



*St. Thomas  
Lutheran Church  
News*

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## *Welcome to Windfall Central*

On Tuesday, May 6, just after returning from time away following Easter, I received a phone call from the Director of Field Education at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. The Director, Terry Baeder, proceeded to inform me that he had a seminary student who needed to find a congregation where she could complete her internship year.

Not unlike the story of our current intern, Colleen Montgomery, this woman (Marissa Tweed) needed to be fairly close to the man in her life. Marissa's fiancé is completing his doctorate at Purdue University, so she wanted to be within two hours of Lafayette. After doing considerable research, she identified St. Thomas as her first choice—principally because of our extensive mission involvements and based on our new website!

I let Terry know that we likely wouldn't be able to afford another intern, especially when he indicated that the cost would be nearly \$30,000. And then he said, "What if we gave you \$12,000?" I was tempted, but I still considered the possibility of finding close to \$18,000 highly unlikely, so I declined. We ended the conversation.

A few hours later, Terry called back and said, "Okay, we really want to make this work. How much do you think St. Thomas might be able to contribute? We'll raise the rest." It sounded like an offer we couldn't refuse. I sent his confirming email to the officers of the congregation to see what the Council might think.

To make a long story short, with a significant contribution from a member of the Council, some savings we were able to find in the budget, and partnership with Lutheran Campus Ministry, we have been able to identify \$12,000 that we can use for this internship. I was able to have a phone interview with Marissa, and Colleen has also been in touch to fill her in on her perspectives.

I believe Marissa to be a superb candidate, with extensive Lutheran background. Both of her parents are ELCA pastors, she worked widely with campus ministry during her undergraduate years at the University of Florida, and she is a Presidential Scholar at seminary (a full, merit-based, scholarship).

The Council voted to endorse the proposed placement on Sunday, May 18, and the Lutheran School of Theology has agreed to the terms. We expect Marissa to begin her pastoral internship with us on August 25.

Incredible! Two internships at St. Thomas in consecutive years! Praise the Lord!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Lyle

P.S. Permit me an unrelated note. At our recognition of Sunday School teachers and volunteers on Sunday, May 18, we failed to include Pastor Kelli Skram. Pastor Kelli has provided absolutely key leadership that has provided strategic and essential stability and inputs for our programs. On behalf of the congregation, I offer our apology for the oversight and our sincere gratitude for her superb work.



## *Pentecost? Pentecost!*

I never really thought much about Pentecost growing up. The excitement of the red paraments and fire tongues quickly faded as the weeks and weeks of green toiled on for seemingly countless weeks. I don't know that I ever really got Pentecost, until last year.

The night before my graduation from seminary, the community gathered for a service of farewell and Godspeed. I knew it was going to be an emotional time of worship for me. I had worked so hard so complete the degree, and this was one of the last times I would see many of my classmates for many months. I was slightly annoyed about the readings being from Pentecost. This was mostly because I was to read the Acts lesson with all of the names of the places: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arab (Acts 2:9-12). Despite almost being a Master of Divinity, I was no master of pronunciation.

But when worship started, and we started singing these powerful and missional Pentecost hymns something started to shift within me. I felt the Spirit moving. I quickly realized that it was incredibly profound that my final worship at the seminary as a student should be about the Spirit gifting us and sending us out into the world. Instead of Egypt or Mesopotamia or Cappadocia, we were going to North Dakota, New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Indiana. We were having a Pentecost experience right then! Instead of flaming tongues, we were anointed with holy oil, sprinkled with water to remind us of our baptism, and we celebrated communion. We were marked, watered, fed, and ready to be sent out to serve Christ in the world. The Spirit was moving in us.

Just over a year later, I'm excited to celebrate Pentecost again. To read the stories about the disciples as they founded the church and spread the Good News. I'm excited for the paraments to be red, even only for one Sunday. I can't wait to feel the Spirit moving among us, restoring us, and sending us out into Bloomington (and where ever else your summer travels might take you) in the name our God.

Peace,  
Colleen



## *Wear Red for Pentecost*

The Day of Pentecost is Sunday, June 8 this year. We celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the church on Pentecost each year. We rehearse the gift of tongues that helped to break down the barriers that divide people by speaking John 3:16 in a multitude of languages. And we hear our adult choir for the last time before their summer break (and offer them a token of our gratitude for their faithful and joyful service).

Come and celebrate with the whole church this high festival. And consider wearing something red to help us recall the tongues of fire that rested upon those present on that first Day of Pentecost.

# *We Bid Farewell to Karl Teskey*

Karl Teskey, our Youth Minister for nearly four years, will complete his time with us at the end of June. The congregation's ministry with our young people has been enhanced by Karl's stable and devoted presence among us. He has taught faithfully, offered stimulating children sermons, organized a multitude of youth events, led a contingent to the triennial youth gathering, and shared his artistic gifts in a multitude of ways.

We will celebrate Karl's ministry among us at a reception in his honor on his final Sunday, June 29, following the 10:15 a.m. worship service at the home of Jane Warner on Lake Lemon. Bring food to share, swim suits and fishing poles.

We wish Karl all the best as he explores other vocational opportunities.



## *Youth News*

It saddens me that this is my last newsletter article here at St. Thomas, but it makes me smile to look back at all that has happened here with your amazing youth! I hope that everyone's school year has been good and you all are looking forward to the opportunities that summer brings.

There are a few youth events this summer I hope will still happen, even if they occur after I am gone. I am currently trying to find a date in June that works to have one last Shakes 'n Convos. I am also in talks with Jane Warner about the traditional Lake Party for July or August. Other events include service opportunities at MCUM and possibly participating in the Each One Feed One event in August.

I want to encourage all of you one last time to take advantage of our Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of the Indiana Kentucky synod. We have an amazing camp in Lutheran Hills that will have some great summer camp programs running this year. If you have never been or would like to know more please, please contact me, I will gladly tell you all about them. Some representatives from LH will be here on June 8<sup>th</sup> as well!

Blessings upon all the youth and their families,  
Karl Teskey



## *Members Vote to Move Forward with a Capital Campaign*

At a well-attended congregational meeting on May 4, our members voted overwhelmingly to approve both of the motions put forward. After reviewing program reports and electing new council members, the following motions were approved:

- 1) To proceed with a capital campaign, hiring Kirby-Smith Associates to assist with the campaign at a cost of \$19,250.
- 2) To hire Entheos Architects to provide documents and consulting related to the capital campaign, prepare Phase 2 construction documents, and oversee construction at a cost of \$50,500 (plus travel expenses).

The Council is working to put these actions into effect and has named people to begin working with both organizations. The congregation will be kept informed as significant progress and decisions are made.

**LCM at IU is currently taking reservations for Stories & Steins!** This is fellowship and storytelling event for folks to learn more about the ministry of LCM and hear some stories from our students and alumni. You can make a reservation at St. Thomas on Sunday, by getting in contact with Colleen or Jeff, or emailing [lcmstoriesandsteins@gmail.com](mailto:lcmstoriesandsteins@gmail.com).



# STORIES STEINS

*Lutheran Campus Ministry  
at Indiana University*

Invites you to

*An evening of food, drink & story telling*

July 12, 2014

4:30 PM, \$35/person

Upland Brewery

350 West 11th Street

Bloomington, Indiana 47404

To reserve seats or for more information:

[lcmstoriesandsteins@gmail.com](mailto:lcmstoriesandsteins@gmail.com)

or 812-333-2474

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# *Summer Pub Theology: Parables and Pints!*

Who: Anyone 21 and up

When: Second Tuesdays @ 7pm (June 10, July 8, August 12)

Where: The Vid, upstairs at 105 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street

What: Gather with local Btown folks over casual conversation and beer. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bibles!)

Questions: [colleen.r.montgomery@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.r.montgomery@gmail.com)

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## *LCM Yard Sale*

**Saturday, June 14 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
in the education wing**

**Declutter your digs and help fund ministry on the IU campus at the same time.** The LCM yard sale is almost here! Donations have started coming in (thank you!!), but we are still looking for more:

- **donations** of gently used children's items (clothes, toys, equipment), antiques & collectibles, furniture, household items, current electronics, craft items, sporting goods, tools. (Please no clothes or shoes for adults, and no books unless they are children's books or current bestsellers.)
- **portable clothes racks** (to borrow)
- **volunteers** to help with set up, sale day, and clean up

Items may now be dropped off in the 1st-3rd (Holy Moly) Sunday school room. Please label any donation items "LCM yard sale".

Finally, **don't forget to stop by for some bargain hunting on sale day.** Our friends from Resurrection Lutheran in Greenwood are sending us items to sell, too, so we should have a great selection of "upcycled" goods. Tell your friends and neighbors to stop by. Volunteer sign-ups are in the narthex or you may contact Kelli at [kskram@indiana.edu](mailto:kskram@indiana.edu) or 333-2474.



# *Vacation Bible School Hayday*

**Sunday, June 22 to Tuesday, June 24**

**5:00-8:00 p.m.**

Preschool and elementary school children are invited to join us for a Vacation Bible School HAYDAY as we explore our friendship with Jesus. We will enjoy games, stories, craft projects, fun with other kids, and maybe even a surprise visit from a really tall guy in overalls who happens to be a gardener and a “chicken tender”.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us make this HAYDAY great! We need help with crafts, storytelling, music, games, small groups, and dinner preparation. Even if you aren't available all three nights, we would love to have your help. Sign up in the narthex or by calling the church office (332-5252) or emailing Kelli Skram ([kskram@indiana.edu](mailto:kskram@indiana.edu)).



## *SCS Children build a relationship with el Sembrador Pre-school*

The Sunday School kids raised a total of \$570.54 for el Sembrador pre-school in Santiago, Chile this year. The Mission Endowment Fund is giving an additional \$300 to the pre-school. All of this money will go to el Sembrador for basic supplies like crayons, paper, and craft materials.

A relationship between two groups of students is hard to establish and measure - never having met each other, talking only on the phone or via e-mail or mail, having not only a language barrier but also a seasonal barrier (Chilean summer break was in January and February!). I do know that judging by the exchange of lovely posters, cards, and projects - theirs in broken English, ours in limited Spanish - that we have been in their thoughts, just as they have been in ours.

Many thanks go to all of the teachers - Mrs. Fawbush, Mrs. Nixon, Ms. Tish, Jamie Crouch, Kelli Skram, and Ronna Papesh - who helped promote a relationship with el Sembrador kids through activities and letter exchanges. Thanks to the musicians, Juan Carlos Zamudio & Kari Isaacson, who inspired the children and the congregation to get to know another culture through Spanish-language music. Thanks to Naomi Sveholm for sharing pictures in a presentation to the St. Thomas Sunday School kids. Thanks to Karen Anderson, our ELCA missionary in Santiago, who introduced us to and facilitated communication with el Sembrador, and to Soledad Puebla, el Sembrador's director, who wanted so much for this fundraiser to be not just about giving money, but about making a connection and walking in accompaniment with each other. And lastly, thanks to the congregation for supporting the Sunday School kids in their fundraiser.



## *Sister Parish News*

Earlier this month St Thomas sent a letter of invitation to Sister Parish in Guatemala for a South to North delegation. It takes at least 10 months to prepare for this, so we suggested that they look at a delegation coming sometime between mid – March and mid May 2015. Thank you to everyone who has supported this effort, and we are looking forward to this very special visit next spring.

“New Wine in Old Skins” is a course on remodeling church sanctuaries that has been taught for many years at the Grunewald Guild in Washington State. I think of that when I think of having a “Recycled Art Sale”. Sometimes just moving a piece of art makes it look new. Our sale is still in the works, so we hope that you are setting aside framed artwork, pottery, textiles, etc. for our fundraising event this summer.

In last month’s newsletter we had mentioned that it would be on June 22, but decided against that date because of that being Vacation Bible School. We are working on a possible exciting collaboration, so please watch for further announcements about the fundraiser for Sister Parish.



## *Congratulations to our New Council Members*

Two new Council members were elected at the May 18 congregational meeting: Ashley Ahlbrand and Cindy Gallien. They brought to eight the number of Council members, and an appeal was made at the meeting for others who might serve.

With great delight and relief, the Council welcomed three additional volunteers for this important service. They are Sarah Climis, Missy Eichmiller, and Sam Eichmiller.

These new Council members, as well as those who continue their terms of service, will be installed during worship on June 1.

Our officers are:

President – Dawn Bakken

Vice-President – Missy Eichmiller

Secretary – Tim Climis

Other Council members are: Ashley Ahlbrand, Dennis Baurle, John Bush, Sarah Climis, Sam Eichmiller, Maren Foley, Cindy Gallien, Charles Sweet.



## *ECHO News*

THANK YOU to all who participated in any way in the 2014 ECHO plant sale. Income from the sale, combined with cash gifts from individuals and a generous gift from the Mission Endowment Fund, totaled \$762, a 5% increase over last year’s income. This increase shows that the people of St. Thomas continue to consider the mission of ECHO to be worthy of their support.

# *Garden Work Days – Come Lend a Hand*

Plans are being created for more than gardens on the acre-plus property behind our church building here at St. Thomas. The first step is getting our Community Garden well in order for this growing season.

Please come lend a hand—and implements—for our Garden Work Days:

Saturday, May 31 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 1 – 11:30 a.m. (after late worship) – 3:00 p.m.

There are lots of tasks to keep us busy. We will mulch the fence line, lay cardboard on the garden to keep the weeds down, and perhaps build raised beds and mulch the walking paths.

Participants should bring shovels for the mulch and trowels and clippers to clean up the grass between the deer fence and rabbit wire. Hats, gloves, sunscreen, and water bottles recommended. Extra wheelbarrows would be helpful.



## *New Homes For Two Families*

Two young Bloomington families have new homes thanks to the annual Habitat for Humanity Women Build that took place May 3-17. A team of 12 women from St. Thomas joined the women of Beth Shalom on May 14 as the houses were really taking shape. It was great fun to share the day with our congregational neighbors and friends. Deb Allmayer was our overall team captain and she was wonderful at organizing us and keeping us informed. Special thanks to Kaye Hill, who organized St. Thomas recruitment and fundraising. The Women Build would not be possible without the generous sponsorship of supporters contributing to the minimum of \$250/builder that underwrites the cost of construction materials. Thanks to all who made this event possible.

### Builders and site host:

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Maren Foley          | Marie Fleming     |
| Kris Frampton        | Suzanne Halvorson |
| Kaye Hill            | Stephanie Hulett  |
| Bev Lingvai          | Chris Ogan        |
| Catharine Rademacher | Naomi Sveholm     |
| Misty White          | Kathy Zellers     |

### Contributors, in addition to the builders:

Dawn Bakken  
Charlene Braun  
Susan Colston  
Bob and Jan Ellis  
Gayl Laughman  
Evelyn Niemeyer  
Vicki Polansky  
Eliot & Pamela Smith

*Dear St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
Members,*

*Thank you so much for the wonderful and  
generous donation you gave to our society!  
Please know that these funds will help our  
clients stay in their homes, pay utility  
bills, and assist them with special needs.  
God bless you for your thoughtfulness.  
The St. Vincent DePaul Society of  
Monroe County*

(In response to our gift of \$2,000.00 designated at  
the April meeting of the congregation)

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| 6/1 Chris & Maren Foley         | 18 yrs |
| 6/4 Walt Wood & Susan Krieg     | 31 yrs |
| 6/7 Matt & Karol Anderson       | 6 yrs  |
| 6/10 Bob & Janet Ellis          | 58 yrs |
| 6/15 Ron & Jean Brown           | 57 yrs |
| 6/17 Tim & Sara Johnson         | 14 yrs |
| 6/17 Lyle McKee & Marie Fleming | 14 yrs |
| 6/18 Lyman & Gloria Hitchcock   | 54 yrs |
| 6/27 Dennis & Carolyn Delap     | 22 yrs |
| 6/27 Brian & Rachel Wheeler     | 16 yrs |
| 6/28 David & Karen Rohlfing     | 45 yrs |

## *MCUM Food Pantry Needs for June*

The pantry welcomes donations of all non-  
perishable foods, but we currently have a  
special need for the following:

- canned meats (salmon, beef stew,  
chicken & dumplings)
- coffee and powdered milk
- canned vegetables (carrots, greens,  
potatoes)

Non-food items - dish soap, shaving cream,  
toothpaste

## *June Birthdays*

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| 6/2 Gene Laughman,                                 |
| 6/5 Lisa (McDonald) Shetterly                      |
| 6/6 Gayl Laughman, Quinton Smith,<br>Charles Sweet |
| 6/7 Joel Arnold, Rich Weichert                     |
| 6/8 Martha Selk                                    |
| 6/9 Sydney Arnold                                  |
| 6/10 Sarah Goldsworthy                             |
| 6/11 Tiffany Shupe                                 |
| 6/12 Bridget Hummel                                |
| 6/14 Lindsey Smith                                 |
| 6/16 Dotty Mitchell                                |
| 6/20 Allison White                                 |
| 6/21 Rick Goldsworthy, Madelyn Shupe               |
| 6/26 Braelyn Dimick, Helen Ingersoll,              |
| 6/28 Brian Bourkland, Zoe Adams                    |
| 6/29 Kathy McDonald, Mallory Smith                 |

# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE - JULY 2014

|          | June 8          | June 15          | June 22       | June 29          | July 6        | July 13         |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|          | 8:30 AM         | 8:30 AM          | 8:30 AM       | 8:30 AM          | 8:30 AM       | 8:30 AM         |
| DEACON   | David Rohlfing  | David Rohlfing   | C Montgomery  | Gail Seegert     | Gail Seegert  | Kris Stewart    |
| LECTOR   | Kris Stewart    | Karen Rohlfing   | Mike Laros    | Judy Bush        | Barb Unger    | Dana Barron     |
| ACOLYTE  | Natalie Schacht | Gretchen Wheeler | E Goldsworthy | Zach May         | A Goldsworthy | Natalie Schacht |
| SERVER   | Kent Unger      | Gene Laughman    | Martha Selk   | Kathleen Boggess | Kelly Thacker | ML Nierzwicki   |
| USHERS   | L/U Coyne       | M/L Nierzwicki   | L/U Coyne     | J/M Doering      | G/G Laughman  | D/D Nixon       |
| GREETERS | B/R Wheeler     | Kathleen Boggess | R/J Brown     | Shirley Mingee   | K/D Rohlfing  | Mary Sasse      |
| NURSERY  | Susan Krieg     | Misty White      |               | Pauline Caldwell | Susan Krieg   | Misty White     |
| CRUCIFER | Kent Unger      |                  |               |                  |               |                 |

|             |                  |                |                  |                 |               |               |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| FLOWERS     | J/S Pankow       | R/J Brown      |                  | D/K Rohlfing    |               | Kaye Hill     |
| BREAD/WINE  | Pauline Caldwell | K/B Unger      | Bev Lingvai      | M O'Connor      | G/G Laughman  | J/S Halvorson |
| COUNCIL CO  | Dawn Bakken      | Cindy Gallien  | Dawn Bakken      | S/M Eichmillers |               | Cindy Gallien |
|             | Dennis Baurle    | Maren Foley    | Charles Sweet    | S/M Eichmillers | Charles Sweet | Sarah Climis  |
| ALTAR GUILD | Mary Sasse       | Shirley Mingee | Bev Lingvai      | Ute Coyne       | Gail Seegert  | Barb Unger    |
|             | Mary Sasse       | Carole Kirsch  | Pauline Caldwell | Marilyn Harder  | Gail Seegert  | Carole Kirsch |

|          | June 8         | June 15          | June 22          | June 29          | July 6             | July 13        |
|----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|          | 10:15 AM       | 10:15 AM         | 10:15 AM         | 10:15 AM         | 10:15 AM           | 10:15 AM       |
| DEACON   | A Alhbrand     | Sarah Climis     | C Montgomery     | Lyman Hitchcock  | Lyman Hitchcock    | J Bourkland    |
| LECTOR   | Carol Seaman   | R Hershberger    | Charles Sweet    | Stephanie Biehn  | Haley Garl         | Deb Moore      |
| ACOLYTE  | Nina Daleke    | Nick May         | Rachel Bourkland | Lilly Rademacher | Katcha Papesh      | Joel Arnold    |
| SERVER   | Sarah Climis   | Chris Ogan       | Carol Seaman     | Charles Sweet    | Gary Ingersoll     | Sandy Arnold   |
| USHERS   | P/L May        | Owens/Hill       | McDonald/Ohslund | D/S Arnold       | Baurle/Filiatrault | P/L May        |
| GREETER  | Ruth Rives     | Charlene Wheeler | S/M Eichmiller   | Deb Moore        | M O'Connor         | Katie Anderson |
| NURSERY  | Vicki Polansky | Kim Filiatrault  | Sydney Arnold    | Haley Garl       | Cindy Ohslund      | Lauren Wright  |
| CRUCIFER | Sarah Climis   |                  |                  |                  |                    |                |



## MONTH of JUNE

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday                           | Thursday                | Friday | Saturday                          |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 1<br>Worship @ 8:30 & 10:15<br>New Member Class<br>11:30<br>Back 40 Clean-up<br>11:30 – 3 pm | 2<br>Bible study<br>1 pm<br>Community<br>Band 7:00        | 3<br>U Club Yoga<br>10:00<br>Worship Co<br>6:30 | 4<br>Mission Co<br>6:45             | 5<br>Finance 6:00<br>pm | 6      | 7<br>Property<br>Co 10:00         |
| 8<br>Worship @ 8:30 & 10:15<br>Congregation Council<br>11:30                                 | 9<br>Community<br>Band 7:00                               | 10 U Club<br>Yoga 10:00                         | 11<br>Friday Musicale<br>Board 9:30 | 12                      | 13     | 14<br>LCM Yard<br>Sale<br>8am-1pm |
| 15<br>Worship @ 8:30 & 10:15   | 16<br>Laycare<br>Visitors 10:00<br>Community<br>Band 7:00 | 17 U Club<br>Yoga 10:00                         | 18                                  | 19                      | 20     | 21                                |
| 22<br>Worship @ 8:30 & 10:15<br>VBS Begins 5:00  | 23<br>VBS 5-8 pm<br>Community<br>Band 7:00                | 24 U Club<br>Yoga 10:00<br>VBS 5- 8 pm          | 25                                  | 26                      | 27     | 28                                |
| 29<br>Worship @ 8:30 & 10:15   | 30<br>Community<br>Band 7:00                              |   |                                     |                         |        |                                   |