3 rd Sunday	YOUTH - TLC
4 th Sunday	YOUTH – Java Brewing Co. CHILDREN @ TLC



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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