

OCTOBER 2011



No DOUBTS

A Monthly Newsletter of St. Thomas Lutheran Church

October Highlights

911 EXHIBIT: Join us on Saturday, October 8th, 12:30 pm as we carpool to the Miami Art Museum and enjoy the 911 memorial exhibit. Cost is free.

THRIVENT DINNER: Sunday October 9th at 5:30 pm we will be honoring Pastor Coy, and Thrivent Advocates, Lorraine Coy, Rosemary Ludowese, Diana Orme, and Joan Steffens at the Christ the King Church. Cost is \$25.00 for Adults, \$15.00 for Children under 12, and free for children under 5, and includes dinner, silent auction, and fun. All proceeds including the dinner ticket benefits "Click for Cure" for breast cancer. RSVP by Monday, October 3rd to the church office.

MONTHLY MUNCHERS: October's monthly munchers (adult fellowship potluck) is hosted by The Gittler's on Saturday, October 15 at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP: 305-248-3944.

PINK SUNDAY: In recognition of Breast Awareness Month, We are asking our congregation to wear Pink on Sunday, October 16. Remember gentlemen, real men wear pink!!!

FIREBIRDS CONCERT: Marji Hahn and The Miami Wind Symphony want to invite you to attend the upcoming Firebird Concert. Please make a point to attend the October 16th concert at the brand new South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay Tickets will go on sale October 1st. Call 786 573-5300 for more information.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: October 30th 6:00 pm brings our annual blessing of the animals with a twist. We will be holding a pet costume contest as well.

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FROM THE PASTOR



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Happy Halloween!! That may sound strange coming from a Pastor! But it is not strange from a Lutheran Pastor. This affinity Lutherans have for Halloween does not come from our love of candy and treats. Halloween is the birthday of the Reformation. There was in 1517 in Germany the leader of the Order of Saint Augustine, the Professor of the Seminary, the preacher of the congregation, and a Godly man named Martin Luther. He did not like the church telling people that they could enter heaven by being good or even by only paying money. This was taught and practiced in the Church of Luther's day. Luther wanted to change the church. One of the most popular Sundays of the year was All Saints Day when Christians would remember their loved ones who had died and gone to heaven. On the eve of All Saints Day – All Hallowed Eve-Martin Luther sought to Reform the Church around the teaching that Jesus is the way to heaven. Halloween, 1517, is the birthday of the Reformation of the Christian Church. The Lutheran denomination is a branch of that Reformation and we will have a joyous celebration on Sunday, October 27. By the way I have no idea how or why the current practice of costumes and candy have merged with this great Christian Festival of the reform of the Christian Church. Enjoy the candy if you like, come to worship and enjoy the service, and thank God for the true way to heaven, Jesus our Lord and Savior.

In Christ, Pastor Coy

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!!



Amie Brown, Pastor Coy with her children. Proud in Pink!

I promise you that I will spend not only every October, but every day of the rest of my life promoting for Breast Cancer Awareness. The statistic is that 1 in every 8 women will be affected by this horrible disease! I am one of those statistics... let's raise the awareness so that no one else has to be a statistic! Pastor Coy has been gracious enough to wear a **PINK** clergy shirt every Sunday for the month of October. The newsletter is **PINK** as well... all in the hopes of raising awareness for such an important cause. With all of my continued appreciation for your prayers, love, and support for the last year and half.

Amie Brown ~Survivor 5/25/10



PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

Members

Amy Petrusky Brown
 Bud Plehn
 Ella Derr
 Ginni Egan
 Helen Marlar
 Louise Yankowskas
 Wes Roberts
 Lillian McKinley

October Birthdays

10/1 Dawn Marlar
 10/2 Shay Scofield
 10/12 Chris McKinley
 10/12 Fletcher & Franklin McCune
 10/13 Bonnie McCune
 10/14 Chayton Brown
 10/28 Grace Engler
 10/30 Jeff Allgair
 10/30 Sam Antha

Worship Assistants

LECTOR

Sherrill Ehlen

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Sherrill Ehlen

ACOLYTE

10/2 Needed

10/9 Needed

10/16 Needed

10/23 Needed

10/30 William Ehlen

ALTAR GUILD

Sherrill Ehlen/Lorraine Coy

USHERS

10/2 Ginni Egan

10/9 Needed

10/16 Ginni Egan

10/23 Youth

10/30 Youth

We ask that you extend your prayers to:

Family & Friends

Abby Duff	Michael Lamons
Alice	O'Campo Family
Charles Acheson	Orin Coy
Dolly	Pamela Brick
Dr. Ermilio Rosado	Poy Wong
Jacqueline Jimenez	Priscilla
Jim Crouse	Sally Real
Johnson Family	Schooley Family
Mack McCullough-	Scott
MelodieMaria Gentle	Tanya
Margaret Wong	The McCune Family
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DEDICATIONS

October Flower Dedications

Thank you to everyone who sponsored October's flowers.

October 2, 2011

In Honor of Dawn's Birthday
 Love Mom & Kelli

October 9, 2011

In Honor & Memory of Shay Scofield's Birthday
 By Margaret Scofield

October 16, 2011

In Memory of Cliff Seale
 By Anita Seale

October 23, 2011

In Honor of Kelli's Birthday
 Love Mom & Dawn

October 30, 2011

In Honor of the Glory of God

Eternal Candle

The Eternal Candle will burn during the month of October in honor of Breast Cancer Survivors and their Families.

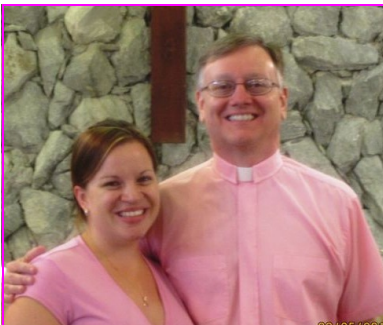


PHOTO OPPS

Thrivent Night at The Marlins



Baby Shower



**Pastor Recieves
Pink Cleric from
Breast Cancer
Survivor Amy**

**Diana Orme
shows off her
winning Marlin's
Shirt**



GETTING TO KNOW

By Lisa Hagen

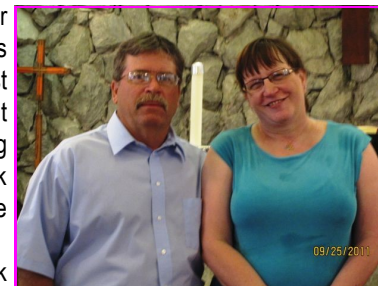
Rick & Carol Petrusky

Have you ever wondered why someone's path crossed yours at just the right time in life? Is it coincidence or God creating the future? Carol and Rick would come to learn the answer years later.

Carol and Rick were both born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, grew up in the same neighborhood and attended the same schools. While they were two years apart in age, they knew each other and had friends in common. When Carol was a senior in high school, Rick, who had graduated two years earlier, made a bet with a friend that he would be able to get a date with Carol before his friend could. Rick, who was not used to losing, won that bet 39 years ago.

Rick and Carol were dating less than a year when Rick was drafted. He enlisted in the United States Air Force. After graduating boot camp, they married and were stationed in North Carolina. Soon afterward, Rick was sent to Vietnam just when they learned Carol was pregnant with their first daughter, Melissa. After Rick was honorably discharged in 1976, they returned to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a few years, where they were blessed with their second daughter Amie, but eventually relocated to Fredericksburg, Virginia for a better job opportunity.

In 1992 during a Florida vacation to visit Carol's sister and family, they learned firsthand the fury of Hurricane Andrew when it made landfall in South Florida, disrupting not only their vacation, but her sister's household. During the rebuild, and three to six months of travelling with her pregnant sister and two boys back and forth from Virginia to Florida, Carol and Rick decided to make South Florida their home, and St. Thomas their church home.



During their first Sunday at St. Thomas, Carol asked some questions about the choir and practice times, and before she knew it, Anne Marie Roberts had her dressed in a choir robe and handed over to Debbie Mar for her first official entry into the St. Thomas

Choir. The group embraced her and said, "just follow us." Today, she is often up front with her guitar adding some contemporary gospel tunes to the mix and regarded as "Guitar Lady." Throughout the years, both Carol and Rick have supported the church by being Sunday School Teachers, Council Members, Ushers, assisting on committees, and supporting the never ending maintenance that keeps a church running.

Both of them are talented. Rick is a Master Carpenter who tries to keep up with Carol's never ending wish list of custom furniture, and the busy schedule of his grandson's Little League Baseball Team. Carol is a retired construction accounting controller, who enjoys scrap booking, cross stitch, reading, and music. Together, they enjoy "shelling" on Florida's west coast beaches, spending time with their family, grandchildren, and English Springer Spaniel, Raquette.

When asked what they like most about St. Thomas, they replied, "EVERYTHING." They have witnessed their St Thomas family support numerous people and causes, and the dedication of Pastor Coy, the Council, and extended members who ensure that the spiritual needs of so many are being met, speaks loudly throughout the congregation. Carol and Rick, you are a true blessing to St. Thomas.

FALL FAIR IS ONE MONTH AWAY!

Saturday, November 19th, 2011— 8:00am-3:00pm

We need your help with:



- Raffle Prizes**
- Rummage Sale Items**
- Bake Sale Items**
- Set up/Clean up Volunteers**

Please do you part. For more information on how you can help make the event a success. Call the Church office: 305-232-1227



October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Communion 11:00 am Choir Practice Food Pantry Collection	3 7:00 pm Cook for Camillus House RSVP for Pastor Appreciation Dinner	4	5 <i>Worship Service with Healing</i> 7:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting	6 10:00 am Bible Study	7 	8 <i>FREE 911 Exhibit</i> at Miami Art Museum . Carpool from church leaves 12:30 pm
9 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Practice <i>Thrivent Dinner for Pastor Appreciation</i>	10 Columbus Day 	11 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13 10:00 am Bible Study	14 	15 <i>Monthly Munchers</i> at the Gittlers RSVP 305-248-3944
16 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Communion 11:00 am Choir Practice Birthday Celebration PINK SUNDAY	17 	18	19	20 10:00 am Bible Study	21	22
23 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Practice Feed The Homeless	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26	27 10:00 am Bible Study	28	29
30 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Practice Blessing of the Animals & Pet Costume Contest & / Potluck 6:00 pm	31 					