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December 2011

Simple Things

*And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth,
and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
Luke 2:7*

It is an oxymoron, it seems, to put the word "simple" along side a reference to Christmas. But 2,000 years ago it was simple to combine the two. Jesus came into the world in the most simple of places to a young man and woman who were of the simple working class. There were no decorations, gifts to wrap, cookies to bake or parties to attend. They just needed a place to love and care for the baby. Now that the baby is known to us as Christ, the Son of God, we have gone to the other extreme of our own accord.

During the month that I was at home recovering from surgery, I had to fill my life with simple things. I still used the computer, cell phone and iPad. However, I couldn't go up and down the stairs safely. I couldn't drive the car. I couldn't lift and carry heavy things. I dressed as I pleased and wore no make-up most days. That restricted my life and yet, it was a gift to me to be *simple*. I could only do the things that were necessary and easily at hand.

There was a new book out this Christmas Season which I was tempted to buy but I got stuck on the title and never bought the book. The title is *Christmas is not your Birthday* by Mike Slaughter. All the gifts we buy and wrap to place under the Christmas tree are not for Jesus whose birthday we are supposedly celebrating nor in thanksgiving for the priceless gift God has given us in his Son. It is the commercialization of our world that has led us to secularize Christ's birthday.

I plan on taking **my to do list** and slowly reducing it to something manageable. In the Christmas letter sent to you from Pastor Margrethe and myself, we reminded you that the heart of Christmas is a moment of hushed mystery and wonder. If you surround your family with the "simple things", there will be a chance that all will find that mystery and wonder.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. Matthew 2:10.

May you find the true joy of this Christmas season in the “simple things”: a child’s smile, a card from a friend, the smell of the trees. Those things will outlast the wrapping paper and ribbons.

Pastor Jane

the joy of Christmas

Celebrate it with us.

CHRISTMAS AT HTLC

Sunday, December 11

7:00 pm - Christmas Concert with Cookie Reception

Sunday, December 18

10:00 am – *A Shepherd’s Story*, Children’s Christmas Pageant and
Worship Service with Holy Communion (one service only)

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 pm - Family Service with Holy Communion

7:00 pm - Holy Communion

9:00 pm - Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25

10:00 am – Lessons and Carols with Homily and Holy Communion
(one service only)

Sunday, January 1

10:00 am – New Year’s Day Worship



All services held at
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
3022 Woodlawn Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22042
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PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM

Joshua David Paparella, son of Andy and Megan Paparella and brother of Isabelle, was received into the Lord's family on Sunday, November 13.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

--Nancy Bernot and family as they care for husband and father Ray Bernot.

--Linda O'Donohue and family as they support their mother who has entered hospice care.

--Alfie Rulis as she recovers from the aftermath of a fall.

--Helen and Dick Myhre as they recover from a household accident.

--To Julie and Jean Strandlie on the death of their uncle, Stanley Heise, New Port Richey, FL.

IN CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Casey Cook on passing his lecture-recital! Casey gave a brilliant lecture on his re-orchestration of Finzi's Requiem da Camera on November 4th. The lecture-recital on the 4th and the Remembrance Day Vespers on the 11th, which featured the Requiem, were marvelous events. Thank you, Casey, for the many ways you enrich our life together at Holy Trinity.



The Pastors and Staff of Holy Trinity wish You and your families a blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year!



PRAYER TIME

Join our monthly prayer group for the ministries of Holy Trinity. In December we will gather in the Holy Trinity Library at 8:30 am on Saturday, December 10th. We will pray for half an hour and then move to the sanctuary at 9:00 am and pray for the Advent and Christmas activities of the congregation. After we finish praying, you are free to continue with your day's activities or you may wish to stay and help decorate the church!



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Looking Ahead—Congregational Camp in May 2012— Save the date!

Holy Trinity is planning a congregational camp from Friday, May 4th to Sunday, May 6th at Caroline Furnace.

We will have more details later, but it is not too early to save the date!

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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

December is here, and that means that Christmas is coming soon! As we look forward to the celebration of Christ's birth, here are some ideas for reading from the Holy Trinity Church Library.



For adults, the following books will be on the shelf above the computer in the main library during the month of December. Come check them out!

1. "Preparing for Jesus: Meditations on the Coming of Christ, Advent, and the Kingdom" by Walter Wangerin. 242.33
2. "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham (Yes, THAT John Grisham!). Fiction
3. "A Midnight Clear: Family Christmas Stories" by Katherine Patterson (Newberry Medal Award winner for her book, "The Bridge to Terabithia). Fiction
4. "The Hand-Carved Creche and Other Christmas Stories" by James Kilgo. Fiction
5. "Stories of Christmas Carols" by Ernest K. Emurian. 782.42
6. "The Book of Christmas Folklore." 394.2
7. "A Stranger for Christmas" by Carol Lynn Pearson. Fiction
8. "The Star of Bethlehem" by Jeanne K. Hanson. 232.9
9. Wise Men still Seek Him Today" by Ellyn Sanna and Viola Ruelke Grommer. 242.33

The children's books listed below are in the Education Office, on the counter to the right of the Children's Book Shelf. Sunday School teachers – feel free to use any of these books in your classes. Parents – feel free to borrow these books to take home and read with your children. Just fill out the sign out sheet for borrowing books.

1. "The Little Drummer Boy." C 782.42
2. "The Twelve Days of Christmas." C 782.42
3. "The Animals at the Manger." C 808.42
4. "The Christmas Book." C 232.92
5. "Follow That Star!" C 232.92
6. "The Very First Christmas." C 232.92
7. "When Jesus Came." C 232.92
8. "The Animals' Christmas Eve." C Fiction
9. "The Baby Born in a Stable." C 232.92
10. "Jesus is Born." C 232.92
11. "The Nativity." C 232.92
12. "The Way Christmas Came." C 232.92
13. "Little Benjamin and the First Christmas. C Fiction
14. "The Christmas Carol Miracle." C Fiction
15. "The Littlest Angel." C Fiction
16. "The Night the Angels Sang." C Fiction
17. "Santa, Are You for Real?" C Fiction
18. "The Shining Hour." C Fiction
19. "The Wise Men from the East" C 232.92
20. "The Baby God Promised." C 232.92
21. "Angels & All Children: A Nativity Story in Words, Music and Art." Book with CD. C 232.92
22. "The Star in the Morning Sky." C Fiction
23. "The World Sings Noel." C 782.42
24. "Armond and the First Christmas." C Fiction
25. "The Little Mouse's Wonderful Journey." C Fiction
26. "Ben's Blanket and the Baby Jesus." C Fiction
27. "The Clown of God." C Fiction
28. "The Innkeeper's Daughter." C Fiction
29. "The Secret of the Star." C Fiction
30. "Donkey Daniel in Bethlehem." C Fiction
31. "The Shepherd's Christmas Story." C Fiction
32. "Grandfather's Story." C Fiction
33. "The Happiest Search." C Fiction
34. "Clem the Clumsy Camel." C Fiction

Mary Bowen, HT Librarian

EDUCATION NEWS

December's Forum Speaker will be Bishop Richard Graham from our Metropolitan D.C. Synod. Mark your calendars for this special Forum on December 4th. Bishop Graham will bring us news from the Synod as well as discussing with us what it means for congregations to be centers of evangelical mission.

In addition to serving as bishop of the Metro D.C. Synod since 2007, Bishop Graham has many years of pastoral experience in the D.C. area. He has served as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in College Park, Maryland; Assistant Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, Maryland; and Associate Pastor of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Annapolis, Maryland.

Bishop Graham has a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School and a Master of Arts degree in Church History from the Catholic University of America. Bishop Graham will also be our preaching and presiding minister on Dec 4th.

Searching for Home Epiphany Day Retreat for Women Saturday, January 7th, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

As the holidays approach, our thoughts turn to home. Books, songs, and movies flood us with idealized images of family life even though reality is often very different. How do we reconcile our messy, sometimes turbulent lives with these elusive fantasies of home?

On Saturday, January 7th, the women of Holy Trinity are invited to spend a day reflecting on the theme of home in relationship to the Epiphany stories.

The day will begin with breakfast and reflection on *The Story of the Other Wise Man* by Henry Van Dyke beginning at 8:30 am.

We will conclude with a special Epiphany worship service at 4:30 pm that will be open to everyone. Save the date on your calendars!

Save the date on your calendars! Sign ups for the Retreat begin in December. Cost is \$15 for the day.

The Story of the Other Wise Man

Would you like to attend the Epiphany Retreat but don't think you have the time to read the book?

Fear not!

The Story of the Other Wise Man is a small book well under 100 pages. (My copy is 72 pages.) You can read it in an evening as you sit next to the Christmas tree.

It is available for free on iBooks and Kindle. Paper copies are available on Amazon from \$5 and up. We will have a few copies available for purchase at the time of sign-ups.

Or, if you feel you don't have the time to sit and read, which is sadly the reality for many of us, you may wish to rent the 1985 movie version, *The Fourth Wise Man*, with Martin Sheen. (The movie is 72 minutes long.) Enjoy it with your children!

In any case, whether you join us for the retreat or not, you might want to add this little book to your collection of Christmas classics!

EDUCATION NEWS (cont'd)

Food for Body and Soul—Adult Studies on Sunday afternoons!

The Book of Philippians Beginning on January 15, Pastor Jane leads a four-week course from the Book of Faith series on Philippians. This letter of St. Paul, which he wrote from prison, is perhaps the most tender and personal of the epistles. The love and joy permeating this letter make it particularly suitable for reflection during the season of Epiphany.

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy Beginning on February 19, Casey Cook and Pastor Margrethe will lead a seven-week Kerygma course on the music and scripture of the Brahms Requiem Mass. This study, *Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy*, highlights a number of themes appropriate to the season of Lent.

FORUM SCHEDULE

Dec 4 The Rev. Richard H. Graham will be our forum speaker (see previous page).

Dec 11 Open Forum—Discussion topics include past issues, future topics and the Christmas season.

Dec 18 No Forum—Christmas Pageant—One 10 a.m. service

Dec 25 No Forum—Christmas Day

Jan 1 No Forum—New Year's Day worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Ray Meyer, Forum Coordinator

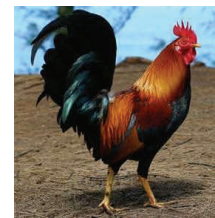
DID YOU KNOW?

Faith Outside the Box

Faith Outside the Box will meet Monday, December 5 (and tentatively on Dec. 19) at 6:30 in the conference room to discuss "Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas" by

Why the cardinal is red: Christened the Christmas bird for its spectacular red color, the cardinal has become a symbol of the beauty & warmth of the holiday season. A glimpse of this brilliant bird brings cheer, hope, and inspiration on a gray wintry day. As nature's reminder for us to focus on our faith, the cardinal's scarlet plumage represents the blood of Christ shed for redemption of mankind.

The legend of the rooster? Legend states that the only time the rooster crowed at midnight was the night that Jesus was born. The crowing of the rooster at dawn each morning symbolizes the daily triumph of light over darkness and the victory of good over evil.



COUNCIL NEWS

Thanks to those of you who attended the November 20 special congregational meeting. It gave us an opportunity to highlight the achievements and the upcoming events and initiatives at Holy Trinity, as we also discussed the challenges before us.

In the main item of business on the agenda, the congregation approved the Council's proposal to put our two houses up for sale. We are hopeful that this action will enable us to focus our time and resources more on those things that directly advance Holy Trinity's mission of spreading the gospel through our words and deeds. At the annual spring meeting, we hope to be able to present solid numbers on the expected proceeds from the sales along with a plan to use those resources to secure longer-term financial stability. You can anticipate a stewardship campaign after the holidays as part of that effort.

The Council continues to work on initiatives to improve our outreach and communications, as well as to strengthen our social ministry. All volunteers and suggestions are welcome.

We are excited about the upcoming inauguration of the organ (really!) and we look forward to a blessed Advent season. Best wishes to all for a happy Thanksgiving.

John Bowen, President



THANKS

Each day as I heard the mail truck enter our street, I waited for someone to bring me the mail so I could see which of the dear people at HTLC had sent a card of well wishes for my speedy recovery. I was never disappointed. There was a card every day and some days several cards. Your prayers brought me safely through my surgery and recovery. Your words and notes were encouragement when I wanted to ignore my exercises and when I just wanted to get out of the house and go somewhere. Of course, there were flowers, cookies and meals. So much love shone forth from so many and I am deeply touched by that and your faith that makes our journey together so meaningful. By the time you read this I will be gratefully back among you and always remembering your support for me in my absence. Pastor Jane

GIFTS OF HOPE—Help those in need while you shop for Christmas!

Today you can purchase a Gift of Hope for a friend or relative while making a contribution to someone who is in need. You will receive a beautiful Christmas card and an explanation of your purchase, while the actual gift will be forwarded to the organization which helps those in need. Visit the Gifts of Hope table between or after worship services this month to make your purchases; look at the catalog of 40 gift ideas and get more information. The cost of gifts ranges from \$5 to \$250. View the catalog at www.Giftsof HopeMetroDC.org.



Linda Bathen, HT Coordinator of Gifts of Hope



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Joy Wells 703-560-2596
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Holy Trinity Women thank all who participated in its annual Thankoffering Sunday observance. A check for \$662 is being sent to Women of the ELCA to support women's ministries nation- and worldwide.

Bible Study, Fellowship, and Service Opportunities

This year's Bible study "To Follow and Serve: The Gospel of Mark" is found in the Women of the ELCA publication "Gather", a copy of which can be found in the HT Library. December's lesson "Beyond the Boundaries" is based on Chapters 6 and 7 of Mark's Gospel. In observance of the season of Advent and in anticipation of Christmas, HT Women celebrate with by gathering for a holiday meal in lieu of the regular Bible study group meetings. All women are invited to join us.

Bible Study Groups—HT WELCA Bible Study Groups meet as follows this month:
Miriam—Monday, December 12, 6:30 p.m., Presence Restaurant in the shopping center at Arlington Boulevard and Annandale Road. Call Joy Wells at jew-ells43@cox.net or 703-560-2596 or Carol Sukow at cjsukow@fastmail.fm or 703-280-8108 to be included in the dinner reservation.

Lydia—Thursday, December 15, 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by lunch at Applbees.

Naomi—*to be decided*. Contact Marcia Ihnen.

Book Club—On Saturday, December 3, we will meet at the Davis/Roberts home to discuss "The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie" by Alan Bradley. All women are invited; RSVP to Genie or Anne at eugeniamdavis@aol.com or 703-573-0678. On January 7, the Book Club will be hosting breakfast for the Epiphany Day Retreat then joining the discussion of "The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke. (See Pastor Margrethe's article on page 6 of this newsletter.)

On February 4, we will meet at the church to discuss "The Snow Leopard" by Peter Matthiessen. If you are not already on the list to receive notices of books to be discussed and meeting dates and locations, contact Mary Newton at new-tonmm@live.com to be added to the e-mail list. The Book Club also sponsors Fair Trade coffee and chocolate sales from the shelves in the Narthex.

Knitting and Crochet Ministry—Many thanks to all who acquired scarfs and hats from our holiday boutique on Sunday, November 20. The donations totaled \$500 and will be added to the funds in support of HT’s Hypothermia Shelter in February. Our Knitting and Crochet Ministry will be taking the month of December off to enjoy making things for our family and friends. Mark your calendar to join us again in January and to bring a friend.




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—Needlecrafters regularly meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Rothenberg Hall to work on their own quilting, knitting, or sewing or craft projects. However, the December schedule may change. Contact Judy Baker for more information.

ALTAR GUILD: Christmas decorating day is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th, beginning at 9 a.m. Mark your calendars.

<p>What questions will be addressed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is Jesus & why do we follow him? • How do we learn to talk about our faith in Jesus Christ? • How do our faith stories help spread the Good News? • How does Bible study help us in sharing our faith with others? • What resources are out there to help us? 	<p>Hosted by the Division for Congregational Life</p>  <p>Metro Washington DC Synod</p> <h2>Together In Mission</h2> <h3>Saturday, January 21, 2012</h3> <p>Who should come?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educators • Outreach • Evangelism • Anyone who is interested in telling others about Jesus <p>Why come?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because it's great to gather with others and hear their faith stories • Because making disciples is what Jesus asked us to do: Matthew 28:19-20 • Because we belong to communities where we can make a difference for Him <p>Register online and download a complete flyer for a list of workshops at www.metrodcela.org.</p>
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2011 CONTRIBUTIONS—All contribution for the year 2011 MUST be received in the church office or, if mailed, must be post marked by December 31, 2011. All contributions received after this date, even if the check is dated in 2011, will be recorded as received in 2012.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES—Offering Envelope boxes for 2012 will be available for pickup at the church during the month of December. Please pick up your envelopes to save the postage required to mail them. Your use of these envelopes for all of your contributions is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** as it makes the counting and recording process much easier and accurate.



MANY THANKS

--To Kim Grutzik and her team and to all who participated in the Holiday Tag Workshop on Saturday, November 19. As a result, many lovely gift tags were made and a total of \$500 will go toward Navajo Mission School student Armando's tuition. Holy Trinity's Sunday School annually sponsors a student at the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona.



CALLING ALL COOKIE CHEFS!



Share your favorite cookie recipe at the
 Cookie Reception
 following the
ADVENT CONCERT
 Sunday, December 11
 7:00 p.m.



Cookie donations are also being requested for
 delivery to our homebound members. Please
 leave your cookie donation in the kitchen
 anytime on **December 11.**

Thank you for participating in this ministry with
 Holy Trinity's Women of the ELCA.



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report
 For month ended October 2011
2011-2012 Mission Spending Plan \$495, 013**

	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD
Budgeted Income	\$41, 251	\$165, 004	\$167, 600
Actual Income	\$35, 788	\$120, 275	\$134, 810
Income Over (Under) Budget	(\$5, 463)	(\$44, 729)	(\$32, 789)
Budget Expenses	\$39, 816	\$165, 004	\$167, 600
Actual Expenses	\$42, 612	\$151, 340	\$154, 949
Expenses (Over) Under Budget	\$2,796	\$13,665	\$12,650
Actual Income less Actual Expenses	(\$6, 824)	(\$31,064)	(\$20,139)

Best Friends

*The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;
blessed be the name of the Lord. (Job 1: 21)*



The story of Tarra, the elephant, and Bella, the little, white dog is well known. They have been written about in children's books and featured in TV news and other media.

In Hohenwald, Tennessee, Bella, a little dog, wandered into the grounds of the Elephant Sanctuary, (<http://www.elephants.com/>) 2,700 acres 80 miles southwest of Nashville, and became best friends with one of the elephants, Tarra. This unlikely bonding began eight years ago. The two were inseparable. They ate together, slept together, played together, wandered around together, and seldom

were apart.

One day, Bella sustained a spinal cord injury and spent three weeks recovering in the sanctuary office. Tarra stood vigil beside a gate outside the office the whole time, disregarding the opportunity to freely roam the land.

October 30, 2011, Robert Atkinson, CEO of the Elephant Sanctuary, announced that Bella was attacked and killed the previous week, possibly by coyotes. Caretakers found her body near a barn and traces of blood on Tarra's trunk. They speculate Tarra found Bella after the attack and carried her body over a mile to the barn where they spent most of their time. Atkinson said, "The idea that she couldn't leave that body and brought it back home is just heartbreaking, but so inspiring. To help with the grieving process, Tarra has reached out to other elephants which have been providing comfort and support."

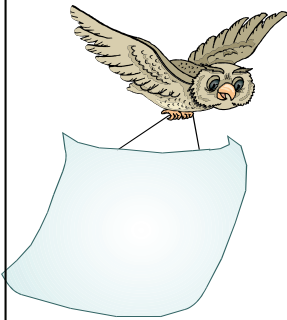
As we think about this story and Tarra's grief, fragments of Scripture drift to mind: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4). "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2). Is there a room prepared for Bella? "We know that the whole creation has been groaning together...as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies" (Romans 8:22-23).

Tarra and Bella shared that most deep of emotions—care, devotion, and love for one another—despite the enormous differences between them, size and species, which in that shared love, vanished. "So now, faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (Corinthians 13:13). Even animals participate in this, the greatest, by loving care for one another. The characteristic of dogs, unconditional love, was taken by Bella to a new height.

Although we only know the story and not the principals personally, we share their grief and a tear with Tarra as we faintly hear across the ages the words of another who lost everything, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Lloyd Shupp

OWLS NEWS



At the November OWLS birthday potluck we celebrated the birthdays of Jean Ball and Arnie Bang (11/8), Helen Smith (11/10) who were present. We also re-

membered November birthdays of Genie Davis (11/24) and Janet Newlove (11/25) who were unable to be with us. We were surprised to have Pastor Jane join us for lunch and to see her walking so well just two weeks after her hip surgery. After a delicious potluck lunch and birthday cake we assembled gift boxes using greeting cards.

Our December potluck will be held on December 7. After lunch, we will as-

semble bags for distribution to homeless and transient persons who knock on our Holy Trinity door looking for help. The items for each bag cost around \$7.00. See the November newsletter for details of what these bags will include. If you would like to join in this project, we would appreciate donations in any amount. Anyone is welcome to assist OWLS in buying items and/or filling the bag.

The January birthdays potluck will be held on Wednesday, January 4. Bring a friend, new ideas to make our potlucks interesting in the coming year, and some ideas for trips.

Questions, call Leona Badger ([703-573-1708](tel:703-573-1708)) or Jean Strandlie ([703-354-5610](tel:703-354-5610)).

Jean Strandlie, OWLS Publicity

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Norwegian Holiday Bazaar: Washington Lodge Sons of Norway sponsors the 41st annual Bazaar Friday, December 2, from 11 am to 7 pm and Saturday, December 3, from 9 am to 3 pm at Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Featuring live cultural skills demonstrations, books, linens, jewelry, sweaters, Rosemaling, wrought iron, Norwegian foods, Christmas & trim-a-tree, lefse and waffles made fresh! For more information please visit www.NorwayDC.org. Among HT members who are heavily involved in the Bazaar are parents Julie and Jerry Lemens, Jean Strandlie, Arnie and Anne Bang, and Kristin Stone; Carolyn and Nicholas Lemens will be dancing with the Nordic dancers on Saturday at 11:30 am.

POP ART—HEAVENLY PEACE—November 19 through December 4:

Peace Lutheran Church invites all to visit its POP ART gallery at Peace, which is located at 7372 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria (703-354-5233). Proceeds will benefit the Village of Hope Lazarus Project. A Raffle Prize Drawing will be held after Peace's Advent Carol Service at 4:00 pm. All are welcome.

SNAHT

December 2-5 Chrysalis (High School Weekend Retreat)

December 4 Children's Choir, Praise Band, Trinity Ringers, Luther League & Dinner in Fellowship Hall

December 18 Caroling after the 10:00 am service

December 11, 18, 25, January 1— No SNAHT



DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marcia Ihnen & Anne Simmons

Assisting Ministers: Terry Bathen, Charles Luoma-Overstreet, Anne Simmons, Deb Haynes, Tracy Green, Craig Davis, Jeri Hesson, John Grutzik, Aurelia Khorsand [**Coordinator:** Terry Bathen]

Lectors: Jeri Hesson, Lynn Tedesco, Beth Search, Heidi Merkel, Gary Grutzik, Rick Watkins

Ushers: Al Lee, Robert Willett, Joan Vehec, David Franke, Mark LeMunyon, Paul Halpern, Albert Lai, Beth Search, Harry Search [**Coordinators** (9:00) Linda Williams, (11:00) Paul Halpern]

Greeters: Jeri Hesson, Ursula Ermert-Jones, Carol Sukow, Kathy Tighe, Jean Strandlie, Lynn Tedesco [**Coordinator:** Jeri Hesson]

Acolytes: Julia Wicks, Emily Kile, Anna Kaczmarczyk, Libby Young, Carolyn Lemens, Matt McKay, Kevin & Lisa Konort, Hannah & Josh Murphy, Katie & Ally Veltman, Jill & Gracia Luoma-Overstreet [**Coordinator:** Lori Wicks]



Organ Update: As you can see from the pictures above, a good portion of the pipes for the organ are in place. The console is scheduled to arrive the week of November 28th. If everything goes smoothly with the rest of the installation and voicing and tuning, the organ may be ready for use on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 Miriam's Kitchen 10:00 Al-Anon 6:30 Parents of Multiples 7:30 Christus Choir rehearsal	2	3 9:30 Breakfast with Santa 8:30 WELCA Book Club
4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:10 Sunday School 10:10 Forum 11:00 Holy Communion 11:30 Vietnamese Worship 5:30 SNAHT Dinner 6:00 Luther League	5 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:30 AA	6 10:30 Bishop's Eucharist followed by luncheon	7 11:30 OWLS Potluck 6:00 Tai Chi 7:30 Christus Bells 7:30 AA	8 6:00 Miriam's Kitchen 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Christus Choir rehearsal	9 6:00 Quilters	10 8:30 Prayer Time 9:00 Decorate the Church 5:30 Trinity Troop
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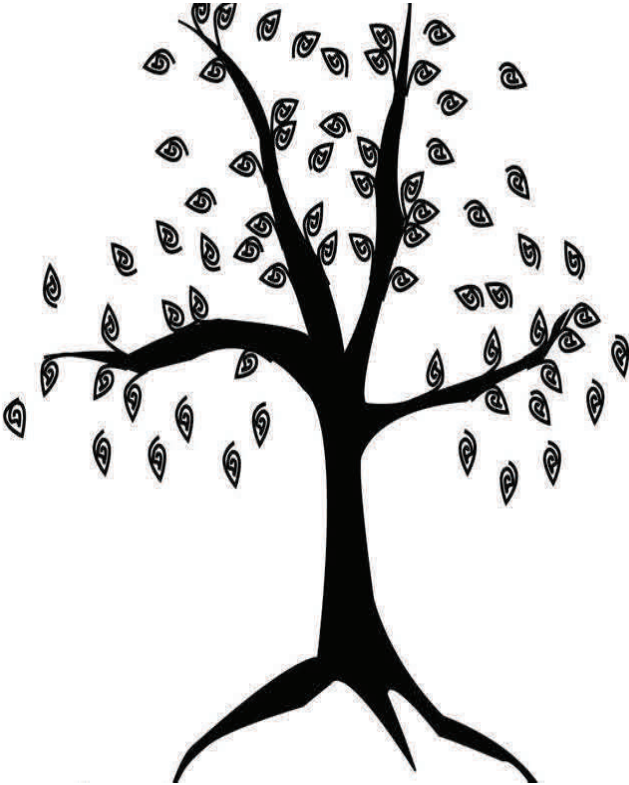
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 3, 2011
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- December 3** Breakfast with Santa
- December 4** Bishop Graham to speak at Forum
- December 10** Decorate the Church 9 a.m.
- December 11** Advent Concert 7 p.m. followed by
Cookie Reception
- December 17** Christmas Program Rehearsal
- December 18** Christmas Program – One 10 a.m. service
Caroling after the service
- December 24** Worship at 4 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m.
- December 25** One 10 a.m. worship service



Merry 
Christmas

- January 1** New Year's Day worship service 10 a.m.
- January 7** Epiphany Retreat at HT 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- January 21** Together in Mission Synod Event 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.