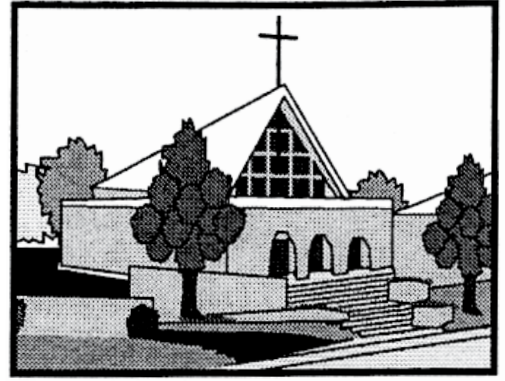


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church NEWS



January 2011

Epiphany

To show, make known, or reveal.

THE principle themes of this church season are the revelation of Christ to all nations (remember the wise men came from far countries), Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan, Christ as the light of the world, Jesus' first public ministry at the wedding at Cana, and growth in a Christian's baptized identity – according to ELCA. As God made himself known to us in Christ Jesus, so we are called to take the light of Christ into the world for the sake of others.

The following are some suggestions to aide in your living out this church season in your life. Use your gifts from God in service to others so that the light of Christ is seen in the world. Don't be shy. If there are children in the household, make stars and hang them around and near the crèche you have set up for Christmas. Last year we attempted to chalk the front entrance of the church lentil. This tradition goes back to the end of the Middle Ages. Inscribe the following over your

front door using chalk (20 + C + M + B + 11)

- offer a prayer that all who enter your home and exit it may be blessed and live under the guidance of God in Christ. Even though we do not know the actual number of Magi nor do we know their names, the initials in the inscription stand for the following names given to them over the years – **C**aspar, **M**elchior and **B**althazar.

As we remember the baptism of our Lord this season, let us also remember the words from the service of Baptism: *“Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

Let your Christ light shine forth to all whom you meet.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

Pastor Jane

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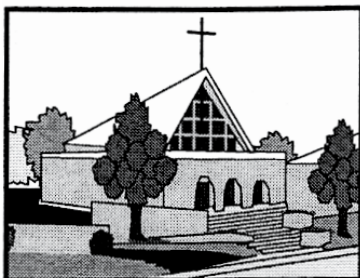
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Parish News

Lost & Found

- The lost and found bin in the Narthex is full. Please check it if you have recently misplaced something. Items not claimed by the end of January will be donated.

~ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~

--The family of Robert Niederstrasser, a member for many years who died on November 22, 2010.

--Roy Chelsen, the brother of Kathy Chelsen, a firefighter in the aftermath of 9-11, who suffered an illness that required a bone marrow transplant. His long wait for a donor became a reality in November. Continue to pray for his healing and return to a productive life with his family.



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

Education News

FORUM NEWS

January 2: John English will discuss his work developing public recreational trails on private property in Appalachia to stimulate regional economic development.

January 9: The Rev. Jessicah Duckworth speaking in the sanctuary on faith formation. For others, Forum will have a discussion of faith and recent new items. Bring a newspaper article of interest to you.

January 16: HT High School students will present "Our Generations' Hopes and Fears", a short video by Aurelia Massoudi-Khorsand. An "inter-generational" discussion will follow.

January 23: Charles Luoma-Overstreet on worship styles. A look at preserving and adapting as we discuss how – and why – we worship.

January 30: Deb Haynes on the HT Hypothermia Program and call for volunteers. What is hypothermia and how has it been impacted locally by the Great Recession. The HT shelter week begins Sunday, February 27.

February 6 (date to be confirmed): Alan Rulis explaining the proposed new food safety law and the issues involved.

February 13, 20 and 27 to be announced.

March 6: Deb Haynes reporting on the HT hypothermia shelter of February 27th.

Recent Forums: Phil Loar discussed Lutheran involvement in El Salvador and the opportunity to travel with the HT team to El Salvador next summer. (See the article elsewhere in this newsletter providing details on the trip.) Leona Badger and Billy Mulligan (Scouting for Food) explained local hunger problems and opportunities to help.

Jerry Barney, Forum Coordinator

THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE FOR THE HTLC CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

A thousand thanks to the HTLC children and youth for their gift to the congregation, of the Christmas story in word and song, during our special worship service on December 19.

MinnieTom Meyer, this year's Christmas Program Director, Lori Wicks and Casey Cook, our Children's Choir Directors, and our Sunday School

teachers deserve special recognition for their outstanding work with our young people. Thank you for your commitment to the young people of our congregation!

HTLC MONTHLY SPEAKER

The Rev. Jessicah Duckworth, the associate professor of Christian formation and teaching at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., joins us as our guest speaker in January. Pastor Duckworth will speak on faith formation on Sunday, January 9, from 10:10 to 10:50 a.m., in the Sanctuary.

On February 13, Dianne Russell, Executive Director of the Institute for Conservation Leadership (ICL), will lead us in a discussion of *Creation Care: Next Steps for Congregations*. Dianne has worked with local, state and regional activists and groups in the environmental and conservation community since 1985. Her presentation is certain to be thought-provoking and challenging!

FOOD FOR BODY AND SOUL PRESENTS: BOOK OF REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

Food for Body and Soul will begin again on Sunday, January 23, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Jane will lead us in a five-week study of the book of Revelation. Soup or salad and a sandwich and beverage (suggested donation is \$10.00 per person) will be served. The Bible Study starts at about 12:30 p.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m.

Following our study of the book of Revelation, Casey Cook and Pastor Margrethe will lead a six-week study on the scripture readings and music from Lent/Easter portion of the libretto for Handel's Messiah. The study begins on March 6. Course books for the Messiah study cost \$20.00 each. If you do not have a course book and would like to join the class please let Pastor Margrethe know and she will order one for you. Please do not let the cost of the book deter you from joining the class; scholarships are available.

Please sign up in the Narthex for Food for Body and Soul!

Fair Trade Winds

On December 5th Holy Trinity hosted "Fair Trade Winds" to display and sell their fair trade items from around the world. It was a great success and many of our members enjoyed being able to do some early Christmas shopping for unique items at reasonable prices. The total sales for those few hours totaled \$2,041.00 and 10% of the gross sales will be donated by Fair Trade Winds to the charity of our choice. The vote was close but in the end, the shoppers chose FACETS as the recipient of \$204.10. Let us know if you want to repeat this event again next year.

UPDATE ON VICAR LAURA (JOHNSON) KAMPRATH

2008 – 2009

At the end of November, Laura and Matt Kamprath received a call to serve as co-pastors at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Campbell Hill, Illinois. They will both be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, January 16, at Grace Lutheran Church in Champaign, Illinois. They were married at Grace Lutheran Church just last year on the same date, January 16. Blessings and celebrations abound for Laura and Matt. Their new mailing address is: PO Box 280, Campbell Hill, IL 62916

Economic Woes for Churches – Article in USA TODAY

The challenge of being church in today's economy has hit the newspapers. Of the churches surveyed, 1/3 of them stated that donations dropped in 2010. Churches are not recession-proof and have continuing expenses. Causes identified were unemployment or families helping relatives who needed assistance with day-to-day expenses. Solutions for churches include no pay raises for employees, cutting back on programs or the lay off of staff members.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA GROWS

Thanks to adults and youth, our "Breakfast with Santa" was a rousing success again. Each year we try to count the number who come and since so many come and go during the two hours, we have found it impossible to do a real count; but all of us who participate agree that we serve more children each year. The neighbors have come each year and say they wouldn't miss it for anything. Great Santa, good food and excellent craft projects for the children. So, thank you to all who help – too many to count or mention.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

I would like to thank everyone who helped with baking, setting out and serving the food, and cleaning up the kitchen for Breakfast with Santa. I especially want to thank Gloria Hviding, Sue Becker, my grandson, Nicholas Lemens (he was a big help), Brian and Becky Fleck, Charles Luoma-Overstreet, the latter three who cooked the delicious pancakes and sausage. Santa gave each child an orange donated by the Rotary Club. They were excited to get a gift from Santa 'on the spot'. Thanks to the beautiful day, we had a record turnout and look forward to doing it again next year. Come join us; we have a lot of fun and our Santa is wonderful. Thanks to all who participated.

Jean Strandlie

Navajo Mission Fundraiser Kudos!

Thank you Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for your generosity to the Navajo Lutheran Mission! There are so many people who made our fundraising efforts a success.

- ❖ Thank you to the Sunday School Children (and their parents) who contributed weekly to the offering for the Navajo Lutheran Mission!
- ❖ Thank you to Heidi Merkel who coordinates our Sunday School Mission projects for ongoing communication with Tavaunia Yazzie, the young lady we are sponsoring.
- ❖ Thank you to Linda Murphy who organized the Parent's Day-Out Fundraiser and to the Middle and High School Age Youth who contributed the gift of their time to make Parent's Day Out a huge success! We raised \$170!
- ❖ Thank you to Kim Grutzik for organizing the Holiday Gift Tag fundraiser and to all who participated in this wonderful fellowship and craft-making event. We raised \$530.
- ❖ Thank you to all (we don't know your names but we know your generosity) who contributed special gifts to the Navajo Mission Fund!

HOW THE RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPED BETWEEN HOLY TRINITY AND THE NAVAJO MISSION SCHOOL

Pastor Margrethe asked me how Holy Trinity became involved in sponsoring a child at the Navajo Lutheran School. So I told her this story.

It happened shortly after a trip our family took in 1986. We decided to take a family camping vacation to the Grand Canyon. We carefully planned our trip and packed several large suitcases and a couple of boxes with all kinds of camping equipment. This was in the days before weight limits and extra baggage charges. It was also before baggage inspection and fear of dangerous weapons like tent stakes, knives and rope.

We rented a car for airport pick up in Phoenix. This was also in the days before sport utility vehicles or other 4 wheel drive type cars were readily available. So figuring that we would need a car with a large trunk to carry all this equipment, we rented a "full size" vehicle. I was waiting with the children and the equipment at the airport pick up in the Arizona heat. You can imagine my shock when Alan came around the corner driving a yellow cream color Lincoln Town Car with brown velvet interior and a double deep trunk. The hood looked long enough for a runway. I was appalled; the kids were delighted. They loved the push button windows, the cool air conditioning and the fancy interior.

Off we went into the Arizona desert and our camping trip. After hiking the Grand Canyon, we headed out across the state to visit Mesa Verde in Southwest Colorado. Everywhere we camped,

we got interesting looks when we pulled into the primitive campsites with the Cream Town Car. After visiting several sites along the way, we started back toward Phoenix to head home.

Heading across the Navajo reservation on a very lonely stretch of highway, we suddenly saw a small sign at Rock Point that said, "Navajo Lutheran School", with an arrow pointing down a turn-off. We hit the brakes and made a sharp turn heading down an even smaller, lonelier and now dustier road. We bounced along in the gravel and rutted road until we arrived at a small site with a couple of buildings and a small adobe church. We received the puzzled stares we had become used to by this time, but the staff greeted us with a smile. We explained that we were Lutherans from Virginia and were on vacation with this unique rental car. They were very nice and showed us around the school and the church. With Biblical hospitality for strangers, the Pastor invited us to his house for ice water and introduced us to the staff. We learned about the school and bought a small basket in their crafts shop, and marveled at their quiet acceptance of strangers at their door. Several hours later we continued on our way.

When we returned home to Virginia, we did not forget the hospitality we had received or the need that we saw there. So began the long relationship with the Navajo Lutheran School and Holy Trinity Sunday School.

Alfie Rulis

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HT Women of the ELCA Thankoffering: Thanks to all who were a part of November's Thankoffering, a check for \$445 has been forwarded to the National Women of the ELCA in support of its efforts to provide needed resources, events, and programs and support the organization's annual gift to the ELCA. We urge you now to begin recognizing those moments when a thank you is in order for large and small blessings and putting a small coin in your Thankoffering box. HT's Women of the ELCA will gladly provide a small cardboard bank for that purpose.



Salvation Army Christmas Stockings:

Thanks also for helping HT Women fill 21 Christmas stockings that The Salvation Army distributed to its clients on December 20. Left over toys were taken by Amy Loar for her office's Toys

for Tots program.

Advent Concert Reception: And special thanks to all who baked a huge amount of cookies for the reception following the concert and to all who participated in the free will offering. Tins chock full of cookies were delivered to HT's home-bound members, and 23 paper sacks were filled with cookies and delivered by the Loars to Food for Others for their clients. Another 25 dozen cookies were saved for the reception following the December 19 service that featured the children's and youths' Christmas pageant. As hosts of the reception, HT Women receive half of the offering which it uses to support an organization of its choice. This year, HT Women designated HT's Hypothermia Program as the recipient of its share of the offering—more than \$450.

Bible Study Groups

All women are invited to participate in this year's study, entitled *The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity* by The Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo and The Rev. Dr. Jensen Seyenkulo. The prophet Amos asks the question, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" The theme verse for this month's lesson on Worship is John 4:23-24: "*But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.*" Following are the dates, times and locations for January's three opportunities to explore this topic.

Miriam Bible Study will meet the third Monday of the month, January 17, at 7:15 p.m. in the Bible Room. Contacts are Joy Wells or Carol Sukow.

Lydia Bible Study will meet the fourth Thursday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact: Judy Baker.

Naomi Bible Study will meet the fourth Sunday, January 23, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bible Room. Contact: Marcia Ihnen.

Other Study, Fellowship and Service Opportunities for HT Women:

Book Club will meet on Saturday, January 8, at 8:30 in the Bible Room to discuss "*The Glass Castle*" by Jeannette Walls. A delicious breakfast precedes the discussion. Please RSVP to Cheryl Glaubinger 703-289-9435 or glaubingercheryl@gmail.com or Gloria Hviding at 703-255-3464 or gloriahviding@



HT WOMEN OF THE ELCA (HTWELCA)

aol.com. If you would like to be included in the notices of Book Club selections and activities, please contact Mary Newton at newtonmm@live.com to be added to the e-mail list.

Book Club-sponsored sales of Fair Trade coffee and chocolate are underway from the shelves in the narthex at the side sanctuary door. This year's selection of coffees includes a new flavor, Gumutindo, as well as Sisters Blend and Breakfast Blend. We invite you to check all of them out. Also this year we are offering new varieties of chocolate bars.

Knitting and Crochet Ministry: Join us on Saturday, January 15, at 9:00 a.m. in the Bible Room. We will share our completed or ongoing projects and continue to practice the basic techniques and the cabling stitch we began in November. Members continue to make toallitas for the El Salvador eye

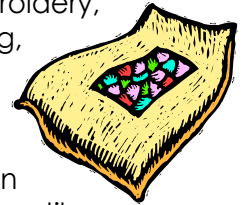


mission and wool caps for the military. We also will begin to think about possible projects for the group; so bring your ideas. As always, new members and beginners are welcome.

Prayer Ring: Contact Marcia Ihnen at mcihnen@aol.com or 703-979-5570 to start a prayer of intercession or thanksgiving through the prayer ring or to be added to the prayer chain.

Sunshine: If you know of a Holy Trinity member or friend who should be receiving a get well or other type of greeting or remembrance, please contact Sandra Lee at 703-830-1791 or leeassociates@aol.com.

Needle Crafters: You are invited to bring your craft of choice (quilting, embroidery, beading, jewelry making, mending, or knitting) and join other Needlecrafters in Rothenberg Hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in Rothenberg Hall, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Contact Judy Baker (703-237-8717) for more information. January's dates are the 12th and 26th.



Who is Tavaunia Yazzie?

This fall, we have been hearing regularly from Pastor Margrethe about Tavaunia Yazzie, the student that we as a congregation sponsor at the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission School in Rock Point, AZ.

Tavaunia recently turned 9 years old (her birthday is Christmas Eve), and she is in the 3rd grade. She has a younger brother and sister. She enjoys reading in her free time and spending time with her horse. She would like to be a teacher when she grows up. She likes writing to us and throughout the school year sends both letters and crafts that she has made. She asks that we pray for her family and her school.

The Mission School that Tavaunia attends is an elementary school serving children in kindergarten through 6th grade. A new curriculum was introduced in 2007 that incorporates Navajo culture, health and wellness, art, drama, and music in addition to the "Three Rs" of reading, writing and arithmetic.

Heartfelt thanks to the children who have supported Tavaunia with their offerings during the Children's Message each Sunday and to everyone who generously supported the special fundraising events held in December, either by offering time and talent in organizing the events or in attending them. We at Holy Trinity raised enough to continue sponsoring Tavaunia for this school year, and we were able to send her several birthday gifts and Christmas gifts, including a new winter coat and school supplies.

Please read a recent letter from Tavaunia and see her photo, both posted in the Narthex, and listen for future updates about her during the services. Most importantly, please remember her, her family and her school community in your prayers.

With warmest thanks,

Heidi Merkel



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

FAITH IN OUR LIVES; FAITH IN BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

This January at Holy Trinity, Jessicah Duckworth, Assistant Professor of Christian Formation and Teaching at Wesley Theological Seminary, will be the Speaker of the Month. She will talk about faith formation and development. As we consider how our faith is formed and grows throughout our lives, we may wish to read more about faith as well as how others have experienced faith in their lives. A few of the books in the Holy Trinity Church Library covering those topics are listed below. These books will start the month on the shelf in the Narthex near the sign-up sheet, but, hopefully, will make it to a specially marked location back in the newly remodeled library before the month is over. Look for these books; come check them out!

1. Becoming Adult, Becoming Christian by James Fowler. 261.8
2. Faith in the Living God by John Polkinghorne. 231.042
3. Beyond Ourselves by Catherine Marshall. 248.4
4. The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life by Hannah Whitall Smith. 248.4
5. In Search of Faithfulness by William Diel. 248.4
6. Operation Overlord and Other Stories by Ewald Bash. Fiction
7. Plan B. Further Thoughts on Faith by Anne Lamott. Biography.
8. Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church by Kenda Creasy Dean.
9. Faith in the Family by Dale Salwak. 261.8
10. The Essence of Faith: The Philosophy of Religion by Albert Schweitzer. 183
11. Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for Searching People by Dorothy C. Bass. 248.4
12. Prayers from a Nonbeliever: A Story of Faith by Jeremy P. Tarcher. 291.4
13. Why Christian? For Those on the Edge of Faith by Douglas John Hall. 239

Mary Bowen, HT Librarian

HELP IS NEEDED AT THE FCS FOOD PANTRY

Knox Presbyterian Church houses the Food Pantry for Falls Church Community Services. Currently, five ladies regularly volunteer a few hours per month sorting donations and placing food on the pantry shelves. However, they have been unable to keep up with the supply. Bags of food delivered by the Boy Scouts in November have not yet been unpacked and shelved and nearly every week, donations come in from area churches that need to be shelved. If you feel you have some time to assist, please call Leona Badger at 703-573-1708 for more information.

FAITH OUTSIDE THE BOX

On Monday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m., in the Bible Room, we will begin discussing John Spong's *Eternal Life: A New Vision.* For more information, contact Bill Tatum or John Bowen.

COMING SOON: THE GREAT BOOK SWAP!

The Holy Trinity Green Team is providing you with an opportunity to exchange good books with which you are finished for good books you would like read! Books for all age groups and swappers of all ages are welcome. Here is how "THE GREAT BOOK SWAP" will work:

Participants will bring the books they are willing to "swap" to church on either of two designated Sundays in January. A volunteer will record the number of books you bring in. This is the number of books you will be welcome to take in the swap. Then, on two designated Sundays in February, the books contributed will be displayed for your consideration. You can help yourself (on a first come, first served basis) to any book that catches your interest, up to the number of books you contributed. On a third Sunday in February, any books not taken in a swap will be available to anyone for the taking, though a donation to the HT Library fund will be welcome.

Here are the types of books suggested for the swap and the specific dates and times for swap activities:

Types of books that work best for swaps:

- Children and young adult fiction or non-fiction
- Recent or classic adult fiction
- Adult non-fiction titles of general interest (i.e., biographies, history, politics, world events)
- Cookbooks and arts-and-craft books

PLEASE don't use the book swap to do a general clean-out of your book shelves. Bring books you believe others will enjoy! (Also, please note that neither multi-volume sets of more than 3 volumes nor magazines will be accepted.)

The Great Book Swap Schedule:

January 23rd and January 30th – Bring your books to the designated location in the Narthex from 8:30 to 12:30.

February 6th – Children/Young Adult and Non-Fiction Titles Available for Swap (location to be announced) from 8:15 to 12:30.

February 13th – Adult Fiction Titles Available for Swap (location to be announced) from 8:15 to 12:30.

February 20th – "Just Take It" Sunday: books available to anyone (donations to the HT Library Fund are welcome) (Any remaining titles will be donated to a public library system.)

We hope everyone enjoys this "Reduce/Reuse/Recycle" event from the Green Team!





OWLS NEWS

OWLS (OLDER, WISER, LOVING SOULS)

OWLS will have their January potluck at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5 in Fellowship Hall when we will be celebrating January birthdays.

January 16—We will travel to the McLean Community Theater to see the production of 'The Drowsy Chaperone'. Brent and Linda Stone are in charge of publicity, but not acting in or producing the play this time. The Drowsy Chaperone, a 'Musical within a Comedy', celebrates American musicals of the Jazz Age. It all begins when a die-hard musical-theater fan plays his favorite cast album - a 1928 smash hit 'The Drowsy Chaperone'. As he listens, the musical comedy comes to life in his apartment. And with him, the audience is immersed in a delightful, uproarious tale with glamorous brides, tap-dancing groomsmen, and a madcap group of fellow characters. The production opened on Broadway in 2006, featured Sutton Foster, and won the Five Tony Awards last year, including Best Book and Best Score.

We will leave HT at 2:15, either by HT van or car pool, to arrive at the Theater in time for the 3:00 matinee on Sunday, January 16. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Watch for a sign-up sheet soon. Everyone is invited to join us. Any questions, ask Jean Strandlie (703-354-5610) or Linda or Brent Stone.

February 2—We will celebrate February birthdays at our monthly OWLS potluck in Fellowship Hall. Lloyd Shupp will present a program of classical piano solos and two special songs for Valentine's Day. Please plan to join us. In case of bad weather, the potluck and program will be postponed until March.

Jean Strandlie, OWLS Publicity

Synod Event on Welcoming Others

The annual synod event sponsored by the Division for Congregational Life, Together in Mission (TIM), is coming on Saturday, January 22, at King of Kings Lutheran in Fairfax, Virginia. The event will explore the synod's theme in 2011, "To See Ourselves As Others Do." Dr. Amy Oden, Dean and Professor of History of Christianity at Wesley Theological Seminary, will bring the keynote address, sharing insights from her work including writing "God's Welcome". Workshops to advance congregational life will be offered. Cost is \$25/person with a reduction for groups of six or more. You may download a registration flyer at <http://metrodcelca.org/publications/e-news/extras/>. Registration deadline is Sunday, January 16.



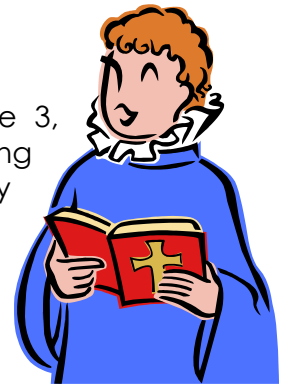
**In case of inclement weather, please check the website
(www.htluther.org) for worship service information.**

HT CHILDREN'S CHOIR GET ROBES – DONATIONS SOUGHT

The HT Children's Choir, made up of children in Kindergarten through Grade 3, recently acquired a dozen choir robes. This group, which is learning to both sing and to ring chimes, is co-directed by Eric Chancellor and Lori Wicks and they provide music for worship services every other month.

Choir robes are surprisingly expensive, though, and so the Music Ministry is seeking donations toward the cost. The total expense was \$1300, and \$350 has been raised so far. If you feel so moved, donations can be made either by writing a check to HT, with a notation of "choir robes" on the memo line (if you want to be able to take a tax deduction for the charitable contribution) or by giving a contribution directly to Lori Wicks (if you don't care about taking the tax deduction).

The children are very excited to have the robes. Any support you can provide will be greatly appreciated!



Be a part of the Metro-DC Synod 2011 Delegation to El Salvador

SATURDAY, JULY 30, TO MONDAY, AUGUST 8

Registration Deadline: January 23

The Metro-DC Synod has been a companion synod to the Lutheran Church in El Salvador

since 2000. This is your opportunity to get involved and become inspired by the work being done by our brothers and sisters in faith.

- Visit Lutheran communities! Worship with the people of El Salvador!
- Learn about the ministries of the **Salvadoran Lutheran Church** nationally and locally .
- Understand the conditions that are causing large-scale immigration to the U.S. by talking to the families of those who have left for the U.S.

Total cost per person will be about \$1200 (includes airfare, lodging, food and transportation). Payable in installments.

If you are interested, contact Kelly Baugh 703/988-9973 or Phil Loar 571/405-0511



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Mark Your Calendars!!

January

- 8 Un-decorate the church 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 14-16 Confirmation Retreat, Gettysburg, PA
- 17 Martin Luther King holiday. Church office will be closed.
- 22 Together in Mission – Synod event open to all; held at King of Kings Lutheran Church
- 23 Food for Body and Soul series begins
- 23 Deadline to register for El Salvador Trip (July 30-August 8)

February:

- 27 Hypothermia begins at HTLC

Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee

Raising Coffee Prices

Holy Trinity Book Club has received word that all our coffee prices are going up. The letter from Lutheran World Relief gave three reasons for the increases: Costs are rising for the coffee farmers; climate change and extreme weather have led to a decreased amount of coffee available to sell; and because of the decreased amount of coffee, co-ops are losing some of their sellers to middlemen who make individual deals with the growers who then sacrifice the year-round support from the co-ops for the immediate ability to sell.

How does this affect Holy Trinity's coffee shelves?

1. The proceeds for the Book Club are now only ten cents per package of coffee sold, resulting in less money for making charitable donations.
2. However, HT Book Club will not be raising the prices of the coffee at this time. You will see the same prices on all products from now through May 2011.
3. So, here's a suggestion: If you wish to support the charitable donations of the book club, you might decide to put seven dollars in the tin for your \$6.50 bag of coffee, and you just might 'forget' to take out your fifty cents in change. The Book Club will thank you, as will Food For Others, the Home Stretch 'Send a Child to Camp' program, and Community Family Life Services, (the programs that have benefited from your support and generosity in the past).