

Monday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- Tom Long on [worship and the absurd](#): "I recently learned that 'Onward Christian Soldiers' can speak truth—when it's not a display of militarism but just patently ridiculous."
- Amy Frykholm [talks to Scott Anderson of the Wisconsin Council of Churches](#): "I hope the shootings in Oak Creek will lead to interfaith education around the state. There is a hunger for this kind of engagement."
- Rebecca Barrett-Fox [reviews Robert Wuthnow](#): "Kansas politics are often polarizing and angry—and rooted at least rhetorically in conservative Christianity. If this situation seems dire, Robert Wuthnow provides encouraging news." (subscription required)
- Audrey West [blogs the lectionary](#): "This week's Gospel text is about consumption that gives life rather than taking it away."

In the news:

- [Nuns reject Vatican takeover but seek dialogue on differences](#)
- [Anti-Obama black pastors group has deep conservative ties, records show](#)
- [Mitt Romney ad says President Obama launched 'war on religion'](#)
- [No joke: Dolan-Colbert 'Catholic comedy slam' gets media blackout](#)