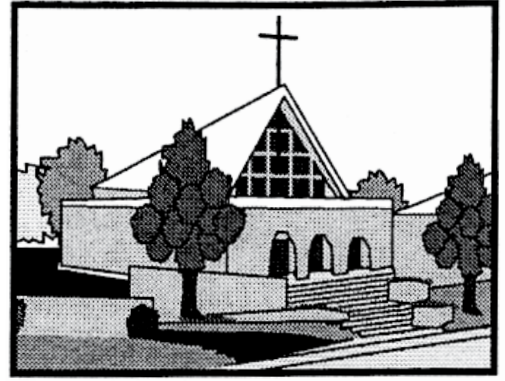


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church NEWS



March 2011

STEWARDSHIP of the BODY

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you....Jeremiah 1:5a

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:10

Have you ever been encouraged to consider the stewardship of yourself? Do you know that Scripture describes it? Elijah who was a prophet with an outstanding resume found himself one day burned out (1 Kings 19:3-4). In this passage he ran for his life, sat under a tree, and said "I have had enough, Lord. Take my life." Have you ever been like this, at the end of your rope, by family or personal crisis, or by the cost of success in your career? God's prescription for Elijah came in the form of an angel who repeatedly ministered to him with food, water, and sleep.

In the first chapter of Genesis there is an account of God's creation of this world and all the things in it. Each day of creation God spoke into existence the objects that would comprise our world. But on the sixth day of creation, after he had spoken into existence the sun, stars plants and animals, God did something different. It's what makes humans different and more special than all the rest of the creation. We are special because we are the personal handiwork of God created by his own hand, in his image and given life by his breath. God also gave we human beings dominion over all that he made, which includes ourselves. With the increase in stress and stress-related illnesses, we have not done a very good job of caring for ourselves. Knowing that we are God's special creation, how should

that affect the way we take care of ourselves and live our lives?

The ELCA Board of Pensions began a campaign to improve and enrich the health and well-being of its pastors several years ago. When I look at the lives of many parishioners at Holy Trinity, who live in this hectic Metro DC area, I believe that all of us, along with our families, would benefit from taking a stewardship of the body inventory and caring more intentionally for what God created and entrusted to us – our selves.

"The Wholeness Wheel" developed by the ELCA shows that Stewardship of our self is multi-dimensional.

- 1 – Social/Interpersonal – Do we allow quality time for our relationships?
- 2 – Emotional – When crises develop in our personal or vocational lives do we stop to attend to them or ignore them until there is a physical reaction to the stress?
- 3 – Physical – Do we wait until the doctor tells us there is definitely something wrong with us or are we responsible for what we eat, how we exercise and rest our bodies?
- 4 – Financial – Do we have a budget or spending plan that is reasonable for the needs of our family – without

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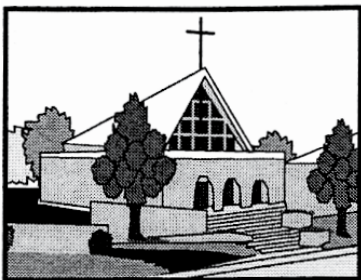
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Parish News

Maggie Person, Peace Corps Volunteer

HT Member Maggie Person is in her 6th month of a 27-month stint as a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo, West Africa. She has finished her training period and has been assigned to a village called Kuwde in northern Togo (in the Kara region). She is working as a Natural Resources Management specialist. Having mastered enough French to get by, she is now learning Kabye (the language spoken in her region). She has a blog at <http://maggiepeacecorpstogo.blogspot.com> and tries to keep it as current as possible given the realities of limited internet access.

Congratulations!

Casey and Adrienne Barton welcomed their third grandson on February 17th. **Christian Francois Gagnon** was born to their daughter Beth and weighed in at 8 lbs., 13oz.



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

worry, or do we overspend in the wrong places? This includes our contributions to the missions of the church and God's people.

- 5 - Vocational - Is your job fulfilling, in line with your gifts, or is it just a way to make money?
- 6 - Intellectual - Do you do something on a regular basis to enrich your life - perhaps a Bible study class, attending a lecture, a movie, the theatre?

We can grow in our spiritual journey all

the days of our lives. Life-long learning is encouraged by the church.

God may not send you an angel the way he did with Elijah, but you have been appointed a steward of yourself. We need to eat well and sleep enough. We need "to take time to smell the roses." Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." We cannot experience spiritual refreshing without time to be still. We live our lives to the fullest, as God would want us to, if we are caring for all aspects of our being: Mind, Body and Spirit.

Pastor Jane

Education News

HTLC MONTHLY SPEAKER: THE LUTHERAN CHURCH: THEN AND NOW

The Rev. Dr. Maria Erling, professor of Modern Church History and Global Missions at Gettysburg Seminary will join us on Sunday March 13, as our preaching minister and guest speaker. Dr. Erling's special focus is American Lutheranism and the various ways mission has been understood in the history of the church. She will lead us in a discussion on how Lutheranism is evolving. Join us on Sunday, March 13, from 10:10 to 10:50 am, in the sanctuary for *The Lutheran Church: Then and Now*.

NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER: PASTOR WAYNE SHELOR

Pastor Wayne Shelor, Director of Caroline Furnace Camp, will be our guest preaching minister and guest speaker during the Education Hour on Sunday, April 3. He will talk about the ministry of Lutheran camps and retreat centers.

FOOD FOR BODY AND SOUL PRESENTS: HANDEL'S MESSIAH BIBLE STUDY

Are you hungry after the 11:00 am service? Discover Food for Body and Soul. Beginning on March 6, enrich your Lenten journey by discovering the scripture and music of Handel's Messiah!

In a continuation of our study from fall 2010, Casey Cook and Pastor Margrethe will lead a six-week study on the Lent/Easter portion of the music and libretto for Handel's Messiah. You do not need to have attended the first part of the course to enjoy the Lenten part of the course. The study begins on March 6th and concludes on April 17. (We will not meet on April 10 due to the women's retreat that weekend.) Course books for the Messiah study cost \$20.00 each. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10.00. 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!

SNAHT BIBLE STUDY—THE GOSPEL OF GENESIS!

Do you teach Sunday School or otherwise find yourself too busy on Sunday morning to attend Adult Forum? Do you find yourself wanting to dig a little deeper into scripture?

For five weeks beginning on March 13, John English will lead a focused study of "The Gospel of Genesis" from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This study highlights key events in the book of Genesis and explores provocative questions like "Is Satan the cause of sin, or is sin the cause of Satan? Although

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each session builds on the previous lesson, each lesson is self-contained, so don't hesitate to join the study even if for just one Sunday.

All are welcome. Come for Bible Study and then stay for SNAHT (Sunday Night at Holy Trinity) table fellowship at 4:30 to 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER: BUCK-A-CHICK

Ten little chicks can make a big difference! Within a few months of birth, chicks begin laying eggs. Eggs make nutritious meals for growing kids, and the extra eggs generate income to grow a small business.

Beginning in March and extending through Lent the HTLC's Sunday School will join other ELCA congregations across the nation by having a "Buck-a-Chick" sale. For one dollar, children (and other members) can purchase and decorate a paper chick for themselves or in honor of a loved one. These gifts will go to ELCA World Hunger to help provide families living in poverty with chicks to provide a source of food and income.

On Easter Sunday we will see how many chicks we will be able to share with families around the world!



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

FAITH OUTSIDE THE BOX

Faith Outside The Box will meet Monday, March 7 and 21 at 6:30 pm in the conference room to discuss John Polkinghorne's "Exploring Reality: The Intertwining of Science and Religion." When we're through with it, we'll begin Steven Prothero's "God is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions that Run the World -- and Why their Differences Matter." For more information, contact Bill Tatum or John Bowen.

FORUM SCHEDULE

Mar. 6: Deb Haynes will report on the HT hypothermia shelter (February 27 to March 6).

Mar 13. Charles Luoma-Overstreet will discuss the ethical and professional issues associated with the release of documents by WikiLeaks.

Mar. 20: Judy English will discuss bacteria that are resistant to multiple antibiotics and infection risks for aid workers in Haiti. Judy advises government officials on the transmission of infections.

April 3: Angeline Cione will talk on Reducing the Environmental Footprint of the Pentagon building.

April 10: Council 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.

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

April 24: Easter.

May 1: Casey Cook, Director of Music Ministry, discussing his faith and the life of music it has led him to.

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.

May 22: John Grutzik will discuss his sense of religion and how it has collided with politics to shape his vocation and his sense of the need for the next generation to engage in volunteerism. John works for the U.S. Senate, videotaping Senate sessions for CSPAN. To be confirmed.

Council News

Living the New Creation Vision Kick Off.

As planned we kicked off the Living the New Creation Vision small group ministry on Saturday, January 29.

Lynn McKay, Lynn Tedesco, Casey Barton, Terri Fleck, Tracy Strunk, and Rick Watkins represented council. Ruth Shomo and Becky Fleck attended from the Congregation. During the meeting we reviewed the original vision statement and vision pillars. We reviewed and commented on the various Ministries of Holy Trinity and the original mission plans for each. It was amazing, as we reviewed the programs, how much we had accomplished since we began to implement our Vision five years ago. Since our meeting Jim LeMunyon has agreed to join the team, and we are grateful for the input from Deb Haynes and the Badgers. Please consider joining in the conversation. The next meeting will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin.

Forum Sunday.

Please plan to join Council on Sunday, April 10, during Forum. 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.

Personnel.

John Bowen continues to lead the refreshing and updating of our personnel policies and procedures.

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 ministries on 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 provided to our members by email. If you don't have email or are not sure if your email is correct, please fill out a pew card and drop it in the plate. You can also contact the office.

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.

Lynn Tedesco, Council President

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner *March 8, 2011 ~ 5:30 pm-7:00 pm*



We will have eggs, sausages and pancakes. All proceeds will go toward the Youth Gathering for 2012.

Do you love to flip flapjacks? **WE NEED YOU!**

We need volunteers to help in the kitchen while the youth greet and serve.

Please contact Terri Fleck if you are available to help in the kitchen, set up or clean up.
trfleckster@hotmail.com 571-243-5201.

Thank you for your support!!

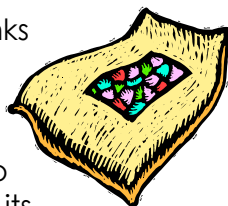
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Blankets + Offering—Many thanks to all who participated in the Blankets+ offering on Sunday, February 13. A check for \$800 (or more) will be forwarded to Church World Services to further its important mission in the United States and worldwide.



HT Women's Retreat—April 8-10 at the A. Felix DuPont Memorial House, Rehoboth Beach DE. The theme—The Kaleidoscope of Life: Becoming Discerning Disciples—is discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this newsletter. All HT Women are invited to join Pastor Margrethe and other Holy Trinity women that weekend in Lent to explore what it means to be disciples as we encounter the complex and varied kaleidoscope that is our lives. The cost for the retreat is \$228 for the two-night stay and six meals. A registration sheet is now available in the Narthex.

Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization Spring Convention, Saturday, May 7, at Abiding Presence LC in Burke. Save the date. Registration forms and additional information are available from Marcia Ihnen.

Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention—July 14-17. Spokane, Washington. Marcia Ihnen is registered to attend the convention and invites others to join her. The theme of the event is Renew, Respond, Rejoice. One feature of the convention will be a Banner Project in which congregations are asked to participate by submitting pictures of activities they have undertaken that exemplify one or more aspects of the theme--service projects such as HT's Hypothermia Shelter would

be one example of responding. A large banner for display at the convention will be fashioned from the picture offerings of congregations nationwide. Contact Marcia for more information on this project and for registration details.

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 study responds to the prophet Amos's question, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" March's study topic is Loving Relationships based on the theme verse Matthew 22:34-40. Following are the dates, times and locations for three opportunities to explore this topic.

Miriam Bible Study will meet the third Monday of the month, March 21, at 7:15 p.m. in the Bible Room. Contacts are Joy Wells and Carol Sukow.

Lydia Bible Study will meet the fourth Thursday, March 24, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact: Judy Baker.

Naomi Bible Study will meet the fourth Sunday, March 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bible Room. Contact: Marcia Ihnen.

Other Study, Fellowship and Service Opportunities for HT Women:

The Book Club will meet on Saturday, March 5 at the home of Phoebe Meyer to celebrate Poetry Month. Select a favorite poem to share and plan now to attend. RSVP to Phoebe at aphoebem@aol.com. If you would like to be included in the notices of Book Club selections



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and activities, please contact Mary Newton at newtonmm@live.com to be added to the E-mail list. Looking ahead, April's book is A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines.

Book Club-sponsored sales of Fair Trade coffee and chocolate continue from the shelves in the narthex at the side door to the sanctuary. This year's selection of coffees includes a new flavor, Gumutindo, as well as Sisters Blend and Breakfast Blend. We invite you to sample all of them as well as the new flavored chocolate bars.

Knitting and Crochet Ministry: Join us Saturday, March 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the Bible Room. We will learn the circular knitting technique this month. The group is open to beginners as well as experienced knitters and crocheters. We knit for others with projects like the eye cloths for the El Salvador eye clinic or prayer shawls for members and others needing special warmth and fellowship. Come and share ideas for projects and patterns for others or for your own use. Bring a friend and learn a new skill. Contact Alfie Rulis for more information.



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. March's dates are the 9th and 23rd.

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.

CAROLINE FURNACE LUTHERAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

The days are growing longer! Believe or not it is time to start thinking about summer camp! Caroline Furnace offers a variety of outdoor experiences for youth and families. For more information go to <http://www.carolinefurnace.org> or call 540-933-6266.

Come Away to the mountains...

Caroline Furnace
Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center
Fast Valley, VA (near Lotts Casino)

Spring Work Weekend
April 8-10, 2011
Roll up your sleeves and join us as we do some spring cleaning, trail clearing, maintenance and other projects around camp. You provide the labor and we'll provide the food and bed

Lutherhostel: Lutheran Migration: The Revolutionary Era
April 25-29, 2011 (cost \$425 per person or \$650 per couple)
Five days in our comfortable Signal Retreat Center, of learning about the path our Lutheran Church into this area during a time when the thirteen colonies were beginning to join forces to break free from the British empire. Visit congregations that were started during this time, learn about the impact made by hundreds of individuals. This retreat will include worship, trips to Madison, Woodstock, Timberville and New Market. Retreat leaders include, Rev. Bill Hall, Rev. George Handley, Rev. and Mrs. Ginny Berry and Rev. Wayne Shelor.

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
We have camps for ages 6-17. Explorer camps are 3 or 5 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 where we offer mountain biking, horseback riding, caving, rappelling, white water rafting or a trip to the beach! Feeling left out? Check out our Family Camp!

Mark your calendar TODAY and Come Away!

For more information www.CarolineFurnace.org

COFFEE & DANISH with the Pastors



Do you want to learn more about Holy Trinity Lutheran Church? Join Pastor Jane and Pastor Margrethe on May 21 at 10:00 am to ask your questions over a cup of coffee. There are many ways you can get involved in our ministries and activities. For those who have decided to become members, we will receive new members on June 5th at 10:00 am.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

C.S. LEWIS, STORYTELLER OF FAITH

On Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 AM Melanie Jeschke, author of *"The Oxford Chronicles"* and *"Jillian Dare,"* will speak on "C.S. Lewis and the Inklings: Storytellers of Faith" at Oakton United Methodist Church (2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton, VA 22124). In addition to her works of fiction, Ms Jeschke is a freelance travel writer who contributed the chapter on Oxford to the "Rick Steves England" guidebook and has lectured on C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and the Inklings to young professionals, university students, and church groups. This event is sponsored by the Washington, D.C. local area chapter of the National Church Library Association, of which your own Holy Trinity Library is a member. If you plan to attend the event, please contact Mary Bowen (bowenjm@verizon.net or 703-533-3637).

Your library has books by both Melanie Jeschke and C.S. Lewis. During the month of March, the books listed below will be on the shelf in the Narthex. If our library is opened to the public, then these books will be on a specially marked shelf in the library. Read the books by C.S. Lewis before attending the event, in order to get some background on this well-known author. Read the books by Melanie Jeschke, for enjoyment. Here are the books. Come check them out!

By C.S. Lewis:

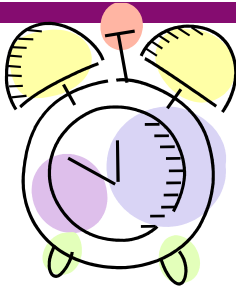
1. The Chronicles of Narnia (all seven books in one volume). Youth Fiction
2. The Great Divorce. 236.2
3. Christian Reflections. 208
4. A Grief Observed. 242.4
5. The Joyful Christian. 230.092
6. Letters to an American Lady. 283
7. Mere Christianity. 230

8. The Problem of Pain. 223.2
9. Reflections on the Psalms. 223.2
10. The Screwtape Letters. 248.4

By Melanie Jeschke:

1. Inklings. Fiction
2. Expectations. Fiction
3. Invasions. Fiction

Mary Bowen, HT Librarian



Don't forget! Daylight Savings Time commences March 13!
Please move your clocks forward one hour!

Kitchen Cleaning: It's time once again for all who use the kitchen to join with us in a spring cleaning day on Saturday, March 25, beginning at 9:00 am. The Holy Trinity kitchen is at the center of many activities throughout the year, and, like our own homes, benefits from an occasional deep cleaning. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE (continued)

HT Church Women's Sewing Closet (in Rothenberg Hall)—Constructed and furnished by family and friends in loving memory of Cdr. Oliver W. Holmes, Clifford and Alice Abrams, Lillian Wildman, and Theodore Rinker.

HT Trophy Display Case—In loving memory of Donald Ralston by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ralston, his family, and friends.

Pentecost Banner—In loving memory of James Meighan by his wife, Caroline, and family.

Brass Flower Vase—In loving memory of Margaret Clairvaux by her family.

Organ Completion Fund—in loving memory of David's sister, Mary Wilkinson, by David and Jan Martin. In loving memory by the families and/or friends of John Forster, Floyd Jones, Otto Larsen, Elizabeth Roos, Helen Sheetz, and Ruth Stackhouse.

Organ Repair Fund—In loving memory of Harry Gustafson by his family.

Choir Robes—In loving memory of her parents by Prudence Reehl.

Pew Cushions—In loving memory of Gustav Newberg and Edna Carlson by Bernice M. Neuberg. In loving memory of Prudence Reehl by her family and friends.

Cassette Recorder—In loving memory of M.P. Myers, grandfather of Margo Pettit, by Margo and Reggie Pettit.

Funeral Pall—In loving memory of Frieda and Maurice Dugard, Sr., by Lora and Maurice Dugard, Jr. In loving memory of Otto "Bob" Bugge, a charter member, by Edith "Bobby" Lorusso.

Handbells—In loving memory of Nancy Allison, Kenda Blackford, Halldora Gudnason, Phyllis Pittman, dna Ben C. and Dorothy White by their families and friends and the Luther Ringers.

Youth Auditorium (Rothenberg Hall) Circulating Fans—In loving memory of Phyllis Pittman by her family and friends.

Advent Wreath Stand—In loving memory of Roy Pelto by his wife, Rotha, and friends.

Vans—In loving memory of Kathryn Cate, aunt of Jan Martin, by David and Jan Martin.

HT Van Lettering—In loving memory of Margo Pettit, by her husband Reggie.

Nave Amplification System—In loving memory of Guenter Ermert and daughter, Karen, by their family and friends.

Blue Paraments—In loving memory of Fred Chrisman by wife Elsa and friends.

Boulevard Bulletin Board and Sign: In honor of Mrs. Harry M. Post and Mrs. Julius S. Alsager and in loving memory of Mr. Harry M. Post and Mr. Julius A. Alsager, grandparents of Richard and Jeane Alsager. By Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Alsager.

The Kaleidoscope of Life *Becoming Discerning Disciples*

How do we find meaning and discover beauty and joy in the constantly shifting and changing patterns of our lives? Each year of our lives brings new challenges, some fraught with peril and some full of promise, that require us to acquire new perspectives or adapt our points of view. How do we become discerning disciples, people of faith able to view our lives and our world through the lens of God's love? How do we become people of hope, open to the light of Christ, open to new ways of seeing even when darkness seemingly closes around us?

Set aside time for yourself for reflection and discernment this Lent. Join Pastor Margrethe and other Holy Trinity women on retreat at the A. Felix DuPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, April 8 -10, and explore what it means to be a disciple as we encounter the complex and varied kaleidoscope that is our life. The cost for the retreat is \$228 for the two-night stay and six meals. A registration sheet is available in the Narthex.



UPDATE 2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES

By now most of you have picked up your offering envelopes for 2011. Thank you very much. The use of these envelopes greatly reduces the paper work involved to accurately count and record your contributions. Please—PLEASE—PLEASE—use them for making your contributions. If you forget your personal envelope, please complete and use a Pew Envelope. Loose checks require extra paper work for the volunteer counters and are more likely to result in counting and recording errors.

The envelopes are designed so that you can designate your contribution to the General Fund, In Faith Building the Future, or another specific purpose of your choosing (Flowers, Candles, World Hunger, Memorial, Music, Disaster Relief, etc., etc.) by writing on the "Other" line the exact purpose of your contribution. Please write the amount of your contribution on the appropriate line. Only one check is necessary for the total of all contributions identified on the envelope.

If you have not yet picked up your envelopes and would like to have them mailed to you or if you currently do not have envelopes and would like them, please contact the church office.

Your volunteer counters and recorders GREATLY APPRECIATE your understanding and cooperation.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



The pastors will be offering a class for any young people and an adult family member who would like to consider taking their first communion on Easter Sunday morning (April 24). If you feel your child is ready for this sacrament to enrich his or her life in the church, please notify one of the pastors. You and your child will be given a copy of "A Place For You" which is to be read prior to the class meeting. On March 27 we will gather in the Youth Room at 3:00 pm to discuss the book, view a video and have a tour of the sacristy to learn how the altar guild prepares the church each Sunday for Holy Communion. Any family then who feels this is the year for their child to receive first communion will be welcomed on Easter Sunday.



OWLS NEWS

OWLS (OLDER, WISER, LOVING SOULS)

Due to hypothermia week, OWLS will have our monthly birthday lunch on Wednesday, March 2, at Harvest Moon restaurant - across from Loehmann's Plaza. Meet there at 11:30 or earlier at HT for car pooling (parking is limited). Lunch buffet is \$7.95 per person (pay there). All are welcome; bring a friend. Please sign up in the Narthex. Come with ideas for future activities we could have, speakers, short trips. If you have a March birthday, let us know. Questions: Jean Strandlie (703-354-5610) or Leona Badger (703-573-1708).

Save your Christmas and birthday cards. They can become lovely little gift boxes for cookies or candy to give to a neighbor or friend. Bring your cards to an OWLS event in the spring (date TBD). Following the potluck, Ursula Jones will show us how to construct the boxes. If you saved no cards, come anyway, as others may have an abundance to share. Questions: Leona Badger.

Jean Strandlie, OWLS Publicity

Let's Dish!

A "No-Cost-to-You" YUMMY Fundraiser to Raise Money for the Playground Renovation



- Holy Trinity has many funding needs, but one top priority must be ensuring the safety of kids who play on our playground. The entire structure will be updated soon; but even more important than the swings, the slide and the monkey bars is proper ground cover (wood chips).
- To raise money for this important project, through MAY 12 we will work with Let's Dish on a "no-cost-to-you" fundraiser! We recently held the "kick off" event with 13 HTLC members including Pastor Margarethe. (Check out the HTLC website for more information and photos from this great event!) Between now and May 12, we can schedule additional HTLC "private dishing parties" or you can participate individually or with a group of friends. The concept is simple: order your food online, go into the store and prepare the fresh, pre-sliced ingredients and seal in plastic bags; freeze; defrost when ready to cook! The meals serve a minimum of 6 but the portions are generous and really serve more like 8. Meals can be "split" into 3-4 serving portions. Each family must pay for their own meals; Let's Dish then donates to HTLC 10 percent of the total of our orders. Fabulous food and easy money! What could be better?
- Go online to sign up to "dish" between now and May 12 and use the HTLC code to ensure that we receive the 10 percent donation. Additional private parties can always be scheduled. For questions or to express interest for another "private party", please contact Julie Strandlie at jstrandlie@gmail.com or (703) 919-4333. We will have a laptop between the 9:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. services so you can sign up on the spot!

Website: www.letsdish.com

Location: Alexandria

Promotional Code: F7-Trinity (You MUST enter this code for HTLC to get credit)

Mark Your Calendars!!

March:

- 8 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 9 Ash Wednesday (services available at 12 noon and 7:30 pm)
- 13 SNAHT Bible Study (Gospel of Genesis)
Daylight Savings Time begins
- 25 Kitchen Spring Cleaning
- 27 First Communion Class



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Does God really rest on the seventh day?

The Bible says YES

² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. (Gen. 2:2-3)

The Bible says NO

¹⁶ Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." (John 5:16)

What do you think would happen to the creation if God stopped creating to take a rest?



these and other questions
will be discussed in

The Gospel of Genesis

a five-week study offered in conjunction with SNAHT
(Sunday Night at Holy Trinity) March 13 through April 10
4:30 to 5:30 pm (just one hour) John English – study leader
come for study – stay to enjoy the SNAHT meal