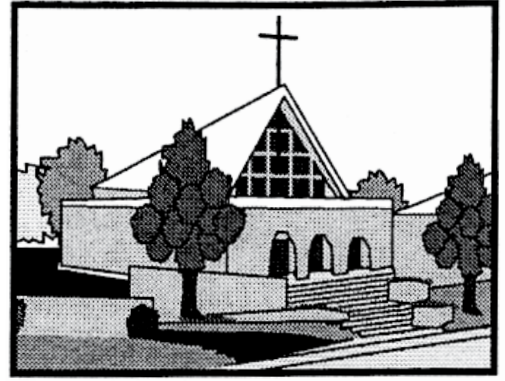


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church NEWS



April 2011

Stewardship of Wealth

Money stirs up strong emotions. In our 21st century context, money means survival but also power, prestige and success. In an economy fueled by consumption, we are surrounded by messages that tell us that *what we have* is not enough—and by extension—that *who we are* is not enough. No wonder we feel anxiety when the topic of wealth comes up! We fall into the trap of equating our earning power, our ability to provide, and our net worth with our value as human beings.

The Bible says quite a bit about money, far more than we can cover here. Let's look, however, at two aspects of biblical teaching about wealth, both from the Sermon on the Mount, 1) you cannot serve God and wealth and 2) do not worry about your life.

You cannot serve God and wealth. Matthew 5:24

Could it be that our fears and insecurities are related directly to our attitude towards wealth? When we buy into the equation that *money = security* and that *more money = more security* or the equation that *money = success as a human being* and that *more money = more success as a human* we are perilously close to idolatry. Luther defined a god as "that from which we are to expect all good and to which we are to take refuge in all distress." If it is from material wealth that we expect all good to come and in which we believe we can find security, we have become money's slaves.

Do not worry about your life. Matthew 5:25

Jesus' comforting words about the birds of the air and the lilies of the field which follow are intended to free us from the illusion that *material wealth = security*.

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Matthew 5:26

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil or spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of them. But if God so clothes the grass of the field...will he not much more clothe you...? Matthew 5:28-30

Here Jesus affirms God's care for all of creation. Moreover, he points out that if God cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, God will certainly provide for us—for we are precious to God. Jesus counsels us not to worry and goes on to state that God knows our needs and will provide for us...*"your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things...and all these things will be given to you."*

These words should come as a relief to us who live in an anxiety-ridden culture that equates self-worth with networth. They should reassure those who live on the edge of financial uncertainty and those of us who feel ashamed because we don't measure up in term of material success. God loves us because we are God's children and God will provide.

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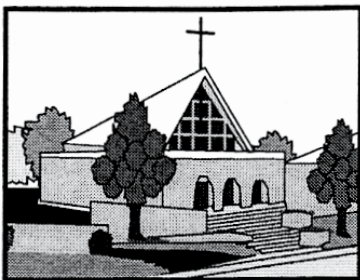
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Parish News

CONGRATULATIONS



—Linda and Terry Bathen welcomed into the world another beautiful granddaughter Phebe Marie Wirtz. Phebe was born to their daughter Lexie and husband Jason on January 27.

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES
April 21, Noon

CHRISTIAN SEDER
Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm (Registration is required)
Followed by service, 8:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
April 22, Noon and 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES
April 24, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Some years ago, the Church Council approved the observance of certain holidays by the church staff. They are:

- New Years Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Stewardship of Wealth

Jesus' words also puts into perspective the proper use of the wealth God has given us. No longer driven by anxiety and insecurity, we seek to discern how God is calling us to allocate our financial resources. No longer a slave to wealth accumulation, we are free to share our money with those less fortunate than us. No longer fearful of the future, we are free to live into the new possibilities God has envisioned for our lives, even though these new possibilities may involve financial risk.

This is as true for us as a congregation as it is for us as individuals. During this next month the council will be working on the 2011 Spending Plan. Keep the leadership of this congregation in your prayers as it seeks to discern God's priorities for this community of faith. Pray that our decision-making is rooted in a deep and abiding trust in God's unconditional love and grace.

But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 5:33

Pastor Margrethe Kleiber

Education News

HTLC MONTHLY SPEAKER: THE MINISTRY OF LUTHERAN CAMPS AND RETREAT CENTERS

We are delighted that Pastor Wayne Shelor will be our guest preaching minister and guest speaker during the Education Hour on Sunday, April 3. Pastor Shelor has served as the Executive Director at Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center since June of 2000. He and his wife, Vikki, work at the Caroline Furnace where they live with two of their three children, twin sons Jake and Josh. Their oldest, Becca, is a sophomore at Valparaiso University in Indiana. A native of Christiansburg VA, Pastor Wayne received his undergraduate degree from VCU and his Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia SC. Grab your coffee and join us in the Sanctuary at 10:10 am on April 3rd to hear Pastor Shelor.

NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER: PAUL CULLER FROM FAIR TRADE WINDS

Fair trade is all about connecting artisans and farmers in developing countries with access to markets in developed countries. It is not charity and it is not government handouts that people seek – but the opportunity to produce and sell handcrafted products in order to provide health care and education for their families. Fair trade is what will help break the cycle of poverty that affects too many people in the

world.

Join us on Sunday, May 1, at 10:10 am in the Sanctuary to hear Paul Culler, owner of Fair Trade Winds, talk about how fair trade helps expand markets for farmers and artisans around the world.

EASTER EGG HUNT ON EASTER SUNDAY!

Sunday School classes will enjoy the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Easter might be a wonderful Sunday to invite your children's friends to church.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER: BUCK-A-CHICK

Continuing through Lent HTLC's Sunday School is joining other ELCA congregations across the nation by having a "Buck-a-Chick" sale. Each dollar that we contribute will purchase a chick for a needy family. Children (and others) who give to the "Buck-A-Chick" project will get a paper chick to color. The decorated chicks will be displayed in the narthex each week.

For more on the many ways ELCA World Hunger Appeal works to alleviate hunger and poverty go to <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger.aspx>



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Thank you for all you have contributed so far to the ELCA World Hunger Buck-A-Chick project. On Easter Sunday we will announce how many chicks we have purchased for families in need!

TAVAUNIA SAYS THANK YOU!

Tavaunia, the young lady we support through the Navajo Lutheran Mission, sent a note thanking us for the Christmas and birthday gifts we sent! (Tavaunia's birthday is December 24.) For more information about the Navajo Lutheran Mission you may go to their website <http://www.nelm.org>.

FORUM SCHEDULE

Please join us at 10:10 in Rothenberg Hall for discussion of topics concerning issues in our faith community and with relevance in our daily lives from Monday to Friday.

Apr 3 Angeline Cione, Reducing the environmental footprint of the Pentagon building.

Apr 10 Church Council: Update in preparation for May 15 Congregational meeting. Topics will include Living the New Creation Vision, Stewardship program plans, and a financial update.

Apr 17 Palm Sunday. John English will discuss his work developing public recreational trails on private property in Appalachia to stimulate regional economic development.

Apr 24 Easter. No Forum

May 1 Casey Cook, Director of Music, will discuss his faith and how it has led him to a life in music.

May 8 Pastor Margrethe speaking on her experiences working at the ELCA headquarters.

May 15 Phil Loar and his team reporting on their recent trip to the vision clinic in El Salvador.

Ray Meyer, Forum Coordinator

SUMMER SATURDAY-JUNE 25-SAVE THE DATE!

Can You Imagine a World without Hunger? Join other children and youth of HTLC as we spend a day exploring through Bible stories, music, and crafts what the Bible has to say about hunger and poverty. More details to follow.

ORGAN UPDATE

The following e-mail was received in response to Council's request for a status report from The Di-Gennaro Hart Organ Company on the renovation of Holy Trinity's organ.

From: Michael Hart
To: Simmons, Anne
Sent: Sun Mar 13 19:46:40 2011
Subject: Organ Update
Dear Anne:

Please accept my apologies for the delays in keeping you updated on the new organ project for Holy Trinity. We are currently putting in very long days (12-14 hours) at a project in Carroll County. The project is an hour's drive from my home, and when I do get in, I am usually exhausted - my stress level is through the roof. That project was to be headed up by my Service Manager this Winter, while I was to be heading up the project at Holy Trinity. Sadly, after bringing him here from Ohio, and he seeing the lay of the land with good Church music jobs, he decided in January to pursue a full time position in that field. I am left to finish both projects now.

I will be finished with the Carroll County project at the end of this month. At that time there will be nothing else on the schedule until the Summer with the exception of the occasional emergency service call that may arise. The solid state switching equipment

has arrived, and is in our workshop (I will forward the invoice from the Vendor for this on a separate email). The windchests, along with the pipework are completed in Brooklyn and ready to come here just as soon as I can spare a man to pick them up. There is a good Bourdon stop in Atlantic City that I may purchase if I become convinced that it would hold more promise than what the organ currently has.

The winding is pretty much complete, as is the console (you will soon have finish samples to approve). At this point we are waiting for the completion of the organ case, and the drawstops for the console. The few other items are off the self components.

I know that Pastor Jane and the Council will be disappointed with these further delays., Please convey to them that we are doing everything possible to expedite the completion in Carroll County, and then Holy Trinity as fast as humanly possible while still consummate with the highest industry standards.

Please let me know soon if you would like a loaner electronic organ, the cost of which I will assume.

Sincerely, Michael Hart

Council News

Forum Sunday. Please plan to join Council on Sunday, April 10, during the Forum hour. We will update members in preparation for our May 15 Congregational Meeting. Topics will include Living the New Creation Vision, Stewardship program plans, and a financial update. Please plan to attend.

Council and Officers for 2011-12. There are 5 vacancies on council, beginning July 1, 2011. Look for further descriptions of the opportunities to serve and how you can serve.

Webpage. Katharine Search and Jill Cockerham are continuing to work with the leaders of each of our ministry and building our new HTLC website. It is beautiful and reflects how HTLC is Living the New Creation. We are on track to debut the site at the Congregational Meeting on May 15.

Email Communications. As voted on at the 2009 Congregational meeting, unless otherwise informed, all meeting notices and associated business will be provide to our members by email. If you don't have email or are not sure if your email is correct, fill out a pew card and drop it in the plate. You can also contact the office.

Evangelism. We live in a thriving neighborhood and in an area with constant turnover the

majority of which is due to the large presence of military and civilian government employees. Werner Winning suggested to the Council that we reach out to military transition offices and government newsletters, inviting members to our church. We love the idea. If you have further details on who to contact or how to make that happen, please let us know.

Property Usage. A new Facility and Usage policy has been ratified. Letters are going out asking organizations who use our facility to complete a new contact form, and informing them of our new policies and fee structure.

Community Support. We have received many letters of thank you for our generous contributions as a result of the profits from our recent house sale. We are truly blessed.

Got a Question? Look for a "count down to the congregational meeting" box to debut in the Narthex April 10. It's a "thinking out side of the box" box, too. You'll find recycled note paper in the pews. Write down your questions for Council, we'll address them during Congregational meetings. Have an idea, include those too. We need everyone's good ideas.

Lynn Tedesco, Council President

Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp

2011 Summer Camp begins **Sunday, June 19, 2011** (Father's Day) and continues for 8 individual weeks. Cost per week ranges from \$385-495 depending on the activities. Caroline Furnace offers camps for ages 6-17. Explorer camps are three to five nights for our youngest campers. Pioneer camps offer a different focus each camp, like canoeing, fishing, staying in tents, learning about rocks, animals, stars or even dirt! Camps get more adventurous for the middle and high school ages. Pick up a camp schedule from the table in the Narthex or go to <http://www.carolinefurnace.org>.



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“Barriers to Resurrection” is the theme for April’s study, based on Mark 16:1-8. The theme verse is “They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.” Mark 16:3-4. All women are invited to join one of the study groups. The study can be found in *Lutheran Women Today*. If you do not already subscribe, a copy can be found in the newly reopened library and a copy can be made in the church office. For more information on the meeting to be held at the time a place you choose, see the contact list above.

Book Club—In April, the Book Club will meet next on Saturday, April 2, 8:30 a.m., at the home of Judy Baker to discuss “A Lesson Before Dying” by Ernest Gaines. RSVP to Judy at 703-237-8717 or judybaker2825@yahoo.com. On



May 7, the Book Club will meet at the home of Leona Badger to discuss “My Antonia” by Willa Cather. Contact Mary Newton at newtonmm@live.com if you would like to receive notices regarding discussion books and meeting locations. The Book Club also sponsors Fair Trade coffee and chocolate from the shelves in the Narthex throughout the period from early fall to late spring.

Knitting/Crocheting Ministry —The knitting and crocheting ministry will not meet in April due to the WELCA retreat and Easter weekend. Bring your needles and projects to the retreat and we hope to see everyone in May. Plans for future group projects



BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

*Bible Study Groups— HT WELCA Bible Study
Groups meet as follows this month:*

Miriam— Monday, April 18, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.,
Bible Room.

Lydia-- Thursday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. to noon,
Fellowship Hall.

Naomi— Sunday, April 30, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.,
Bible Room.

include making a shawl to be distributed as one outreach of the Women of the ELCA triennial convention to a ministry in Washington or Idaho and scarves to be sold at HT’s Rally Day to benefit the Hypothermia Shelter Fund. Come and share ideas for projects and patterns for others or your own use. Bring a friend and learn a new skill. Contact Alfie Rulis for more information.

Prayer Chain—To start a request or to be added to the Prayer Chain, contact Marcia at mcihnen@aol.com or 703-979-5570.

Sunshine—Sandra Lee, Sunshine Secretary, asks that members help by submitting names of members or friends who would benefit from receiving a greeting. Please contact Sandra at 703-830-1791 or leeassociates@aol.com.

Needlecrafters—Bring your own project to work on and join Judy Baker, Ruth Shomo, and Jean Crowder in Rothenberg Hall on Wednesday, April 13 then attend the midweek Lenten service and stay for the soup and bread lunch. Needlecrafters meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. to work on their own quilting, knitting, or sewing projects. The final meeting in April will be on Wednesday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to noon in Rothenberg Hall. Contact Judy for more information.

Kitchen Cleaning—Many thanks to all who helped spring clean the kitchen.

HT Women’s Retreat—April 8-10 at the A. Felix DuPont Memorial House, Rehoboth Beach DE. The theme for this year is *The Kaleidoscope of Life: Becoming Discerning Disciples*, highlighting
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HT WOMEN OF THE ELCA (HTWELCA)

women from the Old Testament, and the retreat will include large- and small-group sessions as well as time for reflection. All HT Women are invited to join Pastor Margrethe and other Holy Trinity women that weekend in the Lenten season to explore what it means to be a disciple as we encounter the complex and varied kaleidoscope that is our lives. As a special craft, retreat participants will be making net and tulle corsages for sale on Mother's Day, May 8, in support of the ELCA Malaria Project.

Metro DC SWO Spring Convention, Saturday, May 7—Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence, Burke, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Known attendees at this time are Marcia and Genie, but registration is still open. The registration fee of \$25 includes a light breakfast and lunch. Register online at www.metrodcelca.org. A Eucharistic worship service opens the convention, Rev. Ivan Ives Presiding, to be followed by keynote speaker Debbie Streicher, Consultant for Children and Family Ministries. Workshops and presenters are as follows: "Changing an Organization" by Laura McDowell and Sheri Swackhamer; "Lutheran Malaria Project" by Rachel Steel; "Peace Not Walls" by Carolyn Thomas; and "Siyajabulani, Siyakhala: Lutheran Women in South Africa" by Holy Trinity's own Heather LeMunyon. Exhibitors include Thrivent, LACE/Congregation Life, and Mar-Lu-Ridge.

Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention, July 14-17—A photograph of one of the Hypothermia kitchen crews was submitted by Marcia Ihnen for the Convention's banner project. Pictures from ELCA churches nationwide will be fashioned into a huge banner that will be hung in the convention hall. Check www.womenoftheelca.org for more information; Marcia is registered to attend.

Thrivent Choice

Many thanks to the HTLC Thrivent members who have directed dollars to Holy Trinity activities through the Thrivent Choice program! For the last two quarters, October 2010 through March 2011, your HTLC Thrivent Choice contributions helped support our congregation's Hypothermia Shelter work in the amount of \$1,069. This quarter, April 2011 through June 2011, your Thrivent Choice contributions will support Holy Trinity's outreach to the greater Falls Church area through our community picnic.

If you are a Thrivent member who is not participating in the Thrivent Choice program, please consider making Holy Trinity a beneficiary of Thrivent Choice. You can sign up online for Thrivent Choice at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Fast Facts

The ELCA has 233 missionaries in 48 countries (61 Africa, 51 Asia-Pacific, 37 Europe, 26 Latin America, 14 Middle East).

44 Young Adults in Global Mission began a year of service in August 2010.

Missionaries serve at the invitation of our companion churches.

Evangelism and education remain the two biggest roles that missionaries are called to fill today.

70% of ELCA missionaries are lay people.

North American Lutherans have been active in global mission since 1842.

The ELCA is partnering with our Canadian denominations to jointly sponsor a North American ecumenical training and orientation program for 2011.

You can support our missionaries through missionary sponsorship and prayer.

Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.

Get regular updates from around the world! Subscribe to *Global Links*, the monthly ELCA Global Mission e-newsletter, at www.elca.org/global-links.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

The Library is now open!

After months of work, some of it related to our newly remodeled Narthex, and lots of credit to both our Pastors and Bob and Lynn Tedesco, we now have a beautiful new library, with new paint on the walls, new shelves, new chairs, and a new carpet. Books are arranged slightly differently than they were before our remodeling. There are labels to help you figure out where your favorites are now located. Come in and look at the new library!

It's April. Lent has already begun, and Easter will be here before the end of the month. Take time out to look at some of the books in your church library with themes and topics relating to Lent and Easter. During the month of April the books listed below will be on a specially marked shelf to the left of the computer. Come check them out!

NONFICTION

- "The Martin Luther Easter Book" translated and arranged by Roland H. Banton 232.96
- "The Days Before Easter" by W. A. Poovey 263
- "The Way of the Cross, Via Dolorosa" by John D. Foerster 232.96
- "Personalities of the Passion" by Leslie D. Weatherhead 263.92
- "Pathways of the Passion" by Per Lonnig 263
- "Oberammergau Passion Play" 232.96

FICTION

- "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas
- "The Messiah, a Novel" by Marjorie Holm
- "Man From Cyrene" by Frans Venter
- "Pontius Pilate, a Biographical Novel" by Paul L. Maier

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- "The Very First Easter" by Paul L. Maier C 232.96
- "The Easter Parade: Welcome Sweet Springtime!" C 394.2
- "Easter Bunny, Are You For Real?" C Fiction
- "My Happy Easter Book" by Gloria Truitt C 232.96
- "Where is Jesus?" C 232.96
- "Kiri and the First Easter" by Carol Greene and Alice Hausner C Fiction
- "The Symbols Speak: a Story for Easter" (in English and Spanish) by Lisa Flinn and Barbara Younger. Spanish translation by Emmanuel Vargas. C 232.96

Mary Bowen, HT Librarian



OWLS NEWS

OWLS - OLDER, WISER, LOVING, SOULS - WHOOOOO IS THAT?

- YOU???, ME???

Anyone may join our group the first Wednesday of each month for a birthday potluck and a craft event or speaker. Next gathering is April 6. We plan to attend the mid-week Lenten service and then proceed to Fellowship Hall for soup and bread (instead of potluck). On May 4 – the birthday potluck begins at 11:30. Following dessert, those who want to stay will get instruction from Ursula on the making of little gift boxes from greeting cards. Bring any cards you have saved, and see how they can be recycled into something usable to keep or give away with goodies packed inside. If you have no cards, come anyway. There will be plenty to share. Questions, call **Leona 703-573-1708**.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE (continued)

Yamaha Electronic Keyboard—in loving memory of John Swick, by his wife Esther and friends.

Mission Church Funding—in loving memory of Rev. Edward F. Yost, founding pastor of Holy Trinity, given to the Mission Church, Shepherd of the Valley LC, Harrisonburg, Virginia, in furtherance of spreading the Gospel and teaching the Word of God, by his family and friends.

Carpeting in Sanctuary and Nave—in loving memory of Judson George, Thomas Chambers, and Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Ford by Frances George

Carpeting in Choir Loft—in loving memory of Judson George, by his wife Frances George; in loving memory of Frank Anderson, by Edna Anderson; in loving memory of Marie Myhre, by Richard and Helen Myhre.

Chair Caddy—in loving memory of John Swick, by his wife and friends.

Shrubbery and Plants—in loving memory of Sterling Shelly by his wife Millie and friends for the beautification of the church grounds.

Luther's Works—in loving memory of John Swick by his wife and friends; in loving memory of Maria Peterson by her family and friends.

Altar Window Outside Lighting—in loving memory of John Swick, by his wife Esther and friends.

Playground Equipment—in loving memory of Karin Johnson, by husband David and sons Matthew, Peter and Andrew Johnson.

Pew Bibles—in loving memory of their parents, William and Elsie Schmeisser and Jacob and Addie Steinhauer by Raleigh and Doris Steinhauer.

National Lutheran Home—in loving memory of Emma Bettin, mother of Shirley Detweiler.

To See Ourselves As Others Do

What is it like for a newcomer to walk into the doors of our sanctuary and worship with us for the very first time? The church feels warm and friendly to us – but is it just an assumption that it feels that way to others, too?

“Secret Visitor Training Event”

Newly announced date: **Saturday, May 14**

10 a.m.-noon

St. John's Lutheran Church in Rockville, Md.

- REGISTRATION is FREE but REQUIRED. Sign up now.
- Congregations are invited to send teams of two or three.
- Trained teams will visit Lutheran and other protestant congregations, and perhaps a congregation from a very different tradition, to experience what it is like to “be a stranger” again.
- Learn how to give helpful, constructive and gentle feedback to another church. This feedback and input experienced by visitors and shared with visited congregations has great potential to help us be better hosts to those around us.
- Questions? Contact the Rev. Phil Hirsch at phirschmetrodcclca.org or 202-822-1901.

Within the first 10 minutes of being there, 70% of people make up their mind about whether or not they're coming back to your church... BEFORE the pastor ever gets up to preach! George Barna said this in 1994.

Today, guests will make up their mind about your church in the first 4 to 8 minutes.

That means that FIRST IMPRESSIONS are critical.

EL SALVADOR EYE CARE MISSION REPORT

Thank you to everyone who donated eyeglasses and knitted toallitas for the Eye Care mission in La Libertad, El Salvador. Arnold and Judy Baker, John Bowen, Phil Loar, and Pastor Jane joined a group of 46 volunteers who provided eye care to 4,358 patients in February. Join them in the Sunday morning Forum on May 15 to hear details of the mission. Eyeglasses and toallitas are being collected for next year's mission. If you have a portable sewing machine you are no longer using, bring it to Holy Trinity by April 15. It will be used to help establish a sewing center in San Vicente to help aid in rebuilding a community that was devastated by a deadly mudslide in November 2009.

OUR TASK

Our Task, a non-profit with many links to Holy Trinity, has received a grant of \$500 from the congregation. Our Task (OT) helps young adults have a voice on sustainability issues. Through its internship program (<http://www.ourtask.org/internships/>, <http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/nva/tfr/2217082778.html>), OT educates young adults on sustainability issues and trains them on TV production. With this training, the Our Taskers produce a monthly TV news commentary show called "News for Our Future" (Comcast-69, Verizon-38, Tuesdays at 5:30 pm and Saturdays at 4:00 PM). HT's Aurelia Massoudi-Khorsand and Greg D'Addario have had major roles in some of the shows. Links to previous shows are at: <http://www.ourtask.org/news-for-our-future/>. Arrangements are in progress for a "News for Our Future" episode based on Happy Hats, another HT grantee. The Our Taskers have spoken several times at the HT Forum. OT says many thanks to HT for its financial support and opportunities to work with an impressive group of young adults.

Jerry Barney, President, Our Task.

ELCA MALARIA PROJECT

Celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8, by purchasing a corsage made of netting in support of the ELCA Malaria Project. What do Mother's Day and the ELCA Malaria project have in common? They are both about honoring women and children. The \$10.00 you spend on a corsage in honor of your mother, or other women you admire, will buy one insecticide-treated bed net to help protect those most vulnerable to transmission of malaria—children and pregnant women and their unborn babies. The corsages will be available for purchase in the Narthex after each service. This is a project of the HT Women of the ELCA.

Malaria Facts from the World Health Organization:

- In 2008, malaria caused nearly 1 million deaths, mostly among African children.
- In Africa a child dies every 45 seconds from malaria.
- Malaria threatens more than half of the world's population, with a disproportionate effect on children, pregnant women, and their unborn babies.
- Malaria is preventable and curable.

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
 Thank you for your generous gift
 of \$1500.00 for the Village of Hope
 Health Center. Despite the
 difficulties in Haiti at this
 time, God is truly blessing
 His children through our
 mission. Please keep our
 ministry in your prayers
 and may God bless Haiti!

Mesi anpi,
 The Lazarus Project/Village of Hope.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Seven Corners Children's Center, I'd like to express our sincerest thanks for the recent and generous donation you made to our program. The timing was a blessing in many ways. We desperately need to scholarship more children with extra funding and recently our washer and dryer quit working. We wash the bedding the children sleep on each day. We always washed them weekly since our parents don't have a washer and dryer at home and need to go to the laundromat.

God bless you for your continued love and support. You truly make a difference in the lives of these precious children.

Respectfully,

Mary Ellen Ward

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
 Or sat quietly in a chair.
 Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
 If so we saw it there.
 Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
 As any friend could say;
 Perhaps you were not there at all,
 Just thought of us that day.
 Whatever you did to console our hearts,
 We thank you so much whatever the part.

The family of
Roy Chelsen

Roy Chelsen, brother of choir member
 Kathy Chelsen, was a firefighter
 and first responder on 9/11

Lynn Tedesco, President
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 3022 Woodlawn Avenue
 Falls Church, VA 22042

Dear Ms. Tedesco,

Thank you very much for the gift of \$500 from Holy Trinity to Our Task. We feel very much that Our Task is doing some of God's work and appreciate the affirmation that the gift from Holy Trinity provides.

We also appreciate the opportunity that has been afforded Our Task to speak at the HT Forum. Young people feel somewhat intimidated when speaking to a group of adults about matters young people feel are vital to their lives, and the opportunity to speak several times to a thoughtful and friendly audience of adults has helped build their confidence and their speaking ability.

As I think you know, young adults from Holy Trinity—including Aurelia Massoudi-Khorsand and Greg D'Addario helped found Our Task and have continue to make major contributions. We will be extending opportunities to other young adults at HT.

Thank you again for your affirmation of our work and your gift.

Sincerely,
 Gerald Barney and Maria Takahashi

Pastor Jane Halpern, MSW/M. Div.
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 3022 Woodlawn Ave
 Falls Church, VA 22042

Dear Pastor Halpern,

The members of the board of directors of the McLean Community Players thank you, your parishioners and the staff of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for generously allowing us to use space at your church to rehearse our recent musical.

During the rehearsals of "The Drowsy Chaperone" we spent many hours singing and dancing in several of your facility's rooms. We could not have put the production together without your generosity.

Joan, the parish Secretary, worked with MCP's producer, Summer Donaldson, to provide us with the best facilities. She was extremely patient and gracious when we called at the last minute asking for changes in the room or the schedule.

As a small token of our appreciation I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$300.00 as a donation from MCP towards the ELCA Youth Gathering Fund.

Thank you for your hospitality.

Sincerely,
 Terry Yates



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SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

On **Saturday, April 16**, bring your gloves, tools and your spring cheer to clean up our church grounds. Refreshments will be provided. Hours are from 8 am to 1 pm and we are happy to have you come for all or part of the time. Please contact Barrett Swink (703) 560-4880 or fairfaxman@cox.net.
(Rain date: April 30)



Mark Your Calendars!!

APRIL:

- April 3** Pastor Waye Shelor, Guest Speaker
- April 8-10** WELCA Retreat,
Rehoboth Beach, DE
- April 16** HT Spring Clean-up Day
- April 21** Maundy Thursday worship service
12:00 Noon
Christian Seder
Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm
(Registration is required)
Followed by service, 8:00 pm
- April 22** Good Friday worship services
12:00 Noon and 7:30 pm
- April 24** Easter Sunday worship services
9 am and 11 am
Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
- April 30** Rain date for Spring clean-up

MAY:

- May 1** Youth Sunday
Paul Culler, Fair Trade Winds Speaker
Handbell Concert
- May 8** Mother's Day
- May 15** Congregational Meeting
- May 22** Of the Land and Seasons