

# St. Thomas Lutheran Church News

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## *Please Be Present – Important Congregational Meeting*

Because of the importance of full attendance at our congregational meeting on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Council has decided to revise the morning schedule for that day. Here it is:

Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> schedule:

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:45 a.m. – Congregational Meeting and Sunday School

Note that there will be a single worship service that morning. Efforts are being made to make it possible for our Sunday School teachers also to be present at the meeting, especially for the first portion.

First on the agenda will be the matter of extending a call to Colleen Montgomery, our current Minister of Youth and Christian Nurture. This portion of the meeting will be led by a representative of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, and will have two parts. First will be the recommendation, passed unanimously by the Council following an interview with the candidate, that St. Thomas extend a call to Colleen Montgomery to serve as our Associate Pastor. If this private ballot vote passes (a two-thirds majority is required), then a vote will be taken on the compensation package recommended by the Council (simple majority required).

Following these votes, our President Dawn Bakken will take the floor and lead us through a presentation and vote on the congregational budget for 2015 and then on a proposed bylaw change.

Please make a special effort to be present at worship and at the congregational meeting.



**You and your family are invited to the 2014 Capital Campaign Kickoff Event!**

Sunday, November 2 - 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm St. Thomas Lutheran Church

Come join us for food, fellowship, and square dancing fun!!!

Food and drinks will be provided. You don't need to bring a thing.

**Please RSVP by October 27** by calling the church office  
(812.332.5252) or replying to [kayehill@stlconline.org](mailto:kayehill@stlconline.org)

# *Calling a Pastor*

As we look to the possibility of extending a call to Colleen Montgomery as our Associate Pastor, there are a few things to keep in mind about the process that is involved.

Colleen has completed all of the requirements set forth by the ELCA for candidates who are preparing to serve in the ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament. She has completed her seminary training (Master of Divinity—with honors—at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia), completed her internship (here at St. Thomas), gained approval by the Candidacy Committee of the Northwest Pennsylvania Synod, and completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education.

Colleen met with the Council on October 12<sup>th</sup> for an interview, using suggested questions offered by our synod, and then voted unanimously to recommend her to the congregation for a call. The next step is to hold a **Q&A session with Colleen** for the congregation. This is set for **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> during the education hour**, and will be held in the sanctuary. **Please make a special effort to be present for this conversation.**

A valid call must be received and accepted by a candidate for ordination in the ELCA before being ordained. Should the congregation vote to extend this call to Colleen at our congregational meeting on November 16 and she accepts that call, she will then be ordained. In order to facilitate this process, the appropriate contacts have already been made to be certain that Bishop William Gafkjen is available to be present for Colleen's ordination, tentatively set for Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> right here at St. Thomas.

Please direct any questions you might have about this process to a member of the Council.



# *Thanksgiving & Giving Thanks*

I am already looking forward to Thanksgiving. This year, Nick and I will travel to be together with his mother and share a Southern Thanksgiving meal. I'm looking forward to the cornbread dressing and macaroni and cheese that were never a part of my Pennsylvania Thanksgivings growing up. (It is really quite a miracle to me that macaroni and cheese counts as a vegetable in Southern Thanksgiving dinners!) When celebrating Thanksgiving, getting caught up in food preparations, traveling, and the other festivities such as parades and football games is easy. I invite you and your family to participate in a devotional practice this year to connect faith and giving thanks to God throughout the week of Thanksgiving.

Each night during the week of Thanksgiving, gather your family together. It could be during dinner or it could be later once activities, meetings, and other duties have ended. Read the assigned daily verse (see below) and reflect on its meaningful for your life and your relationship with God. Take turns sharing a person, place, gift, talent, or experience that you are thankful for. Then spend a few minutes in prayer together. Give thanks for the day and what your family shared. You could also simply say the Lord's Prayer together.

Sunday, November 23 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Monday, November 24 - Psalm 107:1

Tuesday, November 25 - Philemon 1:4

Wednesday, November 26 - Colossians 4:2

Thursday, November 27 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Friday, November 28 - James 1:17

Saturday, November 29 - Philippians 4:6

My prayer is that this practice will enrich your family's faith and open your eyes to the incredible ways that God has been present with you. I know that I give thanks to God for all of the children, families, teachers, and helpers that participate in and support our Sunday School. I also give thanks for the curious and insightful students in the confirmation class and youth group.

As always, I am open to conversation, concerns, and questions about the educational and youth ministries at St. Thomas.

Peace,  
Colleen Montgomery  
Minister of Youth and Christian Nurture



## *Adult Forum November 2014*

November 2: Question and Answer Session with Associate Pastor Candidate Colleen Montgomery, Sanctuary. At their October meeting, the Congregation Council voted unanimously to recommend to the congregation to call Colleen Montgomery as the new Associate Pastor for St. Thomas. As part of the call process set out by the synod, the candidate meets with members of the congregation for a question and answer session. The conversation will be based upon your questions and comments.

November 9: Spiritual Growth Group Meeting Time

November 16: Adjusted Worship and Education Schedule. 9:30am Worship, 10:45 Congregational Meeting and Children's Education.

November 23: Thanksgiving Break.

November 30: Introduction to Permaculture with Marie Fleming, Conference Room. What is Permaculture and how can it support people of faith in their commitment to creation care? This session will introduce the ecological design method that offers practical answers to the question, "What can we do?" Presented by Marie Fleming, who is a Disciples of Christ pastor and certified in Permaculture design and teaching. "Let us direct our desire for a better world into the earth itself." - Carol L. McKay



## *Back Forty/Community Garden Work Day*

There will be a Back Forty/Community Garden work day on Saturday, November 1 beginning at 10:00 AM. We will remove the fence from around the community garden, clean the fence row, set corner posts for the new perimeter fence, complete a few landscaping items, and see what else can be done. Please bring gardening tools (including power trimmers) if you are able.

Baked treats and cider will be served.



# *St. Thomas Advent Family Evening*

Sunday, November 30, 2014

5:30-7:30pm

Mark your calendars for our second annual Advent Family Dinner. Bring the whole family for food, fellowship, and joyful moments to mark the beginning of this season of hope. The Worship Committee will be providing dinner, and the Education Committee will be planning activities for the whole family. If you will be able to join us, please sign up in the narthex so we can be sure to have enough food!

Please contact Colleen Montgomery if you would like to help.



## *Community Thanksgiving Service*

The congregations at the corner of Smith and Third—Congregation Beth Shalom, University Baptist, and St. Thomas—are again joining together for a common celebration of Thanksgiving! Please mark your calendars for: Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Other details are not yet determined, so watch for more information in the weekly.



## *Please Join Us*

Please join us at St. Thomas on Friday, November 7 at 7:00 PM for a concert of sacred choral and organ music directed by Jacobs School of Music doctoral candidate Katie Timm. The program is based around two great Lutheran chorales, *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* and *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*. This event is sponsored by the St. Thomas Worship and the Arts concert series.



## *Lay Care Corner*

Helen Ingersoll, one of our Lay Care Visitors, reflects on Part One of the series of workshops being presented on end-of-life issues. It was held on October 5th:

Spend my Sunday afternoon doing what? How is it that a workshop titled *Considering the Conversation: Living Well Our Final Days* could be anything but a “downer”? Well, if you were fortunate enough to attend, you might agree that the vignettes, facilitation, and participant conversation made this event quite extraordinary! “It helped me put these things in better perspective and opened my eyes to the fact that thinking, planning, and conversation on the subject are positive steps. It gave me the courage to entertain the idea of pursuing these issues”.

Come and join us for further stimulating and useful conversation at our next workshop set for Sunday, January 25 beginning at 12:30 p.m.

## *From our Intern:*

A big thank you to all of you who have met with me so far to help me learn more about my internship context. I have had many enjoyable and informative meetings with members of this congregation in an effort to learn more about St. Thomas, Indiana University and Lutheran Campus Ministry, and the community of Bloomington.

If you are interested in meeting with me to add your voice to the conversation (or simply meeting together to get to know each other better) please email me at [marissa.tweed@gmail.com](mailto:marissa.tweed@gmail.com). It has been a delight to get acquainted with many of you over the past 9 weeks, and I look forward to continuing to do so in the coming months.

Marissa Tweed



## *2014 Thanksgiving Pies:*



It's an LCM-IU tradition. Ease some of the burden of your Thanksgiving dinner preparations. Once again LCM-IU students are making *apple* and *pumpkin* pies for you to serve at your holiday gathering. Check your Sunday bulletin soon for order forms. Pricing this year has not changed: your first pie is \$15 with each subsequent pie being only \$10. If you do not need pies this year you can support this project with donations of (or cash

for) supplies. In particular, each year we especially need donations of:

- Pumpkin filling (large cans)
- Apples (Granny Smith, Honey Crisp or McIntosh)



Other needs include:

- Aluminum Pie Pans
- Vegetable Shortening, Evaporated Milk
- Eggs, Flour, Sugar, Cinnamon

Look for more information at worship in the coming weeks. Thank you! We look forward to providing for your pie-baking needs again this year!



## *Welcoming Visitors*

When you see a new face in the crowd at St. Thomas do you extend a welcome to them? One way that we welcome visitors is through bread delivery. When a visitor is noted from checking the Together in Community pads that are passed during the offering, someone from the bread delivery group will later stop by the visitor's home with a small homemade loaf of bread, a brochure, and a newsletter. In this way visitors get to know a little more about our congregation and will know that they were seen and welcome. This gesture seems to be genuinely appreciated. Occasionally we receive a thank-you note from a visitor.

Currently there are six individuals who do bread delivery. During the winter months when a couple snowbirds fly away, the group dwindles down to five and then four. We would love to have more help! If you have questions, or would like to volunteer for this ministry, please call the church office, or speak with Jan Ellis, Susan Krieg, Kaye Hill, LeAnn Lipe, Kathleen Boggess, Pauline Caldwell, or Nina Ost.

*Hebrews 13:1 Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

# *Sister Parish Thank You*

The Mission Committee and Sister Parish Interest Group want to thank everyone for helping to contribute to our highly successful, "Recycled Art Sale". St Thomas earned over \$1,500.00 for our South to North Sister Parish delegation next April. Congregation Beth Shalom, and University Baptist Church were both pleased with the event as well. Most importantly it was a chance to work in harmony with our good neighbors, and all for our respective mission causes.

Suzanne Halvorson  
Mission Committee



## *Update on Design Issues for Phase Two*

Careful notes were taken at the meetings held recently related to Phase Two construction. The first were with our architect following each worship service on Sunday, September 21. The other was open conversation with representatives of our Capital Campaign Steering Committee on Sunday, October 5 between services.

We sent the suggestions to our architect, and what follows is a summary of the responses.

**Question: Will the kitchen be handicapped accessible?**

Answer: Yes, all rooms / door swings should already be accessible.

**Q: Will the overhang for the drop-off cover the entire vehicle?**

A: This is probably the most difficult item and will take some additional study as this area is already quite tight for vehicle turning radii. If this needs to fully cover someone getting out of the car, it will most likely need to become quite a bit larger and extend across a portion of the circle. There are probably several other ways to make this work but all could add significant cost, which is why it was minimized originally.

**Q: Should we consider purchasing the commercial dishwasher that Lutheran Hills may be disposing of soon?**

A: Used equipment can be a good deal if it's not worn out. If it is an above the counter dishwasher, it will take up a good amount of space and you will most likely lose cabinet / counter area to accommodate this. These also typically come with other requirements and equipment needs such as a separate exhaust hood, booster heater and sometimes the building inspector will require a grease trap and additional food disposal equipment.

**Q: Should the drive-up be heated?**

A: This would be very expensive, but can be done.

**Q: Will there be landscaping around the HVAC facing Beth Shalom?**

A: We are currently not showing any. When we previously discussed landscaping, it was limited to only that required by the City ordinance.

**Q: Can we widen the road leading up to the drop-off so that there are two lanes?**

A: Our site consultant agrees that there probably is room for widening the road if necessary, and the additional cost is not an issue.

**Q: Will the drop-off accommodate a paratransit bus?**

A: Based on turning radii, we do not believe that the circle will accommodate more than a mini-van.....maybe a pick-up truck or full-size van, if careful when turning.

**Q: What is the R-value of the insulation being used?**

A: The insulation is meeting the required energy code of: R-38 (12" thickness) for batt insulation in the attic above the kitchen, restrooms, storage, etc., R-20 (4" thickness) for rigid poly-iso on the roof deck above Heritage Hall, and R-19 (6" batt) plus R-3.8 (1" continuous rigid) at the new stud walls (total of R-22.8).

**Q: Will we install ambient heating in the floor for Heritage Hall?**

A: No. We were not planning to remove the existing concrete slab which would be required for this installation.

**Q: Have we considered the need for security cameras or security alarms?**

A: We do not have these systems included. If raceways for these systems are desired, these can easily be included.

**Q: What is the difference in cost between a metal roof vs. traditional shingles?**

A: A roofer gave us numbers that had metal at about 2.5 times the cost of shingles.

**Q: Should we have two separate entry doors to the two storage spaces?**

A: Doors can be added where needed.

*Stewardship Reminder*

If you haven't already, please complete and return your "Time and Talent" sheet and your pledge card for 2015. Additional copies are available in the narthex. Many thanks to members who have already turned in the forms.

*All Saints Sunday*

**On All Saints Sunday (November 2<sup>nd</sup>), we will remember in prayer those who have joined the Church Triumphant over the past year. We will remember Matthew Doering, Evan Ringquist, Grace Browning, and Barbara Jepson. Those in attendance at worship that day will have the opportunity to add the names of family and friends for inclusion in our prayers.**

**On Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>** join the Sunday Church School Children in the narthex in making Christmas Cards for Chichipate.

**Guatemalan clothing needed for Children's Christmas play.**

The Sunday School Christmas Program is in need of Guatemalan vests, skirts, tops, dresses, etc. for their production. If you have any of these and would be willing to share please bring the items to the church office.



**NOVEMBER 1**

# Volunteers Needed

Volunteers Needed for New Hope Family Shelter: New Hope provides housing and social services to homeless families in Monroe County and helps those families find permanent housing (you may have met their director, Elaine Guinn, when she visited us on Mission Sunday). The office needs volunteers to answer the phone for about four hours every weekday. If you would like to volunteer one day a week or just learn more about the shelter, talk to Darrell Bakken or Ruth Rives, or call the shelter office at 812-334-9840.



## Friends & Family:

On Saturday evening, November 8, Congregation Beth Shalom will be hosting Rabbi Andrew Hahn, aka the [Kirtan Rabbi](#), for a fabulous evening of Hebrew chant. Think ancient technology (Kirtan is a Hindu prayer style) meeting ancient religion (Judaism) and you end up with... ecstatic call-and-response song that is at once spiritual, deep, fun, good to dance to, and celebratory.

You don't need to be Jewish. You don't need to read Hebrew. You do need to be willing to sing as well as open yourself to surprises.

Sue & Bruce Swartz



### November Pantry Needs For MCOM

Food: canned fruit (no pineapple)  
Baking mixes & pie crust mixes  
canned veggies (esp. green peas & potatoes)  
soups – veggie, tomato, cream of  
dried beans and peanut butter

Cleaning Closet Items:  
Underwear – men's sizes 32-36  
Tub socks for winter

### Wedding Anniversaries

11/26	Gary & Helen Ingersoll	48 yrs
11/27	Darrell & Kathleen Boggess	43 yrs
11/27	Jerry & Betty Smith	60 yrs



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**Do you have furniture  
you're not using -- or  
are thinking of  
replacing?**

Consider donating it to the Society of St.  
Vincent de Paul.

SVdP volunteers will pick it up and make  
it available to those in need.

Also sought:

- ~ Appliances and Televisions
- ~ Mattresses and Box Springs
- ~ Bed Frames

For information call:  
Gene Laughman 320-0400  
Jim Pankow 876-5664

or

SVdP Recorded Message Line 961-1510

*November Birthdays*

- 11/1 Lyle McKee
- 11/4 Dana Barron, Nick May
- 11/5 Andrew Watters
- 11/7 Kathleen Boggess, Susan Colston
- 11/12 Lyman Hitchcock, Kris Stewart
- 11/15 Jane Warner
- 11/16 Ron Ohslund
- 11/17 Shelby Crouch
- 11/19 Chris Smith
- 11/20 David Polansky
- 11/22 Kaye Hill
- 11/23 Martha Seaman
- 11/25 Hannah Ringquist
- 11/27 Gail Bourkland
- 11/29 Jim Halvorson
- 11/30 Michael Laros, Natalie Schacht

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# NOVEMBER - DECEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30	December 7	December 14
	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	One SERVICE 9/30	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM
DEACON	Kris Stewart	Robin Hershberger	Kris Stewart	Marissa Tweed	Gail Seegert	Kathleen Boggess	Gail Seegert
LECTOR	Dale Ludwig	David Ellies	Kent Unger	Lynn Coyne	Walt Wood	Bob Cutter	Mike Laros
ACOLYTE	Lilly Rademacher	A Goldsworthy	Kenna Dimick	Gretchen Wheeler	Madelyn Shupe	E Goldsworthy	Zach May
SERVER	David Ellies	Kent Unger	Gene Laughman	Carl Ziegler	Barb Unger	Mary Sasse	ML Nierzwicki
USHERS	F/ML Nierzwicki	L/U Coyne	J/M Doering	G/G Laughman	D/D Nixon	F/ML Nierzwicki	L/U Coyne
GREETERS	K/B Unger	J/J Bush	Bob Cutter	M/J Laros	Carl Ziegler	Evelyn Niermeyer	B/R Wheeler
NURSERY	Misty White	Tiffany Shupe	Susan Krieg	Pauline Caldwell	Misty White	Tiffany Shupe	Susan Krieg
CRUCIFER	David Ellies						

FLOWERS	J/R Steele	E/P Smith	Biehn/Daleke	Betty & Jerry Smith D/S Arnold		Richard/Lucas	
BREAD/WINE	Katie Anderson	Kim Filiatrault	D/S Arnold	Carol Seaman	Chris Ogan	T/J Garl	Pauline Caldwell
COUNCIL CO	Eichmillers	John Bush	Cindy Gallien	Cindy Gallien	John Bush	Dawn Bakken	
	Dawn Bakken	Ashley Ahlbrand	Dennis Baurle	Charles Sweet		Ashley Ahlbrand	
ALTAR GUILD	Ute Coyne	Bev Lingvai	Gail Seegert	Shirley Mingee	Barb Unger	Gail Seegert	Jean Brown
	Susan Lehr	Charlene Braun	Betty Smith	Charlene Braun	Mary Sasse	Susan Lehr	Pauline Caldwell

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	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM
DEACON	Betty Smith	Gary Ingersoll	ONE	Marissa Tweed	Gary Ingersoll	M O'Connor	M O'Connor
LECTOR	N Montgomery	Charles Sweet	SERVICE	Deb Moore	Jennifer Garl	Gloria Hitchcock	Haley Garl
ACOLYTE	Nick May	R Bourkland	AT	Sam Polansky	Birch Foley	Monet Lahn	Hannah Ringquist
SERVER	Dean Arnold	Katie Anderson	9:30	Deb Moore	Lyman Hitchcock	Sarah Climis	Kathy McDonald
USHERS	P/L May	Oshlund/McDonald	IMPORTANT	D/S Arnold	Baurle/Filiatrault	Hill/Owens	P/L May
GREETER	Dennis Baurle	Marie Bridell	ANNUAL MEETING	Karen Blaisdell	C/K McDonald	J/R Steele	Ruth Rives
NURSERY	Vicki Polansky	Sydney Arnold	FOLLOWING	Haley Garl	Cindy Ohslund	Jane Warner	Lauren Wright
CRUCIFER	Dean Arnold						



# NOVEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Property 10:00 Work Day 10:00
2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Worship @ 8:30 & 11:00 Education Hour 9:45 Capital Campaign Kick-off 5:00 pm	3 Community Band 7:00 Mission Co 6:45 pm	4 U Club Yoga 10:00 Worship Co 6:30 pm	5 Friday Musicale Board 9:30 am	6 Adult Choir rehearses 7 pm	7 Worship/Arts Concert 7:00 pm	8
9 COMMITMENT SUNDAY Worship @ 8:30 & 11:00 Children's Choir rehearse 9am Education Hour 9:45 Congregation Council 12:30	10 Community Band 7:00	11 U Club Yoga 10:00 Quilters Guild 6:00	12 Local Growers Guild 5:45 pm	13 Finance Co 6:00 pm Adult Choir rehearses 7 pm	14	15
16 WORSHIP @ 9:30 ONLY ANNUAL MEETING TO FOLLOW AT 10:45	17 Lay Care Visitors 10:00 am Community Band 7:00 Spinners/Weavers 7:00	18 U Club Yoga 10:00 Men's Group	19	20 Adult Choir rehearses 7 pm	21	22
23 Worship @ 8:30 & 11:00 Education Hour 9:45 Indy Baroque Concert 7:30 pm	24 Community Band 7:00	25 U Club Yoga 10:00 Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm	26	27 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
30 Worship @ 8:30 & 11:00 Education Hour 9:45 Advent Family Evening 5:30 pm						