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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. HEINECKEN!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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(There's more inside, but...)

YOU'D BETTER SIT DOWN...

Hey man, did you hear what's happening?

Nah, man, what's happening? Did you flunck out?

No, man, my studies are going just fine. I heard, though, through the grapevine that Mr. Airy won a football game!

The first in 4 years or more!!!

You must be jiving me.

Nah, they won by the score of 26 - 2.

The first possession of the ball by the Saints resulted in a score by Jim Bowers. A few minutes later, after a 70 yard run by Bob Stott, Bob Miner took it in from the 10 to make it 14-0. All the while that the offense was putting on the points, the defense (led by Neil Bond and Mack Smith's two interceptions) kept the Lancaster Seminary team frustrated. The second half was much like the first.

With Jim Bowers mixing up all offensive plays, Bob Miner again took the ball over the 30 to increase the score to 21-0. To finish up the scoring, Jim Bowers passed to Bill Henderson to put the game out of reach. Lancaster's points came on a safety.

The defense played so well that Coach Smith said that it was like taking candy from a baby. When asked about next week's big game against arch rival Gettysburg, Coach Smith responded by saying:

GETTYSBURG - " WE OWE YOU ONE"

(written by Mack Smith & jlw)



FROM YOUR EDITOR

(Thought you wouldn't hear from me again, huh)

In this issue we are joining in with the Heinecken's in the celebration of Martin's 75th birthday. Though many of us have never had the joy of meeting Dr. Heinecken, this is a great chance to learn about this man who brought so much to Mt. Airy. Also, it's a great excuse to get our professors to write something for the paper (with very few exceptions). All that I need to tell you is that Dr. Heinecken came to LTSP in 1945 as a professor of Systematic Theology and in 1972 received the rank of Professor Emeritus. That's all that I need to say; you'll learn the rest in the articles in part of this issue.

One other thing before I sign off. I apologize for the typos in last week's issue. I offer the following as a reprint from 2/8/73:

The typographical error is a slippery thing and sly;
You can hunt till you are dizzy, but somehow it will get by.
Till the forms are off the presses, it is strange how still
it keeps;
It shrinks down in a corner and it never stirs or peeps.
That typographical error is too small for human eyes;
Till the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size,
The editors stare with horror, than they grab their hair
and groan;
The copyreader drops his head upon his hands and moans.
The remainder of the issue may be as clean as clean can be;
But - that typographical error is the only thing you ~~XXX~~ see

See ya. jlw

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Correction: Dr. Heinecken's address was wrong in our last issue.
The proper address is as follows:

R.D. # 1
Middlebury, VT.

(I can't remember the Zip...)

I REMEMBER MARTIN (And VERA) (joyfully)

Martin John Heinecken, for three decades of students at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, exemplifies in many ways "the Mt. Airy spirit." It is worth asking exactly what those sterling characteristics were which so endeared him to student audiences, lay people, and scholars, in the enterprise of being a theologian.

Obviously there was learning. There was pastoral commitment. There was desire to communicate, and to dialogue. But I want in this reminiscence, for his 75th birthday, to pick out some unconventional characteristics which endeared him to so many of us. I center these around his sheer humanity.

One was a freshness he brought to the theological enterprise. He brought new Lutheran orthodox thought, and Luther, and our heritage of piety. With a certain brashness he brought a novelty to us through Soren Kierkegaard (whose day we mark November 4). One could not always tell where Soren ended and Martin began, so thoroughly had he mastered the thought of the Dane. The way of thinking, and the results were new, for many who were accustomed only to the older ways of theology. I marvel at the audacity of our Board and Faculty in bringing this youngster with the high voice from the Wagner campus to become professor in systematics at the august Mt. Airy faculty. To be from Nebraska, to have taught in Australia, to have given a chapel sermon where he simply repeated from memory the Sermon on the Mount, were not wholly in keeping with our past. It then maybe Mt. Airy was more venturesome in the past than we epigoni have assumed.

Coupled with this was the sense of humor Martin brought. Humor? It attracted stories like flies! Stories of all sorts. Even bad ones. What to some were dirty ones, he told with such enjoyment, tears streaming down his (our) cheeks from laughter, that you had to roar with pleasure even if you had heard them a dozen times before. He had a capacity to inject humor even into the most serious of subjects. A seminar on modern medical ethics came alive when Martin remarked that for all the experiments whereby it would seem science could reproduce life in the laboratory, he allowed he thought there was still a lot to be said for the good old-fashioned way involving a man and a woman!

With all this he brought a passion for learning the faith, and for believing it. In the days he had me as a student, it was par for the course, once a year, for him to blow his stack at our failure to listen, and periodically he read the riot act to those too lazy to learn what "posse non peccare" and all the other Latin phrases meant. Yet he'd be back next time trying twice as hard, confessing his own failures, and I doubt long in prayer for each of us, to learn what the Evangelical faith meant. We learned, from his words, and witness, and life-style.

I could go on---the sportsman, tennis player, football devotee. I could mention late Marjorie Gerhart's report on women in the ministry to DPL mentioning Martin Heinecken as one of the theologians who led the way for the entry of women into our ministry so smoothly. Now he is conscientizing us all on the concerns for the aging, as he always did for the Word and people of God.

It's Martin's birthday. "Many years," as the Greek Orthodox say. I'd also like to thank our best to his good wife, who thought of showering him with greetings for the occasion. Let this be one of many to you both, with thanks from a former student, and friend.

John Reumann

THE TENNIS THEOLOGY OF MARTIN J. HEINECKEN

by Andrew J. White

Few people may have noticed that it is possible to compare some of the theological strengths of Martin J. Heinecken with his strong tennis game. I would her suggest but two ways in which that exercise may be attempted. Space allows only the slightest hint of the deeper meanings.

Dr. Heinecken's theology is relational. He knows and proclaims man's dependence on the Triune God and sees the linkage to his fellow man which common dependence creates. His "court life" demonstrates his relational theology. The game is treated as pure gift. If you can pardon the pun, his game is "aweful." At the same time his full attention and interest is focused on his playing partners toward which he is courteous but more than that, he honors each opponent with his very best.

The theology of Martin Heinecken carefully distinguishes the Law and the Gospel. On the court he knows the rules and adheres strictly to them. One for which he is famous still remains in blurred paint from his own hand. Hanging on the fence at the entrance to the court one may read: "...smooth soled shoes only, without markings, suction soles or heels. Brush court each time after playing..." God's order is respected by Dr. Heinecken. The court must be swept before it is rolled. It should be left as one would wish to find it. Yet, legalism does not prevail in his court theology. One cannot play long with Martin before the paradox emerges: "Love is more than nothing!"

In over thirty-five years of playing tennis I can say that I have never played against a more honorable foe nor have I ever had a more delightful partner. On the court, as in theology, the strictness of his interpretations is balanced by an openness of life. Thank God for Martin J. Heinecken!

AND FROM MR. KAUFMANN...

I remember Dr. Heinecken as an avid sports fan. He especially liked to play tennis. In Professor O. Fred Nolde he had real competetion. Dr. Nolde was an amateur tennis champion in NJ. Dr. Heinecken got great pleasure out of occassionally "besting" Dr. Nolde in tennis.

I remember him as a great story-teller. He had a story for every occasiön - from sermon to classroom to bull-session.

I remember him as an even-tempered gentleman. But when the occasion demanded, he could become very angry. Woe to him who was in the wrong on such occasions.

Above all, I remember him as a churchman, a man of God, whose faith shone through at all times. He was - and is - a great scholar, but his love for his Lord was uncomplicated, simple, compelling. He could take time away from his research and writing to go into the heart of the city and minister as a pastor to minorities, to the poverty-stricken residents of the ghetto, to anyone in need of the Gospel. He advocated that a seminary professor should periodically return full-time to the parish - a kind of "practical" sabbatical rather than one spent in study. And he heeded his own words, doing just this sort of thing.

I cherish his friendship - both as mentor and colleague.

WHAT IS A STROKE?

(Second in a series by Keith Wilbur)

Since this topic is so complex, I will have it in two parts: one on the physical aspects and one on the psychological aspects. This might not be the complete picture, but this has been my experience.

A stroke is a nervous disorder that affects the brain and, in turn, it affects your body. Some causes of a stroke can be related to an aneurism, blood clot, or hemorrhage; which all happen to the brain. It can be caused by a weak blood vessel, excessive frustration, age, congenitally (you were born with it, and there's nothing major that caused it) or a sharp blow on the head.

I had what the doctors called a congenital right hemorrhage. I had a very serious stroke. A stroke comes in different degrees, slight or serious. It can happen at any time and can affect you for your lifetime. When I say slight, recovery is in a few months, and you can walk, and you're not affected as seriously as others. A serious stroke is one that you can die from and affects your neck muscles and one side of your body.

A stroke on the right side of the brain affects the left side of the body. It can affect your breathing, your swallowing, your coordination, your balance, your arms, your legs, your vision, your sensations (like hot and cold), your hearing, your voice box, and your memory.

There are people whom I've met that have lost their memory in one night; they were over sixty years old. I was left with only my vision impaired, not my hearing.

After you do a stay in a general hospital, they move you to a rehab. hospital, in which they exercise your muscles in everything you do. Also, all the people in a rehab hospital, are working together towards your progress: the nurses, the doctors, the therapists, the psychologist, the social worker, they are all working together as one body, as is mentioned in I Corinthians 12.

When you have a stroke, sometimes certain muscles tighten up and go into a shape for the rest of your life. But you do certain things to avoid that from happening. The younger you are, your recovery is better than when you're older, but the key to your physical recovery is time.

We thank God we are able to persevere such odds as human beings - and go on.

Written for Keith by Fred Cook

MT. AIRY SOAP

Last week you will recall was the first grand social event of the season - "The Masked Ball" - put together nicely by Mitch, Scott and crew. Speaking of that, we saw Mark English and a sign of his creativity...If you watched intently, you might have noticed an unusually large number of people disguised (?) as men of the cloth and women of the evening (like soup & sandwich?)...and I am sure that all will agree that Frank, Jusy, Carol and Bruce deserved the first prize (it only took five bucks and a smile)...Did anyone figure out who was the cute blonde with the hairy back?

On tap for today is a report on how Harold Echols does his homework...Why Jack White told Steve Moyer to 'Get it up' (while on the football field, no less) and why the four Bobs, two Johns, Chris and Scott will not receive credit for their condensed CPE (corporate perversion excursion).

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Don't miss the Outstanding, Fantastic, Stupendous

Mt. Airy Saints Football Team

KAZOO BAND!
Football Players!
Fans!

whip the
GETTYSBURG FARMERS
into DEFEAT at the ever popular

Cheerleaders!
Half-time Show!

LUTHER BOWL

SAT. Nov. 5 - 2:00 pm - Sedgewick Playground
(Germantown Ave. across from Germ. home)

- Refreshments and Social Hour to follow in the Refectory
- Buffet dinner 5:30

MT. AIRY MARCHING BAND!

Come out on Saturday and support our team as they trounce (we hope) Gettysburg. The newly formed Mt. Airy Marching Band needs kazoo players and two percussionists. No previous experience necessary - just an ability to hum and 50¢ for a kazoo (or supply your own). Let's give Gettysburg a show they'll never forget. Sign up on the lists in Hagan Center and Main Dorm, or contact Bob Bolz, Thelma Megill or Cathy Ziel.

KAZOOS FOR CHRIST, UNITE!!!

Remember the Good Samaritan?



What would you do if you saw a man bleeding to death at

I think I'd throw up.



the side of a road?

MOVIES!!!

All members of the seminary community are invited to the first of many Sunday Nights at the Movies, November 6th at 7:30 pm, in the amphitheater. A small committee has decided on "Sunday Night at the Movies" because we will be showing MOVIES on SUNDAY during the NIGHT. The committee deems this title appropriate and highly original, although we will be soliciting new titles later, and offering a prize for the best idea. Sunday Night at the Movies is open to all, and although attendance is voluntary, roll will be taken.

This week's program will be comprised of excellent "shorts," i.e., not "long" movies, i.e., movies which will not exceed thirty minutes;

TELEVISION LAND - is Charles Braverman's masterful kinesthetic history of television from 1948 to 1971. (12 min., color)

BACH TO BACH - Elaine May and Mike Nichols as pseudo-sophisticates trying to find a "meaningful relationship" with each other. (6 min., color)

THANK YOU MASK MAN - Lenny Bruce's animated satire on the Lone Ranger and Tonto. (8 min., color) The film committee plans to make an announcement prior to its showing, to the effect that Lenny's humor might not be seen as having any social redeeming value.

BIG BUSINESS - might be Laurel and Hardy's funniest silent film. The setting is California and the action is selling Christmas trees, in this 1929 advent prophecy. (27 min., b&w)

AMBLIN' - is an early film by Steven "Jaws" Spielberg which poignantly tells the story of two young hitchhikers. (24 min., color)

Please come out on Sunday night. Support the arts. Offer suggestions for future films, for ways of making the amphitheater more like a cinema (the construction of a balcony, candy stand and ticket booths). Offer your suggestions to Tim Lull, Ray Ormand or Rich Sauer. Also, thanks to Linda Beck for her help in obtaining these films.

MT. AIRY SOAP, CON'T.

(Aren't you just on the edge of your seat in suspense?...)

Next week will include such gems as an indepth interview with Bob Bornemann as we try to answer the question 'Where does he put it all?'...What lengths Scott Larson will go to to get a glass of milk...How Margie Weiss plans to serve the Lord and the results of Craig Staller's "Bake Off."

Brother Bruce

NOTES TO SENIORS

All seniors seeking a call will meet with Rev. George Garver of DPL on Thursday, November 17, at 2:30. Rev. Garver will distribute forms for PSS and give guidelines for their completion. The information from these forms will go to congregations and church councils. General helps regarding mobility for first call will also be discussed. I cannot make this meeting mandatory, but please make it a high priority.

Our class picture will be a group shot. We need to find a day and time so the whole class can be present. Please drop me a note (Box 208) about absolutely bad times in your schedule. Do this by November 7, please.

Rental of robes for graduation is a part of our graduation fee. Those who do not want to rent masters robes (and will supply their own) should sign the list in the mailroom.

AAL is granting us a choice of either 1) a sterling silver pectoral cross, 2) a private communion set, or 3) a Fortress gift certificate. Please note your preference on the sheet in the mailroom.

Mark T. English, Class President

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INSTANT GRATIFICATION!

Ms. Sandy Allen offers the following opportunities for INSTANT GRATIFICATION! Available to men or women!

Tuesdays, 10:00 "Anything Goes" Crafts

Wednesdays, 10:30 Flower Arranging
featuring: fresh flowers!

Thursdays, 1:45 Food Fun, or Cookbook Capers
(the best source of INSTANT GRATIFICATION!)

Thursdays, 2:00 Musical Madness

Fridays, 10:00 Pot, Grass and Weed: A Garden Workshop

Interested? No exp. nec. Will train. Each session about 2 hrs. Call 848-3306, ext. 155; ask for Ms. Allen.

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TO ONE AND ALL

THE SEMINARY CHOIR IS GREAT !!!

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Community NOTES

Dr. Faith E. Burgess has a book review in the September, 1977 issue of Church History. She reviews Das Verhaltnis von Kirche und Staat in Amerika by Adolf Wilhelm Ziegler.

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We welcome on campus November 1-4 under the continuing education program as a "pastor in residence," the Rev. Frederick H. Hopke, Jr. , an alumnus now serving as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Endwell, N. Y. He will be living in the dorm, attending campus events, and working with Dr. Reumann on preaching from Matthew in the lectionary.

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The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod has initiated a series of forums on "future pastors." Ninety-seven Lutherans representing twelve congregations in the synod's Southeast Delaware Lutheran Parish took part in the first forum last month. Dr. Raymond Bost, our president, was the moderator.

"We're concerned that congregations be made aware that seminary populations are no longer dominated by the white male students," said Charles Miller, an assistant to the synod president. "Many congregations will be considering women and minority candidates in coming years and we feel that now is the time to prepare (them) for this eventuality."

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Condolences to the Hughes family for the loss of Mrs. Hughes father.

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Congratulations to Social Activities Committee for their Halloween Party. Also to Frank and Judy Nelson, Bruce Trethaway, and Carol Ogden for winning the prize for the best costume (The Wizard of Oz quartet).

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Dr. Bornemann and Fred McElderry just completed a stint in the opera "The Flying Dutchman."

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Joe Irvin is in an Allen's Lane Theater production, Death and God. These two one-act plays mingle together and are the creation of Woody Allen.

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Saint Charles Seminary will be hosting this year's Inter-Seminary Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. Preaching will be Monsignor Charles V. Devlin, Executive Secretary of the Cardinal's Commission on Human Relations. Following the service there will be a reception in the student dining room.

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Craig Staller recently placed first in the Pottsville (Pa.) Republican "Share-Your Recipe" Cook-Off in the Dairy Foods category. His recipe was Swiss Egg Bake.

TEN REASONS FOR CHOOSING A SIMPLER LIFE STYLE

By Jorgen Lissner, Secretary for Peace, Justice,
and Human Rights, Lutheran World Federation

Today's global realities call for comfortable Christians to review their lifestyle. Guidelines for a simpler style of life cannot be laid down in universal rules, they must be developed by individuals and communities according to their own imagination and situation. A simpler lifestyle is not a panacea. It may be embarked upon for the wrong reasons, e.g., out of guilt, as a substitute for political action, or in a quest for moral purity. But it can also be meaningful and significant in some or all of the following ways:

1. As an act of faith performed for the sake of personal integrity and as an expression of a personal commitment to a more equitable distribution of the world's resources.
2. As an act of self-defense against the mind- and body-polluting effects of over-consumption.
3. As an act of withdrawal from the achievement-neurosis of our high-pressure, materialistic societies.
4. As an act of solidarity with the majority of humankind, which has no choice about life style.
5. As an act of sharing with others what has been given to us, or of returning what was usurped by us through unjust social and economic structures.
6. As an act of celebration of the riches found in creativity, spirituality and community with others, rather than in mindless materialism.
7. As an act of provocation (ostentatious under-consumption) to arouse curiosity leading to dialogue with others about affluence, alienation, poverty and social injustice.
8. As an act of anticipation of the era when the self-confidence and assertiveness of the underprivileged forces new power relationships and new patterns of resource allocation upon us.
9. As an act of advocacy of legislated changes in present patterns of production and consumption, in the direction of a new international economic order.
10. As an exercise of purchasing power to redirect production away from artificially created wants, toward the supplying of goods and services that meet genuine social needs.

The adoption of a simpler lifestyle is meaningful and justifiable for any or all of the above reasons alone, regardless of whether it benefits the underprivileged. Demands of "proof of effectiveness" in helping the poor simply bear witness to the myth that "they the poor" are the problem, and "we the rich" have a solution. Yet, if adopted on a large scale, a simpler lifestyle will have significant socio-political side effects both in the rich and in the poor parts of the world. The two most important side effects are likely to be economic and structural adjustments and release of new resources.

CHAPLAIN CORNERED
(or is it CHAPEL CORNUCOPIA)

This afternoon (Wednesday, November 2), Paul Nye will be preaching at our 5pm service of Evening Prayer. The regular Wednesday sherry hour will begin at 4:30 for the advantage of those who don't want to miss any opportunities.

Tomorrow morning at 9:40am our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Donald Brom, Director of Development at the Seminary. Don graciously agreed to preach at the last minute as a substitute for The Rev. Dr. Robert Eumeyer who is ill. We look forward to hearing from him for more than 30 seconds (which was all the time he was allowed at our very brief service on September 21).

Next Monday's evening prayer (5pm, November 7) remembers an important figure in the mission of our church and in the life of this seminary. It is the day set aside for commemoration of J.F.C. Heyer, missionary to India, and briefly, before his death in 1873, chaplain of this school.

On Tuesday, November 8, we look forward to hearing as our preacher for the day Marie Scharfe Jerge, a senior who is also vice-president of the student body. On Wednesday, November 9, Professor LeRoy Aden will be the preacher for our weekly service of Holy Communion.

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May I ask you to note on your calendar (or whatever you use to keep track of dates) the visit to our campus next Thursday, November 10, of the Rev. Dr. Charles V. Bergstrom, Executive Director of the Office for Governmental Affairs of the Lutheran Council in the USA. Pastor Bergstrom was formerly Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, Massachusetts, and chairman of the former Board of Social Ministry of the LCA. He brings to his office deep theological and pastoral insight. He brings to our campus knowledge of what is happening in Washington in terms of legislation and governmental policy which you will all want to hear.

He will be preaching in chapel that morning at 9:40am. After chapel we've asked him to speak briefly about his work (in the setting of coffee hour) for interested students and faculty. We hope that he will be around for part of the day to talk with all who are concerned about the church's social ministry.

Tim Lull

. S. We're discussing the possibility of having some sort of daily worship during the January term--according to what the daily schedule will allow. This would be possible if pairs of students would agree to take responsibility for carrying out each day's service. I would be happy to work with you on planning. If you'd like to be involved please drop me a note, and I'll contact you with further details. Of course, in any case we will have services on the major festivals that come in January--Twelfth Day of Christmas, Epiphany, Confession of St. Peter, conversion of St. Paul. We'd be happy to have students involved in planning these as well.

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ANYONE INTERESTED IN FORMING A HANDBELL CHOIR SEE BRUCE TODD

ST. THOMAS ACQUAINT-US

- November 2 (Wed.) 4:30 pm. Sherry Hour in the Refectory
- 5:00 pm. Evening Prayer Preacher: Paul Nye
- 5:30 pm. Faculty Supper and Discussion Meeting
- November 3 (Thurs.) 9:40 am. Chapel Preacher The Rev. Dr. Donald Myrom, Director of Development
- 6:15 pm. Discussion with the Rev. LaVonne Althouse in the Tappert Room. Pastor Althouse will report on the recent meeting of the International Assoc. of Women Ministers and begin ongoing theological discussion. All are invited. Refreshments (wine and crackers) to be served.
- November 5 (Sat.) 2:00 pm. (or so) The Saints vs. Gettysburg
- social hours with the Gettysburg folk following the game and following dinner. Activities will include the Second Annual Heretical, Harmonious, Hysterical Hymnsing (Come and join in....lots of new "goodies"!!)
- November 7 (Mon.) 5:00 pm. Evening Prayer J.F.C. MEYER
- November 8 (Tues.) 9:40 am. Chapel Preacher: Marie Scharfe Jerge
- November 9 (Wed.) 9:40 am. Chapel Preacher: Dr. Aden Service of Holy Communion
- 2:30 pm. lecture at Temple University: "Structural Analysis as a Method for Explaining Religion" See board in Hagan for details.
- 4:30 pm. Sherry hour in the Refectory
- November 10 (Thurs.) 9:40 am. Chapel Preacher: The Rev. Charles Bergstrom, Office for Governmental Affairs, LCUSA
- 5:30 pm. Guest Night in the Refectory: Christians from Nigeria
- 7:00 or 7:30 pm. our guests will meet with the community in the amphitheater. More details to follow. Check Thomas or the date-board in Hagan.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 17 2:30 pm. TOP PRIORITY meeting for Senior M.Div. students with the Rev. George Garver of DPL.
- Nov. 22 7:30 pm. InterSeminary Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Charles Seminary. Plan to attend this festive ecumenical service!!

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