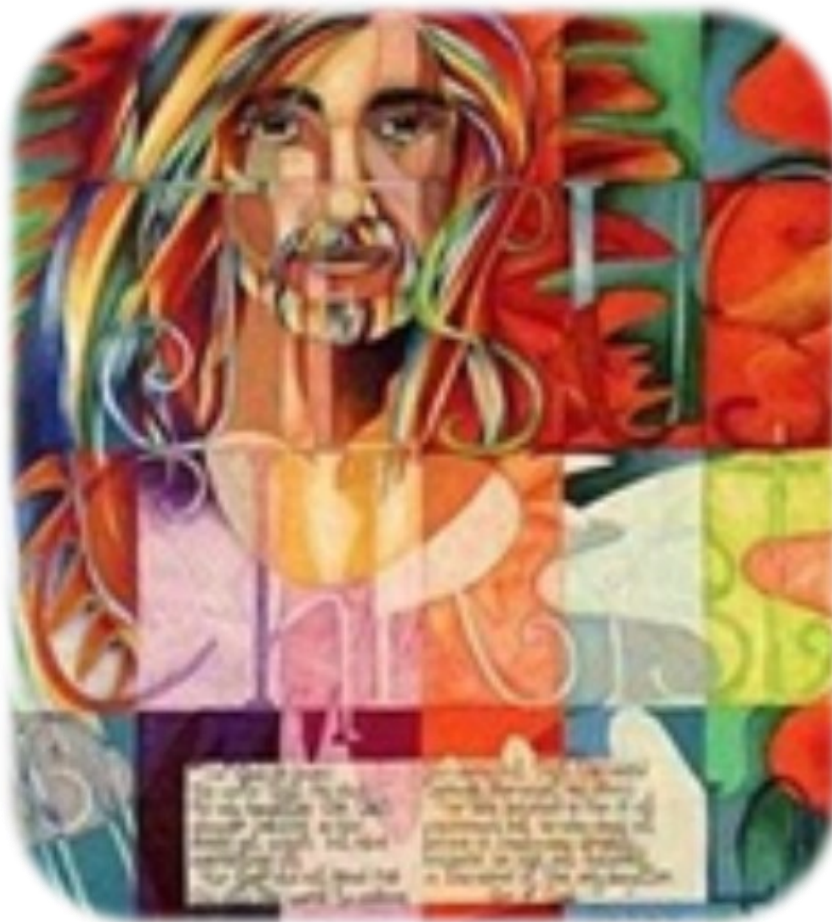


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# THE VOICE OF THIRD LUTHERAN



SEPTEMBER 2011



**From Our Pastor**

## SEPTEMBER

In August of 2003, the Church of the Holy Cross in NYC was broken into twice. In the first event, thieves made away with a moneybox. Three weeks later, vandals escaped with something much more puzzling. Being a Catholic church there was a large crucifix in the church. The thieves had unbolted the 4-foot long, 200-pound Jesus from the crucifix, but left behind the cross to which it was attached. The church caretaker, confessed his bewilderment at this. “They just decided, ‘We’re going to leave the cross and take Jesus,’” he said. “We don’t know why they took just him.”

We know why, don’t we? Many people would like to have Jesus and leave his cross behind. Jesus represents forgiveness and grace. Who wouldn’t want Jesus? However, his cross, on the other hand, represents discipline and self-denial. The cross represents service and sacrifice. The cross represents taking our eyes off ourselves and putting them on those for whom Christ died. We want Jesus; we’re uncertain about taking up his cross.

A seminary student served part time as pastor of a church. He led his church to do what he believed Christ calls all Christians to do to reach out to all people including those who are different socially, ethnically, economically. And some of those people began to attend his church. But then some of the more influential members began to be “concerned” because these people who were attending “their” church. So the pastor said, “Well, this is what The Great Commission says that we are to do. This is our mission. This is our responsibility.” Jesus told us to go out and makes disciples of all people.

This pastor received such opposition to the whole idea of reaching out to all people that he put The Great Commission to a vote in his church! Do we support it or not? That sounds a little comical to us voting on Jesus’ direct command to his church to go out and make disciples of all people. It sounds like Simon Peter admonishing Jesus, but that’s what they did. And guess what? The church actually voted against The Great Commission! Can you imagine?



## SEPTEMBER

**From Our Pastor: Steven Renner—Continued**

Yes, those thieves are not the only ones who want to take Jesus, but not his cross. That is our temptation as well.

Peter backslid in a hurry when he was first confronted with the message of the cross. Often we will, too. But fortunately that is not the end of the story. Peter had an encounter with the risen Christ, and the man who had been a fickle reed became a solid rock of faith and service. That can also happen to us. That IS happening to us at TLC.

With the entrance process into candidacy, I have had the wonderful opportunity to meet people from every part of our synod and I keep hearing about TLC's wonderful reputation. TLC is known for our hospitality, for being a diverse community of faith on all levels, and for being open to the Holy Spirit: hearing and heeding what we are being called to do here. We do not try to repeal the Great Commandment or the Great Commission. We try to live them out. Oh, we backslide sometimes, just as Peter did, but by God's grace we pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and even more importantly, we hoist the cross back on our shoulder, and we seek to live as Jesus lived. That's who we are. That's what we do. And in all things, we give God the glory.

See you in church,  
Steven





### **Greetings from the 2011 Churchwide Assembly in Orlando**

Exhilarating worship, powerful prayer and heartfelt discussions are part of what makes up an experience at an ELCA Churchwide Assembly. I hope that you are reading our blog, [companionableconversations.wordpress.com/](http://companionableconversations.wordpress.com/) . Bishop Gafkjen and others are sharing their experiences here and I have uploaded a photo or two and will upload more as time permits. You can also watch the assembly live on your computer at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org). Peace, Danielle

*Bishop William Gafkjen*

### **Here's What's Happening Around the I-K Synod**

#### **SEPTEMBER 2011**

#### **I-K Synod Freed to Lead Grant Board Meeting**

**September 7, 2011 10:00 a.m.**

I-K Lutheran Center Chapel

Contact Dave Schreiber at [prdave@RLCIndy.org](mailto:prdave@RLCIndy.org)

#### **I-K Synod Renewing Mission Table Meeting**

**September 10, 2011 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

I-K Lutheran Center Downstairs Conference Room

Contact Carol Webb at [cwebb@iksynod.org](mailto:cwebb@iksynod.org)

#### **I-K Synod Annual Freed to Lead Bishop's Open Golf Outing**

**September 14, 2011**

Bear Chase Golf Club

Contact Joe Skvarenina for registration and a brochure.

#### **I-K Synod Council Meeting**

**September 16-17, 2011**

Benedict Inn

Contact April Lynch at [alynch@iksynod.org](mailto:alynch@iksynod.org)

#### **I-K Synodical Women's Convention**

**September 16 - 18**

Trinity English Lutheran Church

Fort Wayne, IN

#### **I-K Synod Deans Meeting**

**September 22, 2011 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

I-K Synod Lutheran Center Chapel

Contact April Lynch at [alynch@iksynod.org](mailto:alynch@iksynod.org)

#### **I-K Synod Professional Leaders Conference**

The Whole Body at Worship with Susan Briehl and Marty Haugen

#### **September 25-27, 2011**

Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, IN

Contact April Lynch at [alynch@iksynod.org](mailto:alynch@iksynod.org)



**THE BOOK WORM'S CORNER—*Mac McCuen***

Currently there is some interest in our church on the subject of Science and Religion. We applied for a grant to build a confirmation curriculum module on this subject, but unfortunately we were not awarded the grant. We would like to continue our work, but will need some additional funds to do so. One thing the additional funds could support would be a Science and Religion section of our Church Library. Below I have listed some books that would be helpful for those working on this project. If anyone would like to donate money toward the purchase of one or more of these books, we would welcome your gift. (Cash, check or money orders would be fine, and our Treasurer can give a receipt for tax purposes.)

Brooke, John Hadley, *Science and Religion: Some Historical Perspectives*. An excellent work on Science and Christianity since the 16th century.

Fengren, Gary B. ed., *The History of Science and Religion in the Western Tradition: An Encyclopedia*. An outstanding resource -- more than 100 articles on various aspects of the Science/ Religion issue. Much more than an encyclopedia. Each article is highly readable and informative.

Fengren, Gary B. *Science and Religion: A Historical Introduction*. A historical introduction from early times to the twentieth century and post-modern issues.

Kragh, Helge, *Cosmology and Controversy: The Historical Development of Two Theories of the Universe*. Excellent coverage of the Steady-State versus Big Bang models of the universe. It deals predominantly with the scientific issues, but includes a few sections on the theological impacts of each.



### THE BOOK WORM'S CORNER

(continued from page 5)—Mac McCuen

Lindberg, David C and Ronald Numbers, eds. *God and Nature: Historical Essays on the Encounter Between Christianity and Science*. Eighteen essays by excellent historians ranging over the 20 centuries of Christianity.

Lindberg, David C. and Ronald Numbers, eds. *When Science and Christianity Meet*. A collection of twelve essays by eminent scholars on Christianity and Science from the Patristic Period to the 20th century.

Numbers, Ronald L. *Darwinism Comes to America*. A short survey of American attitudes to Darwin (pro, con, and in the middle), how they evolved, and why.

Numbers, Ronald L, *The Creationists*. A fascinating account of the rise of fundamentalism and allied creationism in the United States, highly detailed and written in an engrossing narrative style.

Ruse, Michael, *Can a Darwinian Be Christian? The Relationship Between Science and Religion*. From an expert on the debates between evolution and creationism, this is an engaging and well-argued challenge to the idea that evolutionary theory and Christianity are necessarily incompatible.

Scott, Eugenie C. *Creationism versus Evolution: An Introduction*. A useful survey of the issues and history regarding current day arguments; written in particular for teachers.

Many of these books can be purchased for as little as twenty dollars apiece. Donations of any size will be welcomed, and will be used to purchase as many of these works as monies donated allow.

Mac



### F.A.T. FRIDAY WRAP UP

Third Lutheran Church welcomed the new Superintendent of Schools and the medical staff of the Kentucky Autism Training Center. Other special guests included Jeri Swinton, CEO of Big Brother/Big Sister, Cindy Gnadinger, VP Bellarmine University, Paws with Purpose. These are dogs who are being trained as service dogs for children with special needs.



**L to R: Dr. Gail Williams,  
Superintendent Donna Hargens,  
Dr. Robert Pennington**



**L to R: Jeri Swinton, Michael Swinton,**



**L to R: Dr. Scott Tomchek , Dr. Robert  
Pennington, Dr. Peter Tanguay,  
Dr. Gail Williams**



**L to R: Superintendent Donna Hargens,  
Chairperson, Steve Imhoff, Cindy Gnadinger,  
VP Bellarmine University**



**Dr. Peter Tanguay**



MORE FAT FRIDAY WRAP UP—Continued



**L to R: Superintendent Donna Hargens, Chairman, Steve Imhoff**



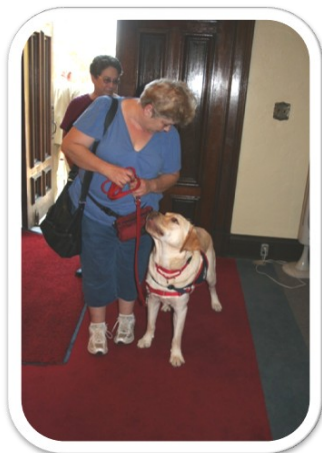
**L to R: Special Guests Jeanne Pohlmann, Corinne Koenig, and daughter, Wendy Koenig**



**L to R: Pat Gramig, Ruth Monson and Todd Monson**



**L to R: Rita Ward, Mrs. Peter Tanguay and Steve Imhoff**



**PAWS WITH PURPOSE**



**L to R: City Blue Ridge Manor Mayor Mike Ober and Debbie Mills**



SEPTEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME/EVENT
September 2 — Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting
September 4 — Sunday	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Sunday Worship Services
September 5 — Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds
September 7 — Wednesday	8:00pm — AA Meeting 7:00pm — AA Meeting
September 9 — Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting
September 11 — Sunday <b>NOISY SUNDAY</b>	<b>POTLUCK SUNDAY</b> 9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Sunday Worship Services
September 12 — Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting
September 14 — Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting 7:00pm — Council Meeting
September 16 — Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting





SEPTEMBER  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME/EVENT
September 18 —Sunday	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Worship Services 2:00pm — AYUTC Auditions
September 19 —Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 8:00pm — AA Meeting
September 20—Tuesday	7:00pm — AYUTC Auditions
September 21—Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
September 22 —Thursday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
September 23—Friday	6:30pm — AA Meeting
September 25 — Sunday	9:30am — Adult Christian Education 10:30am — Worship Services 2:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
September 26 — Monday	9:00am — Flower Buds 7:00pm — Worship & Music Meeting 8:00pm — AA Meeting
September 27 — Tuesday	7:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
September 28—Wednesday	7:00pm — AA Meeting
September 29—Thursday	7:00pm — AYUTC Rehearsal
September 30—Friday	6:00pm — F.A.T. Friday 6:30pm — AA Meeting





**YOUTH GROUP FOUND WAYS TO RAISE FUN(D)!**



**Another Good F.A.T. Friday Event  
At Third Lutheran! See you Next  
Month!**





*Patty Featherstone*

On August 7th we welcomed two long time friends, Margaret Anderson and Mary McCuen as well as two new friends, Linda Romine and Scott Wykoff "officially" to our church family at Third Lutheran. Margaret, Mary, Linda, and Scott have come to us from various other churches and we are delighted that they have joined us.





## ISSUES AND PERSONALITIES OF THE REFORMATION

Beginning the first Sunday in October and continuing through the third week in December the Adult Class will be discussing the issues and personalities of the Protestant Reformation. This will not be a dry history course, but an opportunity to discuss such questions as:

- Was a reformation really necessary? Why?
- What conditions are we experiencing today that were prevalent in the years just before the reformation?
- Is salvation by grace through faith a “get-something-for-nothing scheme” for spiritually lazy folks?
- Are the elements of our sacraments (bread, wine and water) just symbols or is something greater happening when we celebrate?
- Should we all be baptized by immersion? What does the Bible teach us?
- How many sacraments should we observe? Seven? Three? Two? None?
- Should there be separation of Church and State or should the religion of the President or King (Queen) be the religion of the people? Are there cracks in the wall between Church and State evident today? What are the values of uniformity versus diversity?
- What did we lose when Protestants attacked and sacked Catholic cathedrals, churches and shrines?
- Did anything of value come from the Catholic Counter-Reformation?
- Does martyrdom serve any good purpose?

In the process we shall also learn more about people like Luther, Melancthon, Calvin, Zwingli, Grebel and Manz, Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, Ignatius Loyola and others and their times and world in which they lived.

If this sounds interesting to you, please feel free to join us on October 2nd at 9:30 AM in the Church Library. There is no text for the course and no advance preparation will be required for class.

Courses on “Science and Religion” and “The Future of Christianity” will be offered in the Winter and Spring months of 2012.

Mac



**Youth & Children Sunday School Starts Up!**



**Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.**

The Youth and Children Sunday School are gearing up for fall. We will resume the same schedule we had last year.

Sunday	Youth	Children	Sept	Oct
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Music	Music		10/2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Vint	TLC	9/11	10/9
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	TLC	TLC	9/18	10/16
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Vint	TLC	9/25	10/23
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Teach Children @ TLC			10/30

**Ink Cartridge Recycling**

The Church Office is now collecting used ink or toner cartridges. The cartridges will be turned into Staples for reward coupons that will be used towards purchasing office supplies.



Join us on Sunday September 25, 2011 for Louisville AIDS Walk, Kentucky's largest annual HIV/AIDS fundraising and awareness event. Each year families, friends, students, volunteers, teammates and co-workers come together to bring awareness to the AIDS epidemic in our community. Through the participation of hundreds of volunteers and over 5,000 walkers this event has a proud nineteen year tradition of mobilizing thousands of people in the local fight against AIDS.

It all starts at 1:00pm on the Belvedere with food, beverages and on-site registration. A professional photographer will be onsite taking Team Photos and each team will receive one free lab processed photo. We'll have a variety of live entertainment and special guests including: Dawne Gee, Congressman John Yarmuth, Voices of Kentuckiana, River City Drum Corp and more!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

September	1	Harold Holt
September	3	Carolina Imhoff
September	4	Matthew Hetsch
September	4	Helen Johnston
September	10	Bill Hovingh
September	25	Cris Karem
September	25	Jerry Gramig
September	25	Beth Roche'
September	28	Jack Slusher Pofahl

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER—*Tom Tretter***

**JANUARY through JULY, 2011 UPDATE**

This update consists of data for the first seven months of 2011 – the most recently completed months as of the time of the writing of this report. The chart below includes income and expenses data for:

✦ January 1 – July 31, 2011 actual amounts

Our monthly budget anticipated before the year began (the annual budget is simply divided by 12 to get monthly budget, so each month has identical income & expenses projections)

	<b>ACTUAL</b> <b>Jan 1 – July 31</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>(anticipated)</b>
Total Actual <b>Income</b>	\$47,677	\$46,229
Total Actual <b>Epenses</b>	\$60,937	\$59,600
<b>Gap</b>	\$13,260	\$13,371

	<b>ACTUAL</b> <b>Jan 1 – July 31</b> <b>2010</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>(anticipated)</b> <b>Jan 1 – July 31, 2010</b>
Total Actual <b>Income</b>	\$42,574	\$45,442
Total Actual <b>Epenses</b>	\$58,846	\$60,359
<b>Gap</b>	\$16,272	\$14,917



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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*

