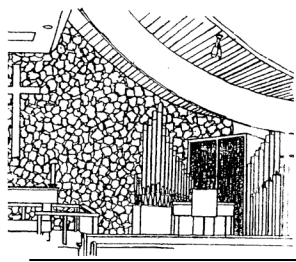


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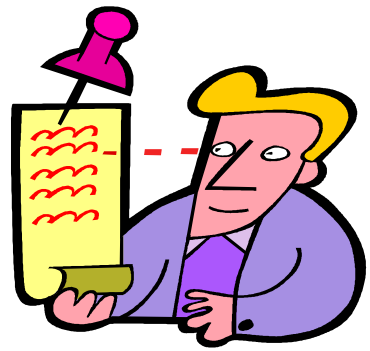
A Monthly Newsletter of St. Thomas Lutheran Church



HAPPY NEW YEAR

START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT!
2012 Sign Up Sheets are up for:

- Flowers/Eternal Candle
- Acolytes
- Lectors
- Monthly Munchers
- Altar Guild
- Ushers



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FROM THE PASTOR



Reverend Daniel C. Coy, Pastor
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A college coach who was shaving when his wife called upstairs to tell him that SPORTS ILLUSTRATED was on the phone. The coach was so excited he nicked himself shaving. He was so eager for recognition for himself and his school that rushing to the phone he fell down the stairs and bruised himself up. Staggering to the phone breathlessly he said, "Hello." The voice at the other end said. "Yes sir. I'm happy to tell you that for only 75 cents per week you can receive a one year's subscription..."

What is your idea of success? Recognition-wealth-early retirement-college education for you children? Some of you are thinking, yes, all those and a few more items you haven't mentioned. Others are thinking, "I'll feel fortunate if I just make it through the Christmas holidays."

When the Gallup organization polled Americans about their most important criteria for judging personal success, here is what they found:

Good health was listed with a score of 58 percent.

An enjoyable job was second-49 percent.

A happy family was third-45 percent.

A good education, fourth-39 percent.

Peace of mind, fifth-34 percent.

Good friends, sixth-25 percent.

Such materialistic factors as unlimited money, a luxury car, and an expensive home brought up the rear.

We are not a nation of moneygrubbers, regardless of what some people might have imagined. In this coming year I can only share what I believe for myself that a personal relationship with God is most important.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Coy



PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

Members

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

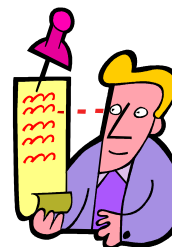
January Birthdays



1/1 Fran Chase
 1/2 Helen Marlar
 1/5 Diana Orme
 1/7 Sherrill Ehlen
 1/8 Pastor Coy
 1/10 Louise Yankoskas
 1/10 Amie Petrusky Brown
 1/11 Rebekkah Mar
 1/15 Lisa Hagen
 1/18 Allison Adamo
 1/24 John Hamer

We need your
 Help!

**SIGN
 UP
 TODAY!**



We ask that you extend your prayers to:

Family & Friends

Abby Duff	Maria Gentle
Alice	Michael Lamons
Berit Try	O'Campo Family
Dolly	Orin Coy
Dr. Ermilio Rosado	Priscilla
Jacqueline Jimenez	Sally Real
Jim Crouse	Schooley Family
Johnson Family	Scott
Mack McCullough-	Tanya
Melodie	The McCune Family
Mike Breuer	Vic

DEDICATIONS

January Flower Dedications

Thank you to everyone who sponsored January flowers.

January 1, 2012

In Honor of Helen Marlar's Birthday
 Love Dawn & Kelli

January 8, 2012

In Honor of Pastor Coy's Birthday
 By Pastor & Lorraine

January 15, 2013

In Honor of Dennis & Kim's 25th Anniversary
 By Dennis & Kim Derr

January 22, 2012

In Honor of the Glory of God

January 29, 2012

In Honor of the Glory of God

Eternal Candle

*The Eternal Candle will burn during
 the month of January in Honor of the Glory of
 God*



OUTREACH

By Ginni Egan

Thanks to every one for a successful year of outreach ending with feeding the homeless the Sunday after Thanksgiving and on Christmas We also provided gifts for about 50 children and sang carols at East Ridge This effort was truly the work of everyone at St Thomas

Joan Steffens brings Holiday Cheer to a child at our Annual Lutheran Services Children's Christmas Party



January Outreach Events

Camillus House
Food Pantry
Homeless on Jan 22
(fourth Sunday)

SPECIAL THANKS

On December 17, 2011 Lorraine and I went to Caroline's graduation at FSU. Then we drove all day to be at the Scott's for the congregational Christmas party. I shared that when I was at Caroline's home in Tallahassee I asked her if she had a bar of soap for a shower. She told me that she had body wash and face wash and many other containers. I said that I only wanted a bar of soap. She replied, "You are so high maintenance." So I thank the nine people who gave me soap for this Christmas.

Moreover, and with the most gratitude I thank you all for the most generous gift of the Pastor's purse. It has been and continues to be totally enjoyable to be the Pastor of St. Thomas. Thank you all for your great support in everyway.

Pastor Coy



GETTING TO KNOW

By Lisa Hagen

JUDITH LEACOCK

God, working through Wes Roberts and Kristen Nylen, certainly had his hand in Judith Leacock making the decision to become a part of the St. Thomas family 18 years ago.

Judith, the oldest of four girls, was born and raised in San Fernando in Trinidad, West Indies. She attended Catholic school and then a Seventh Day Adventist Academy up until her high school graduation at age 16. She then went on to complete one year of Secretarial school. She graduated from both schools with honors as valedictorian. In 1970, her family relocated to the United States in Washington DC.

During her 10 year stay in DC, Judith attended the prestigious Washington School for Secretaries. She went to work for Dun and Bradstreet, and subsequently American Security Bank. She attended the American Institute of Banking, was then promoted to an officer level position at the bank as Customer Service Representative.

While on a vacation in Trinidad, she met her first husband, and was blessed with two beautiful children, Nicholas and Nicole. Trinidad became their home and Judith began working for Scotia Bank as a secretary while attending the Canadian Institute of Banking. She was promoted to Consumer Lending Officer, where she worked for 10 years before leaving her husband and heading back to the United States with her children to live with her mom in Miami.

Judith got a position at Jackson Memorial Hospital where she worked as a Supervisor in Health Services for two years before leaving to work with her sister and her family business.

In 1991, a year before Hurricane Andrew arrived in South Florida, Judith met Michael, her current husband. At her first home Heritage Square Condominium, Judith got involved with the association working as Secretary and then President.



Then one day she met Kristen Nylen at her mother's home who was there visiting with a mutual acquaintance. Kristen invited her to church at St. Thomas. During her first visit, Judith met Wes Roberts, who was warm and welcoming and said, "What a wonderful family you have!" He hugged her and this small act of kindness sealed the deal 18 years ago. According to Judith, "We are always thankful for our first greeting from Wes Roberts and his wife Anne Marie who welcomed us. Because of it we stayed."

Judith's children grew up in the church. Nicholas attended Colorado State University. Nicole attended Florida International University. Over the years, Judith has served as a council member at St. Thomas, on the building committee, and is a member of our choir.

Today, Judith spends part of her time in South Florida and also in New Orleans where her husband is working. She enjoys working part time at the women's boutique, White House Black Market. In her spare time, she enjoys attending women's Christian retreats, studying the Bible, cooking, gardening, yoga, working out at the gym, and spending time with her family.

Judith feels she is very blessed. Her spiritual food comes from believing that Jesus Christ is her Lord and Savior and her St. Thomas family reiterates it all the time. We are equally blessed to have Judith a part of our St. Thomas family.



January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>No Sunday School</i> 10:00 Communion 11:00 Choir Practice Food Pantry Collection</p>	<p>2 COOK FOR CAMILUS HOUSE 7:00pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <i>Worship Service With Healing 7:00 PM</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Bible Study 10:00 am</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <i>Sunday School Resumes 10:00 Worship 11:00 Choir Practice</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 COUNCIL METTING 7:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 <i>Bible Study 10:00 am</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Communion 11:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King Day</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 <i>Bible Study 10:00 am</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Monthly Munchers at the Coys, 7:00 pm RSVP</p>
<p>22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Choir Practice Feed the Homeless</p>	<p>23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 <i>Bible Study 10:00 am</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Choir Practice CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				