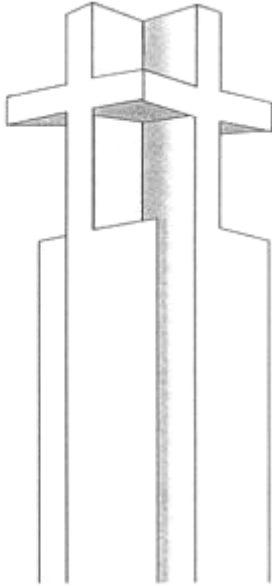


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# LCOS News & Views

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# Gathering Together in the Spirit

2011 Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly

Held in Orlando, May 5<sup>th</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>

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## Point of Interest

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30-year Pin**

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by Jack Kearney

*Danielle and I thank the congregation for the opportunity to represent them at the Synod Assembly. It was a very inspirational and educational experience. We learned about all the programs that are sponsored by our giving to the ELCA.*

You will be hearing about "Together in Mission" which is giving grants to worthwhile causes throughout the Synod. I hope someone in our congregation will step up and submit an application for our Food Bank.

You can see the videos that we saw if you visit the Synod website located at [www.fbsynod.com/synod/assembly/assembly2011](http://www.fbsynod.com/synod/assembly/assembly2011). At the website you will find a link to a blog entitled "I Love This Church" (go to [www.fbsynod.blogspot.com](http://www.fbsynod.blogspot.com)). It will fill you in on all that went on at the assembly, it is great reading.

While I cannot enumerate all the programs that we are participating in, you can see what we are into at the Synod website.

Here are a few of the highlights:

- Rev. Reuben Duran captivated the assembly with his presentations on the mission, which God calls to take up with the Gospel of Christ. At one point exclaiming, "God says, "Go!" and we Lutherans reply, "Here I stand! I can do no other."
- He also referred to the Trinity as the three amigos.

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### This is LCOS

#### Sunday Worship Celebrations

Worship Service -  
9:00 AM

Sunday School & Community Hour-  
10:00 AM

Contemporary Service -  
11:00 AM

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#### Church Staff

**Rev. Jon Keiser, D. Min.**, Pastor

**Zack Koczanski**, Deacon

**Jeannelle Gibson**, Principal,  
Pre-School & K

**Dr. Will Goetz**, Dir. Music Ministries

**Eileen Anderson**, Secretary

#### Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9 am - 3:30 pm

#### Church Council

Buck Orr, President

Kristi Saligame, Vice President

Brian Cross, Treasurer

Pat Sohl, Secretary

Jeff Green, Recording Secretary

Cherri Krall

Kelin Heselius

Louise Gray

Scott Coryea

Roger Swain,

Sean Doherty

Tom O'Reilly

Betty Lou Simpson

### Our Vision

Through LCOS all come to know

The unconditional love of God

And grow in their faith,

And share their love and faith with others.

### Our Mission

That all may experience the love of

Jesus Christ.

We reach up, through worship celebration;

We reach out by sharing our faith; and

We reach in through prayer and study.

Mission Alert!

Every time you see this symbol,



it means that the article relates directly to one of our mission statements. Can you tell which one? Does it help us reach in, reach out, or reach up in any way?

### Mission Team Leaders

**Academy of Our Saviour** Jeannelle Gibson

**Acolytes & Crucifers** Karen Muir

**Altar Guild** Kim Cross

**Offering Counters** Ann Avery

**Liturgists &**

**Communion Assistants** Barbara Weathers

**Facilities & Grounds** Barbara Beauregard

**Fellowship** Don Richardson

**Finance** Kristi Saligame

**Food Bank** Joan Baun

Marilyn Ruggiero

**Fun(d) Raising** Carol Cousins

**Hospitality** Lynne O'Reilly

Pat Sohl

**LAFFS**

Lori Muir

**Newsletter** Jannice Torres

Pat Sohl

**Note Folks** Diane Tolzman

**Prayer Team** Betty Lou Simpson

**Stewardship** Buck Orr

**Sunday School** Christine McNamara

Lori Greenberg

**Ushers** Martin Stewart

**Youth Group** Heather VanOpdorp

Charity Heselius

## With All Boldness - 2011 Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly

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- Throughout the assembly, recipients of the first "Together in Mission" grants were introduced. A full listing of recipients will appear on the Synod website.
- The Immigration Task Force presented a powerful vision on the difficulties and myths of the immigration system, followed by the group's exhortation that congregations: Be Informed, Be in Ministry, Be an Advocate and Be a Welcoming People.

- A real highlight of the assembly is when 500+ voices are singing hymns. The USF Trombone Quartet and the electronic keyboards made it sound like there was a full orchestra leading worship, it was a powerfully uplifting worship experience.

Although Danielle and I went as your servants, we were lifted up by the Holy Spirit. We thank you for the opportunity to serve.

## Pastor's Corner - The Continuing Miracle of Pentecost

Pentecost June 12 2011

Wear something Red

Acts 2:1-21 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 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 Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel. 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*Pentecost* is the third great feast in the Christian calendar, following Christmas and Easter. The events of Pentecost are related in the Book of Acts 2:1-21. Notice that the author Luke states in 2:1 that the disciples gathered into one place on the Day of Pentecost. This refers to the Jewish holiday of Thanksgiving celebrating for the previous 50 days, the fruits of the harvest. Evidently, at Pentecost pilgrims made their way to Jerusalem for the feast.

The season of Easter lasts a "week of weeks." Within that time, 40 days after Easter, we celebrate Jesus' Ascension into heaven, and his promise to be *present* to the disciples. On Pentecost the disciples experienced the fulfillment of that promise with the coming of the *Holy Spirit* descending from heaven (other names for the Spirit are Advocate, Paraclete, Comforter, Counselor, Sanctifier). Pentecost, then, is the time of the fullness of God's grace bestowed upon the disciples. The disciples are equipped by the Holy Spirit (flame) (languages) to fulfill the mission of proclaiming the Good News (Gospel) to the world. Equipped for its mission, the *ecclesia* (church) is born! It is no mystery that for the next six months the lessons for the season, *Sundays after Pentecost*, reflect the time of the church, concentrating on the teachings of Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in the world. For Pentecost Sunday the color red reflects the "fire" of the Holy Spirit poured out to us. The first Sunday after Pentecost celebrates the Godhead: Father, Son, Holy Spirit, with the color white. For the rest of the season the color is green, reflecting the church's mission in the world and to the world.

Pastor Michael Birra and members of Peace Lutheran Church

To attend Pentecost Service at LCOS!

There are many ways of celebrating Pentecost. Typically, at LCOS we have the lessons read in several languages to reflect the gift of languages given on Pentecost, reflecting the global mission of the church. This year at the 9:00 am service at LCOS we welcome Pastor Michael Birra and members of Peace Lutheran Church right here in Tampa. Pastor Birra will read the lessons in his native African tongue and share his inspiring story with us. Members of Peace Lutheran will also share ways in which they worship. The mission of Peace Lutheran is to serve the Gospel among African immigrants here in Tampa. This mission is supported in part by the Tampa Conference of the Florida-Bahamas Synod. As part of the Conference we were pleased to share \$1750 from our Holy Week offerings in their support.

Pentecost is a great reminder that the mission of the church always goes beyond the local congregation. For this reason LCOS shares a portion of our weekly offerings with the synod as our share of the mission in

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# Welcome New Members

Meet the Horrisbergers...

Jimmy, Britta and baby James Scott Horrisberger, III are new members at LCOS. Britta and Jimmy joined on March 13, 2011 and baby James was baptized on May 1, 2011.



Britta and Jimmy both grew up in Minnesota. Britta comes from a long line of Lutherans and attended one of the largest congregations in Minneapolis, along with her parents, grandparents, and lots of cousins. Jimmy was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and has attended Lutheran

churches while growing up. When Jimmy was in high school, he moved to Florida. In 2009 Jimmy and Britta met one summer in Massachusetts, at Martha's Vineyard, where they worked at a golf course. They enjoyed a long distance romance, but soon decided that Florida would be their home. They were married on Captiva Island (Britta's parents had met there) and have lived in Florida since 2009.

Little James was born on January 1, 2011 and they were looking for a church. They live close to the church on Bay Pointe Drive in Bay Crest and when they searched for churches on Google (Internet), LCOS was the first church that came up. They visited two times and decided that this would be their home church. Britta works at the YMCA on Waters Avenue. She gives swimming lessons to children. Jimmy works at Old Memorial Golf Course as a Caddy. They both love Florida and are here to stay.

Please welcome the Horrisberger family.

# News on the Clean Team!

by Pat Sohl

The CLEAN TEAM is taking shape. From the group that gathered on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> with tools in hand, we have formed the LCOS CLEAN TEAM! Bob Etheridge has agreed to be available for little things that need to be taken care of, along the way, and with Bob's expertise (as a former General Contractor), he can help direct the Team on larger projects. Other members of our Team are: Lynne O'Reilly, Lorella Swain, Don Richardson, Roger Swain, Peggy Kienzle, Ernest Largent, Julian Julius, Rita Blyden, Aggie Pompeo, Pat Sohl and, of course, Barbara Beauregard, Team Leader.

Things are really looking up at LCOS and we are very excited about the future.

We have a number of projects on our To-Do list and we welcome all who want to join in. Look for our next Clean Team Day posting in a future *Happenings* in the Sunday bulletin.



Dear Friends at LCOS,

*I would like to thank Pastor and members of the congregation who called and sent me cards following my recent surgery. I also thank you for all the prayers. It was wonderful to visit the church recently and see all of you. I am doing quite well and thank you again for the cards and prayers.*

Sincerely,

Barbara Weathers

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Upcoming Events	Date
Vacation Bible School	6/27 - 7/1
Midsummer Church Picnic	Sun, 7/17
Fun(d)raiser Lunch Carrabba's (11am - 2pm)	Sat, 8/6
Sunday School Rally Day Barbecue	Sun, 9/11
Blessing of the Animals	Sat, 9/17

## National Letter Carriers Food Drive and KPFB

by Marilyn Ruggiero

The National Letter Carriers Food Drive takes place every year on the second Saturday in May. This is a nationwide event and the Kaye Prox Food Bank has been a recipient of the food collected for the past seven years.

The food comes in a pallet box that holds 1500 lbs of food. This year we received 2 pallets of food plus 1000 lbs of soft drinks. We are very grateful for the nineteen volunteers who donated their time to help sort and stock the food.

## Chris Ilgen Receives 30-year Pin

by Pat Sohl

Congratulations to Chris Ilgen. She was recently recognized by the American Red Cross with her 30 year pin for serving at Town N Country Hospital. Her pin was presented to her at the Volunteer Awards Luncheon this past April.

Chris started at the front desk and has served wherever she was needed over the years. She became Chairman of the group three different times during her 30 year run. There have been many other LCOS members serving at the Hospital (Chris tells me over 20 have served). Some of them are: Gert Bollman, Pat Robinson, Helen Kreider, Marjorie Brozenske, Cortes Straub, Diane Tolzman and Jean & Ellen Bradford (Pastor Bradford's

mother & sister) Ruth Schultz, Dorothy Jones, Tom Cousins, Virginia Bottomley, Mildred Oram, Libby Kraft, Mary Hubbard, Don Richardson's daughters and Velma Hartline. Currently Linda Dillinger and Joan Thompson serve along with Chris.

It appears the American Red Cross will be giving up sponsorship of this wonderful service, but Town N Country Hospital plans to continue to have the men and ladies in blue volunteering to help wherever they are needed. And, they can always use more help. If you have some extra time, see Chris Ilgen and she will point you in the right direction.

Thank you, Chris for a job well done.

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR IS BORN, MAY 5, 1963...

by Barbara Beauregard

AND so it was, 48 years ago, late summer of 1962 actually, that J Richard Gantt and his family headed south to the Northwest area of Tampa, FL, as directed by the Board of American Missions of the Lutheran Church of America. Pastor and Mrs. Gantt moved into the parsonage at 8109 Tanglewood Drive along with their new baby and the usual moving-in problems: furniture arriving 3 days later, a three week wait for a telephone to be installed, a new refrigerator that had a mind of its own as to when it wanted to work.

Pastor Gantt started by speaking to known Lutherans in the area, then on to find new Lutherans in the Town N' Country area. He met with local organizations, the school board, and even the other Churches in the area. In a short amount of time Pastor had a list of 64 families, equaling 237 persons. The first 'meeting of interest' was held on September 29, 1962 at the Town N' Country Community Center. Thirty one people attended that meeting. And so LCOS moved forward. On November 18, 1962 at 10:30am at Pierce Junior High School, our first service came about, complete with a choir. One hundred forty four people attended that first service.

On November 22, 1962, the Steering Committee met, and after much discussion Mr. George Sohl made a motion to accept plans to erect our new Parsonage.

December 16, 1962 at 9:30 am our first Sunday School classes were held.

Then came our first Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 1962, at 7:30 pm.

On Sunday, January 6, 1963 our Charter was opened and would remain open until our organization date of May 5, 1963 in the hope of having our goal of 200 confirmed members.

### Some of Our History...

- August 29, 1965** Groundbreaking for our Sanctuary and Education Building
- May 1, 1966** Dedication of new facilities
- September 1966** LCOS Kindergarten opens
- November 3, 1968** Dedication of Nash Memorial Bell Tower
- October 5, 1986** Congregation votes for new Sanctuary to be built
- May 9, 1993** Dedication of new Sanctuary

Happy Forty Eighth Anniversary to LCOS!!!

## June, 2011 Birthdays

6/1	Michelle Griffith Lori Muir	6/12	Colin Parsons, Scott Muir, Lenard Ilgen	6/21	Pamela Donovan
6/3	Austin Abinet			6/23	Michelle Valentonis, Rebecca Pusateri
6/4	Tom Carroll, Diane Tolzman, Max Valentonis	6/14	Bev Railey	6/25	Diana Meehan, Elizabeth Pusateri
6/5	Dawn Stewart, Dee Keiser	6/16	Greg Reed, Don Gibson, Bryan Spaulding	6/26	Sue Ellen Williams
6/6	Jamie Keogh, Carrie Keogh	6/17	Carol Keogh	6/27	Matthew Rosa, Diara Ortiz
6/8	Theron Kegarty	6/18	Della Griscti	6/28	Fraser Muir
6/11	Mary Frances Beauregard, Christopher Marsicano, Patricia Sohl, David Thomas, Kathi Koczanski	6/19	Lisa Cataudella, Robert Beauregard	6/29	John Sabatini
		6/20	Martin Stewart	6/30	Federico Jimenez, Logan Rosa

## LCOS Fun(d) Raising Mission Team

After four days of collecting, organizing, and pricing “treasures” from LCOS members, Marilyn Ruggiero and Sue Ellen Williams, coordinated an **LCOS Yard Sale on April 30** that **netted \$1,182** for the missions and ministries of LCOS. How did they do this? They engaged the congregation in donating items for a Yard Sale AND also engaged 35+ volunteers in organizing, working, collecting, selling, and dispersing leftovers. THANK YOU, LCOS, committee chairs, and volunteers, for connecting with the community to make this a great event.

Onward and upward: Saturday, **August 6**, we will raise more fun(ds) at **Carrabba's on Sheldon Road** as we come together for a **luncheon between 11:00 am and 1:45 pm**. I've heard that a raffle basket will be there offering an incredible bounty. Trust me, I would not miss this luncheon of chicken Marsala, penne pasta, Caesar Salad, bread, soft drink, etc. for only \$10!!! (LCOS will gain \$5 for each ticket sold!) Ticket information to follow.

And then there is the **Second Annual Golf Tournament at CountryWay Golf Club on Saturday, October 1**. We've looked back at what we did last year and are truly excited about the potential for 2011. We already have one \$500 tournament sponsor and four \$75 hole sponsors. This tournament promises to be more fun and bring more funds than in 2010. Don't miss it or miss the opportunity to support the event.



That's all for now about fun(d) raising and connecting with and sharing the Good News with members of our community. Oops, I forgot, don't forget to put November 19 on your calendar for another Carrabba's fun(d) raising luncheon.

Questions about how to get on board with these exciting events??? Contact:

Carol Cousins  
Fun(d) Raising Mission Team Chair  
813-966-9705

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Florida and the Bahamas. The synod, in turn, shares a portion of their offerings to the church wide mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which then supports the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, Switzerland. In this way a portion of every dollar given here at LCOS supports our local mission, and reaches around the world. The miracle of Pentecost continues through the power of the Holy Spirit!

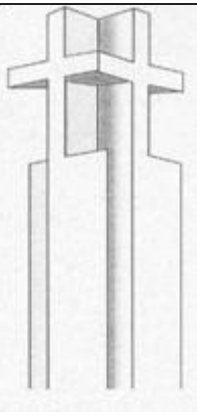
**Come celebrate the continuing miracle of Pentecost on June 12**

**Pastor Keiser**

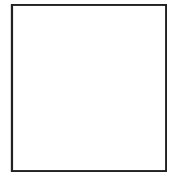
**JUNE 12**

**Come together in the spirit  
of Pentecost!**

**Wear red on June 12**



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**June 2011**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 Contemp Svc Band Practice 7:00	2 AA Meeting 7:00	3 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 Cub Den Meetings 6:30 AA Meeting 7:00	4 AA Meeting 7:00
5 Traditional Svc 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Joy at 11	6 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	7 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	8 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 Contemp Svc Band Practice 7:00 Academy Year End Program 7:00 pm	9 LCOS Academy Last Day of School AA Meeting 7:00	10 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	11 AA Meeting 7:00
12 Name Tag Sunday Traditional Svc 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Joy at 11	13 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	14 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	15 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 Contemp Svc Band Practice 7:00	16 TNT Resumes in the Fall AA Meeting 7:00	17 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	18 AA Meeting 7:00
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