

THE VOICE OF THIRD LUTHERAN



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Please Join Us On Sunday

9:30 Sunday School - All Ages

10:30 Worship Services

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Mailing Address Label

Why Do You look For The Living

Among The Dead?

He is Not Here; He Has Risen!

Luke 24:5—6



WE WELCOME EVERYONE INTO GOD'S HOUSE
Everyone needs a little TLC



APRIL

From Our Pastor: Steven Renner

Dear Friends,

Easter is all about a four letter word — and Christians are full of it. Or at least we’re supposed to be full of it. The four letter word is LIFE. New life. Whole life. Abundant Life. Redeemed life. Resurrected life.

The purpose of life is not death, Easter says. The purpose of life is life . . . a life that triumphs over death forever. On Easter “It is finished” becomes “Now it begins.”

Is Third Lutheran Church a community of faith of people whose hearts are full of Easter? Do you have an Easter heart? Here are some ways you can tell.

- 1) An Easter heart is full of new life. An Easter heart is full of a new mission. An Easter heart is full of new possibilities. An Easter church that is filled with Easter hearts continues to offer signs of new life to the world.
- 2) An Easter heart church is full of rock-rollers. Notice I didn’t write rock-and-rollers, I wrote Rock-Rollers. The first sign of the resurrection, as noted by a distraught Mary Magdalene, was that the rock had been rolled away from the tomb’s entrance. Every body, even Jesus’ resurrected body, needs to be offered a way out. Rock-rollers offer ways out to all sorts of people, trapped in all kinds of tombs. Strengthened by an Easter heart we can, we can roll away despair, and reveal a path to hope.
- 3) An Easter heart church is always in a state of arrhythmia, always experiencing adrenaline surges, always skipping beats, and always a racing pulse. An Easter heart is an arrhythmic heart because in an Easter heart church the unexpected is always happening. Resurrection happens. Miracles happen. Truth happens. Goodness happens. Jesus happens.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2	Buddy Weber
April 9	Katherine Lee
April 11	Doug Hetsch
April 12	Debbie Carter
April 13	Jeanne Pohlmann
April 14	Kimberly Slosed
April 18	Mary McCuen
April 19	Kelly Burden
April 24	Betty Frazier
April 25	Cathy Burgess
April 26	Ross Minrath

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 23	Thomas and Grace Tretter
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EASTER FLOWERS

Easter plants are \$10 for a 6 inch pot. Easter Lilies, Hyacinths & Tulips are available. An Easter Flower can do more than brighten our Church. It is a remembrance for someone special. Also, by purchasing a plant you will benefit the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation, which helps families affected by hemophilia or similar bleeding disorders. Orders are due by **Sunday, April 10th**. Flowers may be picked up from the church after the Easter service.

ORDER FORM

PERSON ORDERING: _____

NUMBER AND TYPE FLOWER

(write the number of plants you would like next to the Type Flower you want.)

AMOUNT

= _____

X \$10.00ea

= \$ _____

(Optional)

TYPE FLOWER

EASTER LILY
HYACINTH
TULIP

TOTAL FLOWERS

AMOUNT DUE (cash or check)

In memory of: _____

Or In honor of: _____



MARTIN LUTHER—*Deborah Carter*

A few *special times* that we celebrate throughout the year:

The season of **Advent** for Christians serves as a reminder of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah as well as the waiting by Christians for Christ's return.

The observance of **Epiphany** had its origin in the Eastern Christian Churches and was a general celebration of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. It seems fairly clear that Baptism was the primary event being commemorated.

In the West, **Pentecost** is signified by the color red. It symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Priests, ministers and choirs wear red vestments. It is celebrated seven weeks (fifty days) after Easter Sunday, hence its name. Pentecost falls on the tenth day after Ascension Thursday.

Pentecost is historically and symbolically related to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, which commemorates God giving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai fifty days after the Exodus. Among Christians, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the New Testament, Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31.^[3] For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described as the "Birthday of the Church".

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday. The six Sundays in this period are not counted because each one represents a "mini-Easter," a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Easter is the period of three days from Holy Thursday (seen as beginning with the service of the preceding evening) to Easter Day. It begins with the Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and ends with evening prayer on Sunday. The date of Easter varies from year to year, but is always on a Sunday between the dates of March 22 and April 25. It occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon of Spring.

The Easter octave allows for no other feasts to be celebrated or commemorated during it (possible exception is the Greater Litanies if Easter falls later in the year). If Easter is so early that March 25 falls in Easter week, the feast of the Annunciation is postponed to the following week.

Easter Masses are held throughout the day and are similar in content to the Easter Vigil Mass. However, baptisms are not performed, and the ritual of the Paschal candle is not performed (the candle is placed next to the *ambo*, or podium, throughout the Easter celebration).

The colors seen throughout the chapel or on vestments during the fifty-day Easter period are white or gold.

The Ascension is the fortieth day of Easter; which is always a Thursday. Pentecost (or Whitsun) is the fiftieth day.



APRIL

From Our Pastor: Steven Renner—*Continued*

- 4) An Easter heart church is filled with laughter. The resurrection is a testimony to the adage, "he who laughs last laughs best." The Sanhedrin thought they had the last laugh. The Roman authorities thought they had the last laugh. The cruel crowds and sadistic soldiers thought they had the last laugh.
- 5) Finally, and this is the most important "sign" of an Easter heart church of them all: an Easter heart will be a broken heart. The promise of Easter Sunday is not that your heart won't break. In fact, the promise of Easter Sunday is that if you love, your heart WILL break. For God so loved the world, God's heart broke. The cross is a symbol of God's broken heart. A broken heart is the price of love.

TLC IS an Easter heart church that I have the privilege of witnessing every Sunday, but also frequently during the week. I see you in action, rolling away the stone in others' lives, watching you laugh with each other, and mend each other's broken hearts. Collectively our hearts skip beats all of the time in joy when we celebrate each other's accomplishments, milestones and generosity.

I invite you during the rest of this Lenten season and during Eastertide to invite your people into this Easter Community of Faith! Let us help them roll the stone away in their hearts and experience the truth, the joy, the resurrection, the love of Jesus Christ.

See you in church,
Steven





COMMITTEE REPORTS



UCHM—Patty Featherstone

In the January Newsletter, I mentioned one of our regular generous contributors. Her name is Lorene Vogel and she is the good neighbor of Dick and Gerdi Ottman. In the past, she has collected many items in our behalf for UCHM. These donations included: canned goods, clothes, school supplies and bathroom toiletries. Her recent donation overloaded Dick Ottman’s car and my van.

I might add that I also accept items from our congregation for UCHM, as well. TLC has a basket in the narthex for these donations. UCHM appreciates all items that are given by our members and we have responded to their request in a huge way! So, when you combine Lorene’s contribution with ours, you can see why we received the following thank you letter from their Development Director, Lori Jacobs

Dear Third Lutheran Congregation:

Thank you so very much for finding UCHM worthy of your time, talent and donations. The goods we received last week will go a long way toward helping our clients, especially the laundry detergent! We know there are many items that food stamps don’t cover and it always seems like you are right there with the help our neighbors so desperately need! Bless you for reaching out in this way! Lori Jacobs

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

Table with 2 columns: Day and Activity. Rows include 1st Sunday (Both Youth and Children’s groups will attend Music), 2nd Sunday (YOUTH – Java Brewing Co), 3rd Sunday (YOUTH - TLC), 4th Sunday (YOUTH – Java Brewing Co. CHILDREN @ TLC)



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!



The Kentucky School for the Blind is our closest neighbor. They are located across the street and they have been our good neighbor since their inception. Every Easter, they offer their amphitheatre free to us so we can conduct our Easter Sunrise Service. If you wish to participate/volunteer in any of their programs, here are some of the people you need to know. They are:



Melissa Sheets—Director of Special Education

Sheets will oversee special education services for students at KSB and KSD and is responsible for coordinating KSB’s Summer School Program.



Kenneth Washington—Director of Operations

As the new Director of Operations, Washington will assume the responsibility of campus management and will oversee maintenance, housekeeping, food service, business office and technology personnel.

Director of Instruction: John Roberts

Director of Outreach for Statewide Services: Meg Stone

Director of Outreach for Regional Services/Programs: Kristen Hammond

For further information please contact Ken Washington, Director of Operations at 502-897-1583



MEET THE 2011 CHURCH COUNCIL—

The **NEW** 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 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Kelly Burden	President	502-541-9723
Rex Minrath	Vice President	502-303-6586
Tom Tretter	Treasurer	502-635-9234
Barbara Lee	Secretary	502-896-6127

2011 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Debbie Carter	502-773-9715
Harold Holt	502-897-2323
Corinne Koenig	502-893-7061
Bob Martin	502-424-5110
Karole Spangler	502-386-7181

2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

The **NEW** committee chairpersons as of the current Council vote:

Altar Guild	Diane Bagby	502-442-4604
Archives	Betty Frazier	502-895-3322
Building	Debbie Carter	502-773-9715
Christian Education	Steven Renner	502-609-3366
Corresponding Secretary	Corine Koenig	502-893-7061
Evangelism	Barbara Lee	502-896-6127
Financial Secretary	Betty Frazier	502-895-3322
Grounds	Bob Martin	502-424-5110
Hospitality	TBA	
Music & Worship	Sean Patrick	502-762-7185
Newsletter	Pat Karem-Gramig	502-254-5921
Office Manager/Bulletin	Beth Roche'	502-893-6383
Social Ministry	TBA	
Stewardship	TBA	
Website	Kristen Jordan	502-432-0074
Weddings	Karole Spangler	502-386-7181
Youth	Kelly Burden	502-541-9723



YOUTH SPEAKS

BROOM BALL FUN RAISER!! —Marie Johnston



On Friday, February 11, the TLC Youth Group gathered to decorate their brooms. There was no particular theme for our brooms, except to have fun, and that's exactly what we did. After around one hour to one hour and thirty minutes, Justin, Erin, Kelly, Phillip, me and my friend Savanna, headed to Iceland to play the other ELCA Youth Groups in some mega broomball. There we met Olivia who, with a hurt foot, can't skate, came to support our tiny team. Eventually, we had all drifted over from the playing side of the rink to the skating side; well, all but Erin. *NOTHING* was convincing enough to get her on the ice. Oh well, even after a bunch of harsh and cold falls and a couple of speedy laps, we still had a lot of fun!

YOUTH SPEAKS

PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER —Erin Clifford



At the Pancake Supper, we worked really hard to serve everyone pancakes and sausage as quick as we could. Forty-one people came to support our ELCA National Youth Gathering Trip of 2012 and donated \$231.00! It was fun to be in charge of such a big responsibility and know that we helped ourselves to reach our goal for our trip.

We appreciate everyone who came and supported us. Especially the kitchen workers who made our job easier. Thanks to everyone for supporting our Youth Group. Erin loves you all!!





COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL—*Kelly Burden*



Heifer International is a charitable organization whose goal is to stop the cycle of hunger and poverty around the world. Heifer tries to reach this goal by giving families and communities animals such as cows, goats, sheep, bees and now they even have trees. They are taught how to raise and care for the animals and how to use their resources to pay for doctor's visits, education, clothing, and shelter. In return, the families must pass on the first offspring of the animal they received to another family in need.

Our Youth Group has set a goal of raising \$990 for Heifer to purchase a Cheese of the World Gift Basket. This gift basket includes a heifer, a goat, a sheep, and a water buffalo.

As of the February Noisy Sunday the Youth have raised \$867 toward the Cheese Basket. They are very close to reaching their goal and hope to reach it during April. Please help the Youth make a difference against hunger and poverty by donating your extra change on Noisy Sunday to Heifer International.

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2012—*Kelly Burden*



The Youth Group's trip to the 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans has been the hot topic of all conversation. The National Gathering will be July 18-22, 2012. The theme will be *Citizens with the Saints* "Ephesians 2: 14-20". The goal at the gathering is for the

Youth to learn how to practice discipleship by articulating their own unique witness, practice peacemaking by acting in a way that reflects God's value for everyone, and practice justice by standing up against injustice. The ELCA suggests raising \$1000 per Youth to attend the Gathering.

The registration fee is \$315/person and funds will need to be raised to pay for transportation, housing, and meals. The Youth Group will be fundraising all the way up until they leave for the Gathering. Please consider making a donation of time or money to the Youth Group to help them all attend the Gathering for the lesson of a lifetime.



HIGHLIGHTS

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES—*Kelly Burden*



Being good stewards means giving back to God what He has already given us. But what has God given us? Well, everything! God gave us mouths to speak out about our faith. God gave us hands, so I challenge you to start using them to do God's work. And God gave us knowledge. So let's use our knowledge to find new and creative ways to reach out to others. Discern the talents that God has bestowed on each of us and start putting them to good use in His name. Start today by joining one or many of the Congregation Committees. Start using your knowledge, your mouth, and your hands to put your beliefs into action. If we all vow to try to be the best stewards we can make extraordinary strides in our faith, together.

Our Congregation Committees can begin turning our dreams and goals into proud accomplishments. One person, *you*, can make all the difference. Join the committees that interest you, start thinking of ideas, start saying those ideas out loud, and start making those ideas happen.

If any committee appeals strongly to you then please consider becoming the chairperson of that committee. I'm not asking you to run the committee alone. Find others that share your talents and bring them all together to start a new movement with God. Thank you! *Kelly*

WHEELCHAIR LIFT PROJECT—*Deb Carter*

Current construction on the side of the Third Lutheran is obviously disappointing but still underway. The cold snap of weather we had hampered the renovation and now it's the rain. The estimate for completion is within the next few weeks barring adverse weather. We are hoping completion by Easter. Once the construction is completed, we will have an enclosed lift that will accommodate a wheelchair and provide access to our Church including Fellowship Hall. We will disassemble the old lift and build shelving for storage. The lift is designed to allow a person to activate the lift without any assistance. I will update the progress on a weekly basis until completion. Thanks to everyone for your patience with the disruption, especially 'Kirkland'.



EASTER PARADE—*Olivia Beres*



The Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade is quickly approaching! Third Lutheran has been participating for many years and we will walk in the parade his year to keep the tradition alive. All are welcome to walk the parade with us. We start near St. Mark’s church and walk all the way to Third Lutheran. The parade is April 23rd. We will be meeting by 11am to get ready. We will be dressing as flowers as we “walk in God’s garden.” Please wear your TLC shirts or green apparel and we will have your petal collars ready for you at our meeting place. It is always a good time and a great way to get Third Lutheran known around the community. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions contact Kelly or Olivia.

JAPAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND—*Patty Featherstone*



Third Lutheran has come forward again to help a neighbor in their time of need. The victims of the earthquake in Japan will need our prayers and financial support. So far, we have collected \$123.00. What you donate, no matter how small, will be appreciated.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP—*Mary McCuen*

MARY’S NOTES



Our music ensemble is looking for more recruits.

Singers of all ages, young and "young at heart" are welcome to join us. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM. Come and join the fun, you will be welcomed with open arms.

Third Lutheran is also looking for more cantors for Sunday morning worship. For those who are a little timid, arrangements can be made to start out as a co-cantor. Please feel free to contact Mary McCuen, Sean Patrick, Karole Spangler or Grace Tretter for more details.



The Little Church



DREAMWEAVERS

KELLY BURDEN



Kelly Burden is a long time member of Third Lutheran. She grew up here with her parents, Jim and Betty Frazier. Kelly has always been involved with the Youth. She started working with the Youth when June Glass was in charge. June involved Kelly with just about every Youth event. She participated in the chili supper, pancake supper, the haunted house, Easter Parade, lock-ins and many other special Youth activities.

As Kelly went on to explore other parts of her life as a young adult, she gradually moved away from the Church projects. It was only until Pastor Tuula realized her potential with the Church that she was able to lure Kelly back to her roots. The Youth of the Church also approached Kelly for her help in forming a new Youth Group for the Church. Kelly took the challenge and began to initiate projects that she was originally taught by June Glass. From there, she made contact with Youth ministers at other ELCA SCC congregations. Kelly became more involved with the Young Adult Lutheran Group and began to plan trips and activities through them. She started connecting again with the TLC Youth.

Kelly tells me that the current Youth Room is the same room she took confirmation. She was responsible for repainting it *Orange*. It remains that same color today. Kelly admits that when she finds a project that she really appreciates, she automatically turns it into a way to raise funds for any Youth project. Kelly realizes her dream and that of course, is our Youth. She also knows that to realize this dream it demands full time attention. Kelly does this very well.

Kelly married Philip Burden on October 17, 2008. You might say they grew up together. They went to middle and high school together, but no serious dating until after college. Philip proposed on a family vacation with her parents in perdidoo Key. You can see that Kelly has many loves. Her parents, her husband and the work she accomplishes through the Youth Group at TLC. I think TLC is very fortunate to have her as our President of the Council and our friend to the Youth. Thank you, Kelly!

Pat Karem-Gramig



APRIL

DATE	TIME/EVENT
April 1—Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting
April 3—Sunday	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Worship Services 11:30am — POTLUCK DINNER 2:00pm — AYUTG Rehearsal
April 4—Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting
April 5—Tuesday	7:00pm — AYUTG Rehearsal
April 6— Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
April 7—Thursday	5:30pm — Soup & Fellowship—Calvary 6:30pm — Lenten Services—Calvary Location—1838 Bardstown Road 7:00pm — AYUTG Rehearsal 7:00pm — Ensemble Practice
April 8—Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting
April 10—Sunday	NOISY SUNDAY 9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Worship Services 11:30am — Evangelism Committee 2:00pm — AYUTG Rehearsal
April 11—Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting
April 12—Tuesday	7:00pm — AYUTG Rehearsal
April 13—Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting 7:00pm — Council Meeting
April 14—Thursday	5:30pm — Soup & Fellowship—Third Lutheran 6:30pm — Lenten Service—Third Lutheran 7:00pm — AYUTG Rehearsal 7:00pm — Ensemble Practice
April 15—Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting

Why Do you look for the living among the dead?

He is Not Here; He has Risen!

Luke 24:5—6



APRIL



DATE	TIME/EVENT
April 17—Sunday	PALM SUNDAY! 9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Worship Services 2:00pm — AYUTG Rehearsal
April 18— Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting
April 19 —Tuesday	7:00pm — AYTG Rehearsal
April 20—Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
April 21 —Thursday	MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30pm — Soup & Fellowship 6:30pm — Worship Services Church Location: 1838 Bardstown Road 7:00pm — AYUTG Rehearsal 7:00pm— Ensemble Practice
April 22— Friday	GOOD FRIDAY 6:30pm — AA Meeting 6:30pm — Good Friday Worship Service
April 23—Saturday	11:00am — EASTER PARADE
April 24— Sunday	7:30am — EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 9:00am — Easter Breakfast 10:30am — Worship Services 11:30am — Easter Egg Hunt (10 and under) 2:00pm — AYTG Rehearsal
April 25— Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 7:00pm — Worship and Music Meeting 8:00pm — AA Meeting
April 26—Tuesday	7:00pm — AYUTG Rehearsal
April 27 — Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
April 28— Thursday	7:00pm — Spring Assembly—St. Mark's 7:00pm — AYUTG Rehearsal
April 29 —Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting 6:30pm — FAT Friday



