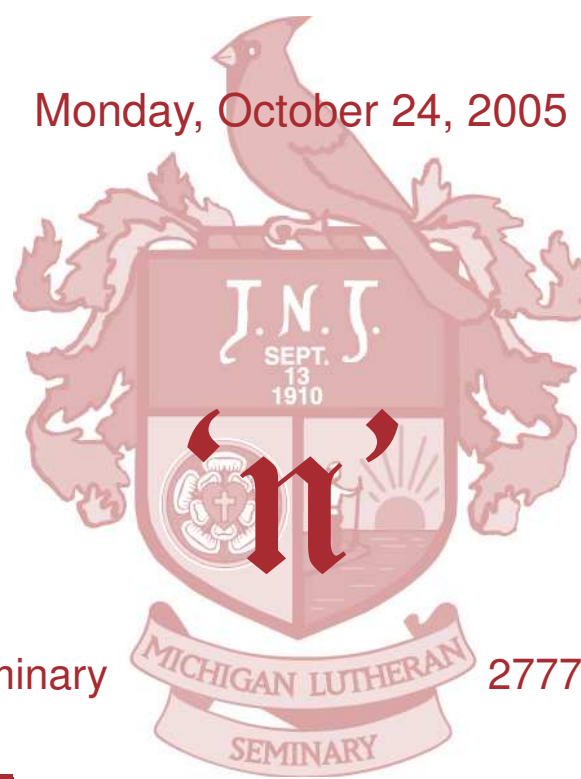


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Katrina hits home

Levees, refineries, surges – all terms that have been in the news recently. Hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulf Coast, severely wreaking its havoc on the coast of Louisiana and Alabama on August 28, 2005.

Believe it or not, Katrina also hit close to home. Two of our own, Senior Laura and Sophomore Caleb Dietrich have family in Abita Springs, LA, which is about 50 miles north of New Orleans. Laura, of course, wasn't directly affected but she was willing to give an account of what it was like knowing her family at home was experiencing a hurricane.

On August 28, at 10 a.m., the National Weather Service predicted catastrophic damage to the city of New Orleans. Mass evacuations began later that morning. More than 10,000 crowded into the Superdome for the night. Katrina ripped 2 holes in the stadium's roof before the eye of the storm swept east.

Laura's father, Pastor Joseph Dietrich of Trinity Lutheran Church, Abita Springs, LA, still preached Sunday morning to a crowd of about 25 members out of a regular 70 even though a hurricane was on its way. That evening, the Dietrich family hunkered down for the night in their household study under a makeshift shelter built out of box springs, a desk and some wood.

The next morning, daylight came and Pastor Dietrich wrote in his online web log of weathering the storm, "I couldn't resist walking around the house and to watch the trees bend and struggle against the wind." A pine tree about 30 feet from their house snapped and a 25 foot section of lumber and branches landed on the roof of Tom's (MLS Grad '05) bedroom, however, no structural damage was present.

The next day, floodwalls and levees rupture leaving 80% of the city of New Orleans underwater. On August 31 the Superdome was packed with 25,000 refugees. The Superdome, surrounded by three feet of water, was being prepared for evacuation.

Laura was concerned for her family. She had no contact with them before the storm and didn't hear from them until a week after the storm had passed. She was worried about her house too. She wondered, "Is my house gone?"

Pastor Dietrich writes that the winds began to subside by 3 p.m. and firemen were already clearing the streets of large debris with chainsaws. Pastor states, "Leaves and branches were everywhere covering the ground like four inches of snow." The Dietrichs set up a grill and a make-shift kitchen on the front porch and that would be their kitchen for the next week.

FYI

Abita Springs is 1 hour north of New Orleans, a straight shot on the LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN Causeway.



Abita Springs is well known for its many large beautiful trees. These marvels had grounded virtually all power lines and landed on many homes. The Dietrichs were very fortunate!

During the first few days of September, Pastor Dietrich tried reaching many of his members to make sure everyone was all right and to see if anyone needed any immediate assistance with anything.

Power returned to the Dietrich home on Monday, September 5 at 6:08 p.m. Crews from states as far as North Carolina came to help with the clean-up. "We are doing very well considering all that has happened. We have water, electricity and good neighbors," Pastor Dietrich stated.

When asked how Laura thought God would bless South-

ern Louisiana and Alabama, she replied, "I think He will provide them with their physical needs and provide them with hope."

Laura also took the time to express her feeling toward the government's response to Hurricane Katrina. She stated, "I think he [President Bush] should have responded faster, especially in New Orleans because peoples' houses were gone. They have nothing."

As for her family, everyone is doing well. In fact, Laura's parents and little brother, Stephen visited for a few days in late September. In closing, Pastor Dietrich's web log reads, "I don't know what to say on Sunday. There's just so much. Certainly, we will give thanks. Certainly we are humbled by his power." ❖

Fashion Guru

Mr. T: Just say no to Bling

I'm baaack, my darlings. Did you miss me? Sorry about my absence, I was called to Paris to write about a simply atrocious fashion show. Imagine autumn brown with buttercup yellow! I shudder at the memory.

Anyway, dry your eyes, I'm back and I am ready to impart some wisdom on the reckless use of neckwear.

Picture this, the pharaohs wearing their solid, clunking gold neckpieces, (yes, I have had just as good of an education as you) tottering under the weight of them.

Disgusting! But these Egyptian eyesores have returned.

This is how some of today's hippest look. Bling Bling can go a little too far.

For the gentlemen I would advise either a chain (note the singular) or for formal occasions, a necktie. Please, no five chains hanging down to your waist or dollar signs of pure gold.

For the ladies, same thing. You know those huge two-inch thick beads that hang down to the floor? Unless you are wearing basic neutral colors, PASS.

You want to have people notice your gorgeous face, not the thing that looks like an octopus hanging off your neck. However sparkles are good, diamonds and other stones are truly a girl's best friends.

But remember the pharaohs—sparkle can be too much of a good thing.

I know I'll think of something else to say but for now I'm emotionally exhausted (just wait for next week).

So kisses,

Fashion Guru



Professor Profile: Robert Schroer

Red 'n' White: What is your favorite sport?

Professor Schroer: I enjoy watching Football, but I have coached the Track team for so long because I like to see people give their all.



RW: What is your favorite team?
PS: Besides the sports teams here at Seminary, I really enjoy watching the Minnesota Twins.

RW: How long have you been teaching here at MLS?
PS: My first year here was 1973-1974, which makes this my 32nd year of teaching here.

RW: What is your favorite food?

PS: (Eyes light up, emphatically states) My grilled pork chops. If anyone wants to know how to make them, stop by and see me some time.

RW: Name two things that make you laugh.

PS: My grandkids and some of my students, who will remain nameless.

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RW: Was Algebra your favorite subject back when you went to school?
PS: Surprisingly, no. It was actually Geometry.

RW: Is there something about you that the Seminary students don't know?

PS: I was baptized before a Mid-week Lenten Service—how many people can say that?

RW: Thank you for your time.

PS: No problem. I enjoyed it. ❖

WELS hurricane relief work continues in Gulf region

WELS Kingdom Workers, in cooperation with WELS Committee on Relief, sent the first group of volunteers to New Orleans, La., during the week of October 9. Volunteers worked to clear Crown of Life's sanctuary, fellowship hall, and parsonage of debris. Due to the severity of the damage and moisture conditions in the area, very little of the interior could be salvaged and most of the buildings were stripped down to the studs.

As of October 19, Crown of Life was granted a building permit. Builders For Christ are now putting together teams to assist in the rebuilding. The process is expected to take several months.

The area around Crown of Life is presently uninhabitable. Electricity, running water, and food supplies still don't exist. However, an even bigger problem is the health issues. Mold, mildew, and other contaminants pose a huge threat to the health of volunteers in the area. Even with protective clothing and masks, workers risk serious illness.

"We ask those who have volunteered to work in the area to please be patient and go through the proper channels," states Pastor Richard Warnecke,

Faith in Action administrator for WELS Kingdom Workers. "Right now, the area in and around New Orleans cannot house, feed, and provide transportation to large groups. We are also extremely concerned about health and safety issues."

As Crown of Life waits to rebuild, WELS Kingdom Workers is working with Trinity, Abita Springs, La., and Saving Grace, Mobile, Ala., to organize other projects and volunteer opportunities. These projects will continue to be funded through WELS Committee on Relief.

To date WELS members have donated more than \$1.2 million to the Committee on Relief (COR). This does not include matching funds. Of that amount, nearly \$300,000 has been dispersed to aid congregations and members in the immediate hurricane area, as well as to help congregations in outlying areas who have taken in evacuees. The committee also plans to release \$400,000 to Crown of Life to cover the cost of rebuilding their church and parsonage. Pastor Philip Schupmann, COR chairman, stresses, "Through the Committee on Relief's donations we will help Crown of Life reestablish itself and the WELS presence in the community. Without that money, it just couldn't happen." For detailed information on funding dispersed by WELS Committee on Relief, visit www.welsrelief.org.

With the threat of Hurricane Wilma on the horizon,

the Hurricane First Response Team from the South Atlantic District is standing by with a trailer of supplies. Just as it did with Katrina, the First Response Team will travel to the hardest hit areas to deliver generators, chainsaws and other urgently needed supplies until volunteer crews can be sent in.

Help continues to be needed in the Gulf region, and you can be a part of it.

* Donate money for disaster relief. Checks should be made payable to WELS Committee on Relief and sent to WELS, 2929 N Mayfair Rd, Milwaukee WI 53222. Donations can also be made online at www.wels.net/jumpword/donations. These donations can be made either by credit card or electronic fund transfer. Please select Gift Designation "Committee on Relief." You can increase your gift through employer matching funds. Check with your employer to see if you qualify.

* If you are interested in volunteering to do humanitarian relief, contact Pastor Richard Warnecke from WELS Kingdom Workers at 1-800-466-9357; fia@wkw.wels.net.

* Continue to pray for those affected by the disaster and for those working in the area.

* Direct friends and family to www.wels.net for the latest news. ❖



Seminary Sports

New tutor uses gifts to advise high schoolers

Tutor Abigail Gunn—who is she? To her family and friends she’s a fun-loving young woman who likes to be loud and goofy. To us she is a graduate of Martin Luther College and one of Seminary’s newest tutors. When she’s not teaching English to the Freshman, you can find her coaching the girls JV basketball team or off doing bed checks.



Some time ago Gunn was born in the warm state of Arizona on October 14. Soon after her birth her family moved to Mwebenzi, Zambia. During the middle of her kindergarten year her family moved to Lusaka, also in Zambia. Before she moved to Lusaka, Gunn was home schooled. Even though they lived out in the bush and would only go into town once a week, Gunn says she enjoyed living in Mwebenzi.

When she moved to Lusaka, Gunn attended the American Embassy School until seventh grade. She then moved back to Phoenix, Arizona, and attended Arizona Lutheran Academy for high school. The move back to the United States was hard for her. She liked living in Zambia. She commented that it was a relatively safe environment and she missed her friends.

While in high school she became involved in volleyball, basketball, and track all four years and cross-country her sophomore year. In track she set the school records for the 200m, 400m, 800m, and the 4 by 4, and she set the conference record for the 800m run.

Going to MLC wasn’t a huge decision for her. Gunn commented that she always knew that she wanted to be a teacher and go to Martin Luther College. She enjoyed MLC. She had good friends and good classes. Even though she was far away from home, living in the dorms was a positive experience for her. She commented that it was a lot of fun and she loved it.

It was at MLC that Gunn met her fiancé, Tim Fischer. They started hanging out her sophomore year. By the end of

it they were dating. This past 4th of July he proposed to her. She said that even though she knew he would propose someday, she wasn’t expecting it that soon.

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One way that her family and friends would describe her is loud and goofy. She loves to have a good time, but she’s also an organized individual. Gunn has four siblings, two younger brothers, Andrew and Abel, one older brother, Aaron, and one younger sister, Audrey.

Traveling is something that Gunn enjoys immensely. She has traveled to different places in Africa, London, and Paris. She’s also been to Rome, but she was too little to remember it. She loves to go to new places. Some advice about traveling she offers is to research your destination before you go there. It makes it more fun you know a little bit about the culture.

One of Gunn’s most embarrassing moments happened her freshman year of college. It was Christmas break and she had gone home to Arizona. During the break she attended one of ALA’s basketball games. The team that they were playing was one of their top rivals and it was an away game. As she was walking down the bleachers she tripped over a purse and fell down the bleachers! The gym was packed and everyone saw it. The other team’s coach even recognized her from when she used to play back in high school.



Some advice that Gunn offers to high school students is: Have fun in high school and try different things. It’s hard to know if you like it until you try it. Think about the gifts that God has given you and don’t base your decisions on what your friends think. Use your gifts!

Gunn remarked that she would not mind going back to Arizona to teach. She loves the warm weather that Arizona gets. ❖



MLS went on the road and dominated St. Charles on their home court. Photo: Arryn Uhlenbrauck

Cardinals beat the Bulldogs in the Dog House

Last Thursday, October 13, our Lady Cardinals traveled to St. Charles and played the Bulldogs. Prior to the game senior Rachael Jung was quoted as saying, “We’re going to win. I can guarantee that.” Her team kept her promise and did win 60-19 with a 35% shooting average.

Coach Terry Vasold commented after the game, “In the second half we started shooting like we’re supposed to. We had 19 points in the first half compared to 41 in the second. That’s how we can play. That’s how we should play.”

Juniors Courtney Schultz and Megan Sellnow each shot three pointers, freshman Grace Baumgartner and senior Jen Neuburger each came away with a pair of threes. One of Neuburger’s was in the last seconds of the third quarter.

The JV also came away with a victory, 45-37. ❖

Seminary triumphs over Carrollton

The Seminary Lady Cardinals played the Carrollton Cavaliers this past Tuesday, October 18, and edged the Cavs by three.

Coach Terry Vasold commented after the game. “We played very well in the first half, especially defensively. We got out played in the second quarter by Carrollton, but it was good to see us come through at the end of the game in a pressure situation and win by three points.”

The Varsity won, 44 to 41, with a 40% shooting average in the last seconds of the first quarter. The JV also won 55 to 29. ❖

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NEWS-IN-BRIEF

Tutor’s wife surprised by baby shower

Many baby showers have been thrown for Mrs. Jill Peil, but none quite like this one. 56 girls waited patiently in Study Center One for the culmination of two weeks preparation and secrecy.

With the help of her husband, Tutor Tyler Peil, the Jung twins, Rachael and Becky, along with their co-conspirators surprised Mrs. Peil and her unborn baby (due in November).

Many people brought presents individually and everybody pooled their money for snacks. Tutor Abigail Gunn provided her kitchen for food preparation. She commented, “It sure made my apartment smell good.”

For fun toilet paper was wrapped around the Peil baby and the girls had to guess how many squares went around her stomach. Everyone had a good time.

Mrs. Peil said again and again, “I can’t believe it.” ❖

