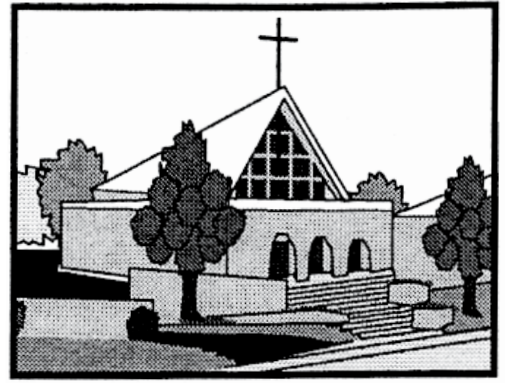


# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church NEWS



November 2010

## For all the Saints

*For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints....*  
2 Corinthians 8:3-4

**It's** that time of the year when we remember the saints that have gone before us and when we offer thanksgiving for the saints who left this life for eternal life. The title of this article reminds me of the well known hymn we sing on All Saints Day - "For all the saints, who from their labours rest." But this year I want to talk about the "saints among us". Some Christian traditions declare that a saint is only and always one that has departed this earthly life for life eternal. In the Roman Catholic tradition, to be considered a saint, one must first be dead and then their life events must be scrutinized through the process of canonization to determine if they indeed performed one or two miracles depending on whether they died of natural causes or were martyred. The bottom line is that there are no living saints for them. Martin Luther approved honoring the saints in heaven (but not praying through them), saying they are honored in three ways: (1) by our imitating their faith and other virtues, (2) by our using the saints as examples to strengthen our faith and (3) by our thanking God for examples of His mercy.

Luther calls Christians "simultaneously saint and sinner" because we are redefined as a "forgiven sinner". Some Protestant churches use the word "saint" more generally to refer to

anyone who is a Christian. If you have a problem thinking of yourself as a saint because daily you sin, just remember the word of St. Paul - Romans 7:15 "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." Almost daily we can struggle between wanting to do the right thing and actually doing the right thing.

One part in the "Affirmation of Baptism" service that we read on Pentecost, is a portion to which we all respond "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me." That statement is "to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed." Without the work/deeds of the laity at Holy Trinity, we would not function as the vibrant faithful community that we are today. The saints at Holy Trinity are an invaluable asset as they share their time for the building up of this church. Please give thanks for them in your prayers and consider the ways that you might offer your time and talents to HTLC. Worship would not be the same without the choirs and altar guild. The grounds and building would not be maintained without the time and talents of those that give hours of their time to the service of this community in Christ. The administration of this church body would not function without the hours given by dedicated members of HTLC.

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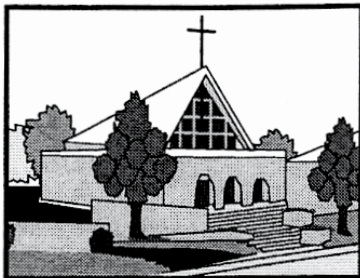
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**Parish News**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!


Thanks to **Barrett Swink** and **ALL** who participated in the HT grounds workday on Saturday, October 9.

IN MEMORIAM ~  
 REMEMBER IN PRAYER

--Gladys Copperthite and Family on the death of her sister, Frances Haun, on October 8 in Toms River, Virginia, after a long illness.

--Dotti and Barrett Swink, on the death of Dotti's sister, Victoria Raymond.

--Steve and Christine Cooney and Family on the death of Steve's mother, Elvia Cooney, on October 12.



**The Advent Event for November 21st will not be held as previously scheduled.**

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

Service to our greater community would not happen without the hearty souls who deliver food, care for the homeless those with so many needs. The youth of HTLC would not have the Christian education and spiritual support they receive without the dedication of the teachers, youth and family ministries and Sunday school superintendents. Give thanks for all the saints who serve and pray to discern in what ways God is seeking your deeds for the building up of the body of Christ.

“Yes, Lord, send me” pushes each on seemingly uncharted, unknown road. *From Cathedras of the Heart – Seed to Sow by Mary Joyce Boehm Athey*

Pastor Jane

## AN UPDATE FROM THE COUNCIL

**It's** been almost 6 months since we joined together as a Congregation at our Annual Meeting. We voted to bring Pastor Margrethe on board as our Pastor. We elected new Council and Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) members, voted on an annual budget and after some discussion, agreed that the Council would come back to the Congregation with a recommendation on how best to use the proceeds from the sale of the 7002 Aronow house. It was a busy and productive meeting. We left feeling energized knowing we had much to do!

Since that time the Council has continued to work diligently and thoughtfully trying, with prayer, to discern God's Will for Holy Trinity. Among ourselves, we often call this the “refresh year”. From an administrative sense, we have published a new Personnel and Salary Manual and a Financial Guidelines and Process Manual; introduced a new Facility Usage Policy and Procedure; and began work to align our Constitution with some of the operational changes that have been made. From a property sense, we continue to oversee the upgrade, update and refresh of our buildings and our landscapes. And from a fiscal sense, during the September and October council meetings, we've already had to take a hard look at the budget.

To date we are under on the expenses we approved in May in the 2010-2011 budget. Because of diligent oversight on expenses, the various line items have not been overrun. That's the good news... we are staying on track with expenses. Thankfully we've had no surprises, so far. Here's the not so great news. We voted as a Congregation on a budget that was based on income, a substantial percentage being from member's weekly giving. As of September 30, (3 months into our fiscal year) we are down in our income by \$36,207. A Stewardship group led by Tracy Strunk and John Grutzik is in discussion now on ways to refresh our Stewardship attitudes and actions. We'll address this income shortfall further at Adult Forum (November 7) and the Congregational meeting (November 21).

The great news is that we are continuing to work as a community of faith that is built around a strong belief in Jesus Christ. We work hard every day to put our faith into action as we strive to make a difference in practical, realistic ways in our church, our community and our world.

Please join us at the November 7 Forum and the November 21 Congregation Meeting. If you need childcare to enable you to attend the meeting, please let us know. If you need a ride home, please let us know. We need everyone to participate.

*Lynn Fedesco,*  
Council President

# YAMS HOST CONGREGATIONAL MEETING POTLUCK/CHILI COOK OFF

To help “spice things up” the **YAMS** are hosting a chili cook off as part of the traditional potluck preceding the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 21. Bring your best chili or cornbread to share with the crowd. Prizes will be awarded!

Not a chili lover? We invite you to bring your favorite main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. The tasting starts at noon.

## Congregational Meeting – November 21 – Fellowship Hall

12:00 noon – 12:44	Potluck and Chili Cook Off
12:45	Call to Order Opening Prayer Approval of the Minutes Elections Financial Update
1:00	Task Force Updates Stained Glass Organ Personnel Property Stewardship
1:30	Distribution of Aronow House Sale Discussion/Council Recommendation
2:30	Adjourn

We will e-mail an invitation, final agenda, and other reports prior to the meeting. We will present most of the details via powerpoint. We will have a limited number of paper copies available. Please bring your own copy or plan to share with a neighbor.

*Lynn Tedesco,*  
Council President

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### Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Trinity!

Thrivent members may be eligible to direct Thrivent Choice dollars to HTLC or to other Lutheran organizations. If you are a Thrivent member and haven't directed your Thrivent Choice dollars, you can register for this program at [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) or you can call 1-800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” when directed by the voice prompt. (If you have any problems with on-line registration you can call 1-800-847-4836 for help.) Please help Holy Trinity by making HTLC one of your Thrivent Choices!

# SUNDAY NIGHT AT HOLY TRINITY (S.N.A.H.T.)

**NOVEMBER** 7 CONF CC PB TR LL  
 14 CC PB TR LL  
 NO S.N.A.H.T. CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL MEET  
 27 (Sat) HOLY HAWKS (dinner & meeting)  
 28 TT CC PB TR LL

**DECEMBER** 3rd-5th CHRYSALIS (High School Retreat / Fri - Sun)  
 4 (Sat) BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  
 5 TT CC PB TR LL  
 12 ADVENT CONCERT  
 NO S.N.A.H.T.  
 19 SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM  
 CAROLING (All are invited)  
 26 NO S.N.A.H.T.

## KEY TO SNAHT SCHEDULE

3:30-4:30	Trinity Troop	TT	"6th, 7th, 8th grade"
3:30-4:30	Confirmation	CONF	
4:30-5:30	Children's Choir	CC	
4:30-5:30	Praise Band	PB	high school and young adult
5:30-6:00	Dinner		\$3.00 12 and under \$4.00 13 to adult
6:00 -7:00	Trinity Ringers	TR	
6:00-7:15	Luther League	LL	high school youth
Saturday* 5:30-7:00	Holy Hawks	HH	"3rd, 4th, 5th grade"

\*(Holy Hawks will meet 1 Saturday a month)



## HELP!!!

One of HTLC's homebound seniors living in the vicinity of Bailey's Crossroads misses worship and would like to attend the 11:00 am worship service. If anyone is able to give her a ride to church even one or two Sundays a month, please speak with Pastor Jane or Pastor Margrethe.

## FAITH OUTSIDE THE BOX

Faith outside the Box will meet November 8 and 22 and December 6 to discuss "The Future of Faith," the latest book by well-known writer and theologian Harvey Cox. In January we'll take up "Eternal Life: A New Vision: Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell" by Bishop John Shelby Spong. For more information please contact Bill Tatum or John Bowen.





## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

### YOUR LIBRARY: A WORK IN PROGRESS!



**All** of you have surely noticed that the library is under construction. We are getting new carpeting, new book shelves, and newly painted walls, thanks to the Tedesco family and others. The majority of the books are boxed up and out of the way. While the library is being renovated, we are putting the monthly highlighted books on the shelf in the narthex next to the sign-up sheets. During November, October's books on Martin Luther and the Reformation will remain on that shelf. The books that were new in September will be on that shelf as well, so that you can have a second chance to look at them and check them out. We can all look forward to a new library in December!!

**Mary Bowen, HT Librarian**

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### HTLC FINANCIAL UPDATE: FIRST QUARTER

**As** you may recall, the congregation voted to adopt a budget totaling \$502,799 at our congregation meeting last May. This was an ambitious budget, representing an increase in giving of 24% over our actual giving last year. There were a number of reasons to increase the budget, including the fact that our staff had not received a raise for three years, maintenance and repair of our physical facilities had been under-funded in the past, and we had an unprecedented opportunity to add Pastor Margrethe Kleiber to our staff.

Unfortunately, we have not seen the desired (and necessary) increase in giving to support this budget and the programs and services it represents. In fact, **giving has been almost 27% below that projected** in this budget, our **total income is \$8,046 below the total income** for the same period last year (total income includes rents received and use fees for the building), and our **total income is \$28,371 below our actual expenses**. We are borrowing from our savings (our dedicated accounts) to fund the day to day operations and programs of the church. It should be noted that our expenses are at or slightly below budget; this shortfall is not due to over-spending, but under-funding. We have a beautiful, welcoming facility. We have a generous, open congregation who are interested in serving God and our community in a variety of ways, and are bringing up great ideas every day. (*Metro DC Synod Year of the Young Adult! New book and bible studies! New robes for the children's choirs! A renovated playground! Stronger support for the synod and other benevolences! An updated sound system for the church, the narthex and the nursery!*) In order to continue to provide our current programs and services, much less be able to expand on those, the congregation needs to take a serious look at what it costs to run this church and how each of us is able to support that mission. As I heard someone say one day, "We have the money. You just haven't given it to us yet!"

**1 Peter 4:10:** *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

Plan to attend Forum on November 7 and the Congregational Meeting on November 21 for further discussion on our financial plans and stewardship goals, and look for a stewardship campaign coming soon!

*Tracy Strunk,* Council Treasurer

## STAINED GLASS WINDOW REPORT

The Stained Glass Task Force has been meeting over the past few months to address the challenge of dealing with the deteriorating stained glass in the sanctuary windows. Join us at Forum on Sunday, November 7, to hear details on the proposals we have received and see examples of what our new windows could look like.

**Katharine Search**, Task Force Chair

## GIFTS OF HOPE STARTING IN NOVEMBER

We all know the economy has not rebounded as much as had been hoped. People are struggling. The problem seems so huge, what can we do? Buy a Gift of Hope for Christmas! What's that? Buy a Christmas card that identifies a gift someone really needs—job training, backpacks with school supplies, nutritious meals, computers—and give a beautiful card explaining the gift to someone at Christmas time. Need a gift for a teacher? Buy books. Find a unique gift for your exotic aunt? Choose Sunday School materials in the Oshikwanyama language. Want your children to understand their blessings? Buy utility assistance for those who can't pay electric or gas bills this winter. There are lots of choices and ways you can help. Look for a catalog at the Gifts of Hope sales table beginning November 21 in the narthex.

**Linda Bathen**, HT's Gifts of Hope Representative

## SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS



Holy Trinity Women invite all to join our neighboring churches that make up Church Women United of the Falls Church-McLean area in helping The Salvation Army to fill Christmas stockings. These stockings are given to less fortunate area children by The Army during its annual Holiday Distribution, which takes place this year December 20-22. Children newborn through 12 years of age are served. HT Women would like to concentrate on girls and boys, ages 6 through 12. Some stocking suggestions from The Salvation Army follow. **Girls:** coloring books, books, crayons, hair items, bracelet/necklace, small dolls, gift cards, scrapbook items, CD player/batteries, art supplies, socks, camisoles, bath and body items. **Boys:** small cars, baseball cards, small card games, watch, hand-held games, coloring books, books, socks, T-shirts, crayons, gift cards, wallet, CD player/batteries. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the specially marked basket at the sign-up center in the narthex. We will be filling the stockings during the week beginning December 6 for delivery by December 10. HT Women acknowledge the congregation's generosity in past years that enabled us to fill the 25 stockings we committed to with enough gifts left over to fill many more stockings, all of which we deliver together with the filled stockings.

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## NOVEMBER SPECIAL SPEAKER'S TOPIC--THE ROLE OF THE SEMINARY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

We are privileged to have the Rev. Michael Cooper-White, president of Gettysburg Seminary, as our guest speaker and as our guest preaching minister on Christ the King Sunday. The Rev. Cooper-White will talk about the contributions of Gettysburg Seminary to the wider church as well as the challenges facing theological education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Join us on Sunday morning, November 21, in the sanctuary, from 10:10 to 10:50, for this month's special speaker.

## HT Women of the ELCA Coordinating Committee

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## HT Women of the ELCA Thankoffering

Once again we are inviting the HT Congregation to join the HT Women of the ELCA in the annual Thankoffering ingathering to be held on Sunday, November 14, at both services. Through these Thankofferings, the Women of the ELCA nationwide show gratitude for God's blessings. In both significant and ordinary moments, we can say "Thank you" to God! Thankofferings encourage both the giving of thanks and monetary giving. The offering helps Women of the ELCA provide needed resources, events, and programs and support the organization's annual gift to the ELCA. Thankoffering envelopes and boxes are available now in the Narthex (on the table to the left as you enter the Sanctuary). Pick up a box to hold your offerings in recognition daily of large and small blessings received or perceived.

## 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?" This month's lesson is entitled **Stewardship** based on 1 Corinthians 4:15. It is found in the November issue of *Lutheran Women Today*, a copy of which is available in the HT library for copying until you can order a subscription. Following are the dates, times and locations for **November's three opportunities to explore this topic.**

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

**Lydia Bible Study** will meet the fourth Thursday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact: Judy Baker.

**Naomi Bible Study** will meet the fourth Sunday, November 28, 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 the first Saturday, November 6, at the home of Carol Sukow to discuss "Plainsong" by Kent Haruf. Breakfast is served at 8:30 and the discussion begins at 9:00 or 9:15. Please RSVP to Carol at 703 280-8108 or [cnsukow@fastmail.fm](mailto:cnsukow@fastmail.fm). On December 4, we will meet at the Davis/Roberts home to discuss "The Comforts of a Muddy Sunday" by Alexander McCall Smith. If you would like to be included in the notices of Book Club selections and activities, please contact Mary Newton at [newtonmm@live.com](mailto: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.

## HT WOMEN OF THE ELCA (HTWELCA)

**Knitting and Crochet Ministry:** Join us Saturday, November 20, for the next meeting of the Knitting and Crochet Ministry at Holy Trinity. Bring your projects and learn new ideas and share knitting experiences. We will be reviewing the basics of casting on and binding off. There are many different methods to do this beginning step so come and learn a new way or improve on the one you use. This is a great opportunity for beginners as well. Join us in the Bible Room at 9 am.

**Prayer Ring:** Contact Marcia Ihnen at [mcihnen@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. For the past several meetings, Needlecrafters have been constructing Birthday Banners, but all types of needlework or crafts are welcome and encouraged. Enjoy the use of elevated tables to make cutting fabric easy on those back muscles and long tables to spread out your projects. You may work on a project of your own or one for charity. You'll also enjoy fellowship and consultation with other Needle Crafters. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday this month, Needlecrafters will probably be meeting only on Wednesday, November 10. Contact Judy Baker (703-237-8717) for more information.

### HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

#### 28th Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Art and Craft Showcase At the Vienna Community Center

More than eighty local artisans of the Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild (which meets monthly in Holy Trinity's Fellowship Hall) are showcased at the 28th annual Thanksgiving Weekend Art and Craft Showcase at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna, VA. The show dates and times are Friday and Saturday, November 26 and 27, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, November 28, from 11 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$3. This annual event is a premier juried show, offering a wide range of unique creations – gifts, accessories, home decor, wearables – something to satisfy all tastes, young and old. Visit our website at [www.nvhg.org](http://www.nvhg.org) to see examples of work by many members of the guild.

The Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild was formed in 1972 as a charitable, cultural and educational organization. It provides yearly scholarships to local art students, supports local nonprofit organizations, provides gifts to Meals on Wheels recipients and provides donations to both Alternative House (a haven for teens in

crisis) and Main Street Development (a child care center for low income families). The members of the guild generously share both time and talent to these and other deserving community projects and events.

Please Join  
**Miriam's Kitchen**  
For the Fannie Mae

#### Help the Homeless Walkathon

**WHO** – You. Your Family. Your Friends. Your Dogs (4-legged friends are welcome).

**WHAT** - Raising funds and awareness to End Homelessness

**WHERE** - National Mall, Washington, DC

**WHEN** – Saturday, November 10; 8:30 am registration; 9:00 am walk begins!

**HOW (long)** – 5k (approximately 3 miles)

**HOW (much)** -- Youth (age 25 or under) - \$15; adults - \$25 pre-registration; \$30 day of.

**WHY** – 100% of Registration Fees and Donations Made Using Beneficiary Code DC058 Will Support Miriam's Kitchen, Where \$1 = 1 Healthy Meal for Our Guests.

Sign up today at [www.miriamskitchen.org](http://www.miriamskitchen.org).

**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! Get to know other Christians!
- Learn about the ministries of the **Salvadoran Lutheran Church** nationally and locally .
- Learn more about the civil war that ended in 1992 and the effects it has on the country today.

- Be inspired by **Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero's** life by visiting the places that were significant in his life.
- Visit the University of Central America where 6 Jesuits and 2 women were killed in 1989 during the war and understand how that event became a catalyst for negotiations to end the war.
- 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).**

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



## OWLS NEWS

### OWLS (OLDER, WISER, LOVING SOULS)

Several OWLS celebrated birthdays for those born in the entire year to date with a delicious potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, October 6. Good conversation and camaraderie were enjoyed by all in attendance, along with colorful balloons and birthday cake. We will be celebrating each month's birthdays the first Wednesday of that month at 11:30, beginning with a potluck lunch. Mark November 3 on your calendars and plan to join us in celebrating November birthdays. Bring a friend and your ideas for local trips we can take such as plays, theaters, or sightseeing. Any suggestions—see Leona Badger (703-573-1708) or Jean Strandlie (703-354-5610).

On October 20, twelve of us traveled to Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA to see the Biblical production of "Joseph" -- a moving, colorful production. We had a delicious buffet lunch at Hershey Farms Restaurant. It was a beautiful day - several visitors joined us.

Plans are underway for attending the Sunday, December 5, matinee performance of "The Nutcracker" presented by BalletNOVACenter for Dance at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, Arlington, VA. We are working on final plans for transportation and lunch. Watch for details in the Sunday bulleting. Hope you can join us. Questions?? See Jean Strandlie (703-354-5610)

*Jean Strandlie, Publicity*

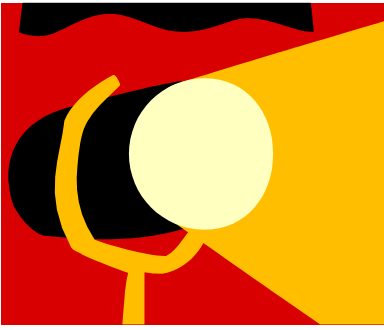
## Education News

### Sunday School News

**Our cup runneth over!** We have had as many as 9 youngsters in our 1st & 2nd grade class. We have a great teaching team for this class but with that many active 6 and 7 year-olds, an additional teacher would be a blessing. Could God be calling you to teach? Please let **Pastor Margrethe** know if you are interested.

### Forum Plans

Forum is revisiting the original question Pastor Larry Shoberg used to start the Forum more than 30 years ago: How does your faith influence how you live? This vital question will be taken up in the context of personal, family, national, and global issues. Come and participate! For more information, please contact **Jerry Barney at 703-525-1162.**



# SPOTLIGHT ON A FEW SPECIAL PROJECTS

## UNDERWAY

### Facilities

We continue to work as a community to enhance our facilities; part of our ongoing mission to be a welcoming and friendly place to worship. I'm especially grateful to Dave Badger for his ongoing stewardship in the maintenance and oversight of our Church properties. Not a day goes by that he's not at our facility making things "work."

If you'd like to become part of the very exciting Property Team, contact Rick Watkins, [rickwatkinsva@mac.com](mailto:rickwatkinsva@mac.com). Last I talked to Rick and Dave, they still have room for more members!

### Current Facilities Projects Underway

A security audit is currently being conducted. If you have a key, please check in with Joan in the church office. We'd like to have a record of individuals with HTLC facility keys.

The library is being completely refurbished with new wall board, paint, carpet, bookshelves, artwork, and chairs. Thanks to the MEF and the Tedesco and Bowen families. Stop by and check out the latest books on display at the sign up area in the narthex.

Deliberations and investigations of the stained glass window task force, led by Katharine Search, and the organ task force, led by Anne Simmons are underway. Each group will present an update at the November 7 Adult Forum (11:10 am) and the Congregational Meeting on November 21 (12:45 pm.).

### Website and Social Media

Several small groups, led by Becky Fleck, Matt Avilles, Katharine Search, Jill Cockerham and Julia Tedesco, have been formed to address the ever changing internet opportunities for engaging the Christian community. We are reenergizing our website, and adding social media tools like Facebook and Twitter. We are also putting procedures and processes in place to ensure that our sites are up to date with information relevant to new and prospective members. If you are interested in joining one of these initiatives, see one of the leaders noted above or contact Lynn Tedesco, [Lynntedesco618@cox.net](mailto:Lynntedesco618@cox.net).

Please register with **Sign Up Genius**, sign up electronically for lay ministry activities at HTLC.

#### Three easy steps:

1. Go to [signupgenius.com/go/layministry](http://signupgenius.com/go/layministry).
2. Enter the password Sundaymorning.
3. Click the purple sign up box for the activity you wish to sign up for and follow the prompts.
4. Register your free account by filling in the information requested. Then you will receive email reminders.
5. If you need assistance, call **Joan Buscher** at the church office, **703-532-6617**.

**Reminder:** Annual Meeting announcements, agendas will be distributed via e-mail. If you have not registered your e-mail address with the office, please do.

### Greeter Ministry

In support of a welcoming and inviting church, Pastor Margrethe is leading an initiative to revitalize our Greeter Ministry. The council will be leading the way; volunteering the first few months. We want to be sure that everyone who visits Holy Trinity feels like part of the family. If you are interested in joining this ministry, contact Casey Barton, [dcaseybarton@hotmail.com](mailto:dcaseybarton@hotmail.com).

## THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE (continued)

**The Pews and Pew Seatings:** In honor of Cynthia, Steven and Robert Dunn by Shirley and Robert Dunn. In honor of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Podratz by Mrs. M.L. Harney. In loving memory of Mrs. Ruth Leona Reedy by her husband, Leonard P. Reedy, Sr.; daughter, Ruth Louise; son, Leonard; and grandson, Wayne. To the Honor and Glory of God by Mrs. William Nash and by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Estep.

**The Organ:** In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Boyer and Dr. and Mrs. Grant Hultberg by Chaplain and Mrs. A.C. Boyer and grandchildren Nancy, Arthur III, Kenneth, David, Diane, Steven, and Barbara. In loving memory of Otto H. Bugge by his family and friends. In loving memory of Herman M. Diener by his family and friends. In loving memory of Verna E. Hanson by Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Hanson. In loving memory of my husband by Mrs. Clara Parberg. In loving memory of Captain Wendell Thompson by his family. To the Honor and Glory of God by Mrs. Mabel Ayers, Mrs. Lula Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Blomquist, Roger and Linnea, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Detweiller, Lieut. Col. And Mrs. Charles Dornacker, Mrs. Emily T. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lammer, Mr. and Mrs. David H. West and family.

**Hymnals:** To the Honor and Glory of God by Mrs. Joan H. Compton, Dr. and Mrs. C.D. Leatherman, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Lehmann, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Olson and Robert, Alice P. Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, Mr. and

Mrs. Richard.M. Bower, Mrs. Arthur Boyer, MRs. William Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dellinger, Mrs. Adrian J. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Judson George, Miss Joyce Guldager, Mrs. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kvale, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mabbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rienicke, Mr. and Mrs. N. Thomas Shomo, Mrs. Edith Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Strickland, Mrs. Beuford Stickley, The Sunday School, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Welch, Mrs. Anna Yakemonis, and Omega Luther League Sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Victor Blomquist, Mr. and Mrs. Wellman A. Hell, Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Hoff, and Mr. and Mrs. David West.

**The Library Furnishings:** In loving memory of Mr. James B. Teague by his wife, Alice P. Teague. To the Honor and Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Antolik and family. Trinity Symbol painted for the Honor and Glory of God by Mr. Richard Bower.

**Nursery Furnishings:** To the Honor and Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Kelm. In honor of children Robert, Carole, Karen, and James Lammer by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lammer.

**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.



## Washington DC Sons of Norway and the Norwegian Seamans Church

will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar  
Thursday, November 12 (11-7) and  
Friday, November 13 (9-3)  
at Fairfax Elks Club, 8421 Fairfax Blvd, (Rte 50).  
In the past this was held at Union Station.  
Norwegian food, chocolates, baked goods,  
jewelry, sweaters, linens, Christmas decor.

Norwegian waffles & krumkake baked on  
site for purchase. Lunch is available.'



Pastor Margrethe's installation service was held on Saturday, October 23rd. Pictured along with friend and preacher at the service, Pastor Karla Wildberger.

## The National Lutheran Home Auxiliary's Fall Festival



**Saturday November 13, 2010**

**9:30 am - 2:00 pm**

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**Silent Auction, Christmas Room,  
Grandma's Attic, Plants,  
Jewelry, Resident Crafts,  
Baked Goods, Candy, Handwork,  
Books, Postcards, Stamps,  
Gift Shop 50% off Sale**

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**All proceeds benefit the Residents**

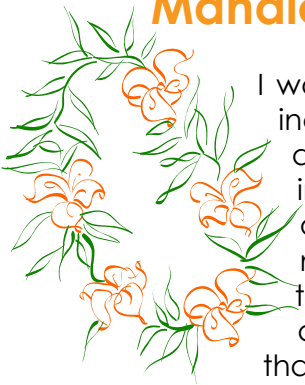
**Lunch served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Tickets sold for \$8.00 or Lighter fare \$4.00**

**Independent Living Cottage Tours 10:30 am & 1:00 pm  
Home Chorus program at 2:30 pm in the Chapel**

**9701 Veirs Drive: Rockville, MD**

**FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 301-424-9560**

## Mahalo is the Hawaiian word for thank you!



I want to extend a hearty Mahalo to Holy Trinity for making my installation service incredibly beautiful. The music was outstanding and I couldn't have asked for a more elegant reception. While it would not be possible to name the many individuals who helped with the day, I particularly want to recognize our Director of Music, Casey Cook, our organist, Doug VanDenBerg, and the HTLC choir and musicians who made the service especially splendid. I also want to mention the team of Genie Davis, Beth Search, Craig Davis, Gloria Hviding, Madeline Cohen and Rachel Cohen who prepared such a lovely reception. Last but not least, thank you, Pastor Jane, for putting together and organizing the service!

I have also been touched by the many cards, notes and e-mails sent by HTLC members to mark the occasion—too numerous, I am afraid for me to acknowledge each one individually. I am overwhelmed by your love and support. I feel truly blessed to be a part of such a welcoming community.

*Mahalo! Pastor Margrethe*



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**Mark Your Calendars!!**

**November**

- 7 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7 - All Saints Day
- 14 - WELCA Sunday
- 24 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service  
@ 7:30pm(Graham Road Methodist)

**December**

- 4 - Breakfast with Santa
- 11 - Decorate church for Christmas
- 12 - Advent Concert
- 18 - Christmas pageant practice
- 19 - Christmas Pageant  
(10 am service only)
- 24 - Christmas Eve Worship  
(4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm)
- 26 - Christmas Worshp (10 am)

**Nametags  
Please!**



You may have noticed that there is a new greeter table out in the narthex. We encourage both visitors and long-time members to stop by the greeter table on Sunday morning and make a nametag. This is a new initiative to build community and encourage fellowship. (Also, it will help your new associate pastor attach names to faces!)

**2010 Proposed Distributions for Mission Endowment Fund**

Members of the Mission Endowment Fund are proposing to make the following distributions of income earned on investment during the past year.

- \$1,000 Salvadoran Lutheran Church Pastoral Support Fund
- \$1,000 Construction of Health Clinic at Village of Hope in Haiti
- \$ 500 Fellowship Square Caring Fund for pastoral support
- \$ 500 Holy Trinity's Support Group for Returning Veterans
- \$1,000 Hypothermic Shelter for 2011
- \$1,000 Glories Happy Hats, Incorporated
- \$ 500 Lutheran Campus Ministry at George Mason University
- \$ 500 Mar-Lu-Ridge Conference Center (Four Area Rugs)
- \$1,000 New Mar-Lu-Ridge Dining Facility
- \$2,300 New Audio/Visual Information System Upgrade for the Church Narthex
- \$1,000 Construction and Painting Renovations to the Church Library
- \$10,300 Total Proposed Distributions

For additional information, please contact the following MEF members : Terry Bathen, Vic Galindo, Deb Haynes, John Person, and Beth Search. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all those who submitted proposals and suggestions for projects requiring financial assistance.