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ATTENTION!

A TOWN MEETING will be held Wednesday afternoon, March 19, at 1:00 in Hafer Center. This meeting is important for all seminarians, faculty, and administration, and it is hoped that all persons will be in attendance. Issues and questions concerning Faculty-Seminarian committees will be discussed. Juniors are especially urged to come to this meeting, since the Faculty-Seminarian committees are non-existent this year, and they can provide a fresh out-look.

- Lee Jessup, on behalf
of the SCC

REMINDER TO THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY

It will not be long until the seminary community will be involved in voting for new officers for next year's Seminary Community Council. The SCC is our seminarian working body, or student government. By the preamble of its constitution, the SCC is defined as follows: "The Seminary Community Council, representing the members of the seminary community, will seek to deepen and enrich the lives of the entire seminary community in social, mental, and spiritual growth, with an immediate concern for the future calling of the community members to the work of the Christian Church."

Although to some the SCC may seem to be an ethereal organization, it has been meeting regularly in the HUB, and has handled such projects as the Bach Mai Hospital Fund drive, cleaning up the storage rooms for apartment dwellers, studying the Faculty-Seminarian committees, working for quiet hours in the dorms, sponsoring programs such as the Winter Festival and the up-coming Arts Festival.

The SCC is an organization working for the community and by the community. All SCC meetings are open to the seminarian community, and the minutes of the meetings are posted publicly in the HUB for all to read. The SCC is, at present, the only student power base.

With the election of the SCC officers (president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer), and two representatives from the student body at large, coming up in the second week of April, we would urge all seminarians to practice their privilege of voting for the candidates of their choice.

- Donald C. Wetzel
Secretary-Treasurer

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CHAPEL NEWS

Monday, March 17: Mr. James Glasse will lead us in morning worship.

Friday, March 21; Service of Blessing of the Palms

Monday, March 24: Mr. Robert Duke will preach at the morning service.

Tuesday, March 25: Morning chapel will be a Service of Examination and Preparation

At 9:00 pm, we will hold the Service of Altar Stripping and the Tenebrae Office.

Wednesday, March 26: Service of Penitence and petition at the Morning chapel, in preparation for Easter.

We urge the participation of the seminary community in our preparation for the Celebration of Easter. - SLC

A LETTER OF CONCERN

This past Sunday we celebrated One Great Hour of Sharing. At the church at which I serve as Youth Director, the minister preached a sermon which stung me very deeply. Late last year, Grace Church was involved in raising money for food for the hungry. Three Methodist conferences under Bishop Ault participated in raising \$106,631 which bought 12,049,303 pounds of food valued on the open market at \$1,066,310. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) saw to it that the money got food to starving people.

The sermon on Sunday was about Jesus' miracle of feeding the 5000 and how he could still perform the miracle of feeding the hungry today if only we, who have the resources, would stop being greedy and share with others because of our faith in Christ. It seems almost incredible that giving not very much money can get so very much food (\$100,000 = 12,000,000 pounds of food). How much more could giving a lot result in more people not starving to death?

I felt very guilty during the sermon because I could give so little. Our budget is so close to breaking even that I can scarcely respond to more than my budgeted giving to the church. Any extra money I have I must earmark 'tuition' or 'trip-abroad' because these are items I cannot squeeze into our budget; but they need to be paid. I feel like a hypocrite. People are starving in this world but I am trying to hoard a good deal more than \$1200 for myself and my wife to go to Germany and have a good time. I wonder if it would be better to just read a book about the church in Germany and go to the Ocktoberfest in Barnesville to get the flair of German cooking and culture?

The problem of starving people, the cry for real sharing will grow considerably in the future. Does it seem fair for us, on the one hand, to ask our church, including ourselves, to respond to the hungry (and respond poorly in view of what God gives us), and, then, on the other hand, plan extravagant educational opportunities for such a limited few: 40 people going overseas @ well over \$500 or \$600 per person base price, plus the additional money for presents, trips, and souvenirs, plus the money the Seminary contributes to keep the costs down? Is it fair? I am really struggling with this question.

I really want to go to Germany and look forward to it. But I want to practice what

A PRELUDE TO EASTER

(A Response to Tom Schreck's Reply #3)

Can a Christian be a soldier?
Why yes, indeed, just look anywhere.
Should a man choose to be?
Never mind, he will rationalize to match his cares.

America has said, "Each to his own."
God bless us all as we get blown,
from this once fair earth,
to our self-proclaimed celestial throne!

Unilateral disarmament in three years?
No great alarm do I sense.
I'd react with a "Glory be...",
More food for the hungry,
and a chance to be free.

However, to opine is not my wish,
Alas! Onward, to hit the point!

Once there was an ancient fool,
who chose to live in this human gruel.
He watched, he sought, he felt, he knelt;
no corps did he ever fill.

He said some things of great import,
indeed he did even more.
Meaning in life, a better way,
at least for him didn't pay...

For in the end he hung,
by no kung fu was he sprung.

While some look to his wounds for meaning,
and seek to duplicate his ways;
Still others seek a new messiah,
and know that they will never lay.

Todd Snyder

ECUMENICAL DAY

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All those interested in working on setting up an "Ecumenical Day" between LTS and St. Mary's please see Doug Turner (or leave note in mailbox) so we can find a convenient date at which we can get together.

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I preach and what I think I hear the church preaching. Can someone respond to this issue?

Donald C. Wetzel

ARTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Arts Festival Committee on Monday, March 17, at 12:00 in Apt. N-101. Bring your lunch and ideas.

- Alice Zimmerman

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WHO ARE NORMAN AND SANDRA DIETZ?

Norman Dietz is a writer, an actor, and a director. His wife, Sandra, is a fine actress.

During more than a dozen years of performing together, both in New York and on tour nationwide, the Dietzes have shuttled back and forth the country playing a seemingly endless string of performances of Norman's unique short plays. His theologically-tinged humor has given his plays a flavor of unique integrity and originality.

Norman and Sandra will entertain us here at Lancaster with their "Random in Tandem", 90 minutes of their famous fables and vaudevilles from "The Apple Bit" and "Noah Webster's Electrical Arktype" to the "Phonebooth Fable" and "Sonofthebeach".

They will be here at Lancaster on Wednesday, April 23. The performance will be at 8:00 pm in the Hafer Center. Please come, and encourage your churches and youth groups to come. I'm sure this will be a memorable occasion for all of us. If you would like more information about Norman and Sandra, so that you can inform your youth groups, contact Alice Zimmerman.

A donation will be accepted.


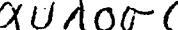


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ASW REMINDER

ACT I, the theology of St. Paul, will be presented by Dr. Webber on Mondays, March 17th and 24th, at 7:30 pm, in room 214 of the Library.

Dates for the future to mark on your calender:

March 22 - the Easter Egg Hunt
April 16 - the Covered Dish Dinner

(where?)    

THANK YOU, JOHN BALAZS

The "lower level" of the Academic building, formerly called the "basement", has been completely remodeled. We, who dwell in this delightful deep, owe a debt of gratitude to John Balazs and his helpers, who have worked day and night over the past weeks. Now, the wall along the main corridor are covered with "prints"; the extended hallway leading to the exit has likewise been completely repainted and a drop ceiling added. The entire effect is pleasing to the eye, and has transformed a basement into pleasant living quarters. It is true that President Glasse authorized the money, and that Professor Kroehler's "move" from the Library to the Academic Building occasioned the need to do some "fixing up". Nevertheless, the way it was done, and the dedicated attention to doing it reflect the hard work of John Balazs. Thank you, John Balazs.

- Robert W. Duke

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HELP NEEDED

The Lancaster chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned will be meeting on Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 pm, in room 214 in the Library. We will be planning local activities directed against continuing United States involvement in the wars in South Vietnam and Cambodia. We need your concern/ support/participation/ideas/time. I hope that you will be able to attend this meeting; if you cannot, but are interested, please see me. Thanks.

- Mike Clark

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WANT ONE?

Tie tacs and pins for sale at \$2. You may have seen members of the executive Cabinet wearing them. They are similar to the "free-bees" we had in September, only nicer! We hope to have some in the bookstore, too. All donors who become members of the Tower Circle (\$100) during the anniversary time period will receive a tac or a pin as a gift from the seminary.

- Lyman Farrar

WHY NON-VIOLENT CHANGE IS EFFECTIVE

There are many today who are persuasive debators who would lead us to accept the concept of violent revolution to change society and bring about justice. They would claim that a recalcitrant society will only respond to force. They are sure that if there is one more revolution that surely an ideal society will be ushered into existence that will be the answer to all of man's problems.

It is my contention that non-violent social change is more effective - it works much better. To prove my point, take a look at the civil rights situation. In the South, where Martin Luther King, Jr. used his non-violent tactics, there have been many improvements in the fabric of that society. In the North, where there were riots in the cities, the changes have been slow in coming. To me, this is proof that the non-violent tactics of Martin Luther King were successful.

It is my contention that it is not the system which needs replaced by another system. This system must be made to be compassionate, and that means changing the hearts of men. That is where we need the change.

Thus, we as ministers, have our job cut out for us - to make this system into a compassionate system, so that justice can be brought about, and brought about without violence.

- William E. Darling, Jr.

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MAYBE YOU WOULD MAKE
A GOOD MILITARY CHAPLAIN!

Stepping out of my usual mode of defending the chaplaincy, this week I would like to invite anyone who feels inclined toward a career in service to God and country to contact me for further information. The need for a military chaplaincy as an integral part of the armed services is self-apparent to all who have served in uniform. The chaplain must be a ranking officer, for to be a mere civilian attached to the military would be a powerless position. Powerless to help those who need an influential voice of intercession on their behalf, a civilian chaplain would be a ceremonial ornament at worst, a shoulder to cry on at best, and at last a non-effective resource in a world that moves by personal orders and rigid structures.

If you can take orders from people with whom you may disagree, if you can listen to

anguish and not sit in judgment, if you see the need for a defense establishment to protect our democratic way of life, perhaps the military chaplaincy is for you. I have literature on the opportunities which await you; I can put you in touch with military authorities who will be glad to discuss this exciting career possibility with you.- men and women!

If you can serve your one master - God-through service to your fellow man, perhaps the chaplaincy is for you.

- Tom Schreck

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SHARE WITH US!

Time is drawing near for the 3rd annual Arts Festival, April 16 and 17. One major part of the festival is the opportunity for the community to share their talents by displaying their art, crafts, handiwork, etc. in order to share it with everyone else. These displays will be in the HUB during the two days. We will also be having demonstrations during this time.

What I am asking you is to be thinking about, or perhaps working on, the things you would like to put on display and/or demonstrate. I know there is much talent here in the community. I hope that many of you will respond, including spouses, children, faculty, administration, everyone!

Please contact either Alice Zimmerman or Peggy Wetzel if you want to display and/or demonstrate something. Your help is much appreciated.

- Peggy Wetzel

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LEFT-OVER EASTER LILIES

Have you wondered what to do with your left-over Easter lilies? On Tuesday, April 1, the Seminary will celebrate Easter as a community at the morning chapel service. Would you like to bring Easter lilies to the chapel to help create an atmosphere of celebration? You might also bring lilies in memory of someone special. If you would like to all to our Easter experience in this way, please contact Mike Iski or Jim Werner.

- Spiritual Life
Committee

THOUGHTS ON THE GREAT DEBATE

When my son was little, and the neighborhood kids who were bigger than he was bullied him, or treated him badly in games, I forbid him to play with them. Or, I tried to. But the boy was wiser than I, and kept going back until he had won his place in their society. In my anguish over his unfair treatment, since I couldn't have any direct influence over those who were being mean to him, I protested by taking him out of the game. His instincts led him to go back again and solve the problem by being involved.

I sympathize with Fred Barker's anguish over the issue of the immorality of war, and particularly Viet Nam. But isn't pulling the chaplains out of the military involvement the same kind of cop-out I tried with my son? We can't solve the problem of our country's involvement in wars that have no moral justice to back them up (what war has any moral justice behind it?) by refusing to allow those men trapped into it by the laws of their country the comfort of pastoral care that has authority behind it. That's a cop-out.

The real issue underneath this debate seems not to be the military chaplaincy, but the fact that it represents a posture our government has that it is justified in waging war when and where it pleases. Viet Nam taught the American people the error behind this posture. But the responsibility for it, and for our involvement in the war, lies with all of us who allowed Congress to abdicate its responsibility to declare war.

In the panic over our ability to respond to jet or rocket propelled nuclear attack, we gave the President power to order troop involvement and moves for national defence without direct advice from Congress. There was plenty of time for debate in the legislature before troops were committed to Viet Nam. We were not threatened by imminent attack. Then why the insidious increase in our involvement? We can guess at the motives for it, some of which might be the great industrial-military complex that profits from war. But I think the main issue to be faced is that we allowed the decision to go to war to be made by one man in the executive branch, instead of by the representatives of the people in the legislative branch. If America goes to war, we'll have to fight it, and we ought to decide for ourselves whether the issue is worth the horror. But to protest a situation from a religious point of view by not allowing "Henry" to play is a cop-out that is so ineffectual that it is ridiculous.

- Phil Carr

CELEBRATION ROAD SHOW

The Celebration Road Show will be in Lancaster on Saturday, April 19, 1975. They are a group of jazz musicians, led by a UCC minister, who had their beginnings in experimental worship services in local churches. They are a terrific group of musicians. The performance will be at 8:00 pm at the Centerville Junior High School. The concert, underwritten by the Lancaster Association of the United Church of Christ, will be for the benefit of the Night Ministry Program. Donation for tickets will be \$2.00 sold in advance, and \$2.50 at the door. Anyone interested in tickets or in further information, please see Alice Zimmerman, Apt. N-101, phone 393-5224.

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ONE FINAL QUESTION

Q: "What would be your honest reaction if you were to hear today on the radio that the US had decided to unilaterally disarm herself over a three-year period?"

A: Praise the Lord!

- Mike Clark

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HAPPINESS CAKE RECIPE

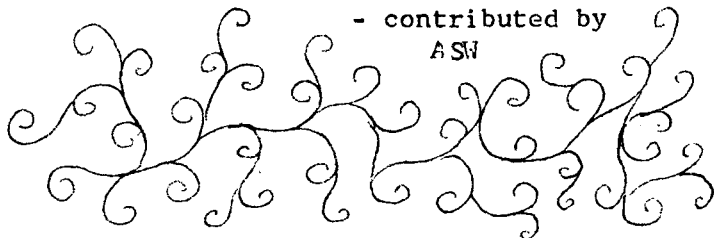
First, the ingredients:

- 1 cup Good Thoughts
- 1 cup Kind Deeds
- 1 cup Consideration for Others
- 2 cups Sacrifice
- 2 cups well-beaten Faults
- 3 cups Forgiveness

Mix thoroughly. Add Tears of Joy, Sorrow, and Sympathy. Flavor with Love and Kindly Service. Fold in 4 cups of Prayer and Faith. After pouring all this into your daily life, bake well with the heat of Human Kindness.

Serve with a Smile at any time, and it will satisfy the hunger of starved souls.

- contributed by
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LTS B^o BALL

LTS's Demons of Light closed out their 1974-75 campaign by falling to another of FAM's fraternities, 47-34. The Demons had fallen behind by a 29-12 count at the half, but they managed to outscore the opposition 22-18 to close the gap. Once again, the Demons were badly outrebounded, yet put together their best team effort of the season. Phaup with 12 and Cox with 10 paced LTS. Doner, Turner, and Miller rounded out the scoring for the losers. The 1974-75 final record: 1-5 (1 win and 1 loss by forfeits)

Demons of Light (1974-75)

Bill Cox	Denny Moritz
Gary Phaup	Dennis Hartman
Rob Doner	Dave Miller
Doug Turner	Tom Yoder

Gary Phaup

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MORE ON SPORTS

Volleyball: The volleyball schedules will be out next week. If you haven't done so already, sign up on the sheet on the door of the HUB, so that Rob can get your schedule to you. All are welcome, and all get to play!

Tennis: Interest has been expressed in setting up some kind of tournament (strictly non-pro!). If this is your thing, let Rob know, so we can get going!

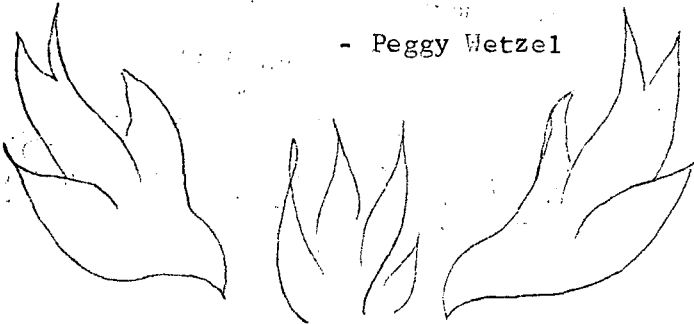
- JDB for Rob Doner

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PRAYER AND PRAISE!

Prayer and Praise will meet Sunday night from 7:30 to 9:00, in Peg and Alice's apartment (N-101). The meetings are open - all are welcome!

- Peggy Wetzel



COLLEGIUM IX...

1. feels that, if the student-faculty committees were abolished without consultation with and agreement by all parts of the seminary community, the action was in violation of the principle of integrity.
2. supports the calling of the SCC-initiated town meeting for the purpose of all members of the seminary community discussing
 - a. what has happened to student-faculty committees,
 - b. what is desired in policy areas of the seminary, and
 - c. how what is desired may be accomplished.
3. desires a stated means for seminarians to elect representation from the student body to as many policy and administration areas as the seminarians, faculty, and administration from the town meeting, or its outgrowth, deem desirable and practical.

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