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November 2011

Remembering

When you remember me, it means that you have carried something of who I am with you, that I have left some mark of who I am on who you are.

Frederick Buechner

November is a month for remembering. While All Saints Sunday is an occasion in which we celebrate all "the baptized...living and dead, who make up the body of Christ," we remember in particular the faithful who have passed on during the year.

On November 11th we celebrate Veterans Day, a holiday whose purpose was to remember those who died in World War I. In the United States, November 11th was known as Armistice Day until 1954 when the name was changed in order to commemorate veterans of all wars.

In many counties, Armistice Day, November 11th, is known as Remembrance Day. When I served St. Anne's Lutheran Church in London, we marked this occasion with special prayers for those affected by wars, including but not limited to those who served in the armed forces. Indeed, several of our parishioners remembered the terrible devastation of Europe during the World War II and the suffering of the civilian population, having personally experienced displacement and the loss of family members.

Finally, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of November. On that day, as we gather around a meal of celebration, we remember with gratitude God's generous bounty and gracious care over the past year.

The act of remembering connects us to one another. When we remember someone's birthday or anniversary we are affirming our connectedness. When a father wonders how his children are doing in school, or a woman thinks about her mother, these acts of remembrance are signs of the invisible ties that bind. As Frederick Buechner so eloquently puts it:

When you remember me, it means that you have carried something of who I am with you. It means that you can summon me back to your mind even though countless years and miles may stand between us. It means that if we meet again, you will know me. It means that even after I die, you can still see my face and hear my voice and speak to me in your heart.

The act of remembering also connects us to God. In the words of Jesus, the words which we speak over the bread and wine each Sunday morning, we are commanded to eat and drink "in remembrance of me." When we remember Jesus this way, to paraphrase Buechner, we carry *something of who Jesus is in us*. Indeed, we as Christians affirm that the sacramental meal of Holy Communion unites us with the saints, both the living and the dead, as the body of Christ.

During the month of November, we will have a number of special services in which remembering will play a role. Join us in worship on All Saints Sunday as we affirm our connectedness to the saints past and present. Join us on Monday, November 11th, at 7:30 pm, for a special Remembrance Day Vespers Service in which our Director of Music, Casey Cook, will present a re-orchestration of Gerald Finzi's *Requiem da camera*. Finally, we will gather once again with our brothers and sisters from Graham Road Methodist for a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23rd, remembering with gratitude God's generosity and graciousness to us.

Pastor Margrethe

¹Frederick Buechner, "Remember," *Whistling in the Dark: A Doubter's Dictionary*, HarperCollins, San Francisco, 1993, p.111

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³Veterans Day entry in Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans_Day, last accessed on 10/14/2011.

⁴Buechner, "Remember," pp. 110-111.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report			
For month ended September 2011			
<u>2011-2012 Mission Spending Plan \$495, 013</u>			
	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD
Budgeted Income	\$41, 251	\$123, 753	\$125, 700
Actual Income	\$30, 561	\$84, 409	\$92, 654
Income Over (Under) Budget	(\$10, 690)	(\$39, 344)	(\$33, 045)
Budget Expenses	\$43, 994	\$125, 753	\$125, 700
Actual Expenses	\$34, 665	\$108, 716	\$116, 849
Expenses (Over) Under Budget	\$9,329	\$15,037	\$8,850
Actual Income less Actual Expenses	(\$4, 104)	(\$24,307)	(\$24,195)

PRAYER TIME

People come together monthly to pray for the ministries of Holy Trinity. Join us on Saturday, November 12th, at 9:30 am in the Holy Trinity Library. Come as you are.



PARISH NEWS



IN MEMORIAM

Pray for Gloria Hviding and family at the death of Gloria's brother in law, Don Gustafson, on Sunday, October 16.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Prayers are appreciated for Pastor Jane as she continues her recovery from recent hip replacement surgery.

IN CELEBRATION

Congratulations to HT Music Director, Casey Cook, who will be conducting the world premiere of Gerald Finzi's Requim da camera at Holy Trinity on November 4th for his doctoral dissertation and on November 11th as part of the Remembrance Day service.

Joshua Papparella will be baptized at the 9:00 a.m. service on November 13th.

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

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

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

Services in November

- * **Sunday, November 6th** *All Saints Day*
- * **Friday, November 11** *Remembrance Day Vespers*
- * **Sunday, November 13th** *Women of the ELCA Thankoffering*
- * **Sunday, November 20** *The Reign of Christ*
- * **Wednesday, November 23** *Thanksgiving Eve (Graham Road Methodist)*
- * **Sunday, November 27** *First Sunday in Advent*

Please Let the Church Office Know When....

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- A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made.
- Your group or committee plans to have a meeting, OR cancel a meeting, so that it can be put on the calendar and bulletin.
- A member of your family graduates.
- Wedding plans are being made.
- Any changes in your life/family — address, phone, email — so that church records can be kept current.
- A death occurs in your family.
- The church can be of help in any way.

You may contact the office at (703) 532-6617 or admin@htluther.org

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

SHARING YOUR FAITH

Also known as evangelism or witnessing, sharing our faith is what Christians do, whether by our words or our actions. Your church library has a number of books about evangelism, all new to the library. The books listed below deal with evangelism and specific aspects of evangelism in different ways. They will be on the shelf above the computer during the month of November. Come check them out!



1. "Evangelism for 'Normal' People: Good News for Those Looking for a Fresh Approach" by John P. Bowen. 248.5
2. "Widening the Welcome of Your Church: Biblical Hospitality & the Vital Congregation: by Fred Bernhard and Steve Clapp. 254.5
3. "A Story Worth Sharing: Engaging Evangelism" edited by Kelly A. Fryer. 248.5
4. "The Contagious Witness: Exploring Christian Conversion" by Ron Crandall.
5. "Coming of Age: Exploring the Identity and Spirituality of Younger Men" by David W. Anderson, Paul G. Hill, and Roland D. Martinson. 277.3
6. "Frogs without Legs Can't Hear: Nurturing Disciples in Home and Congregation" by David W. Anderson and Paul Hill. 253
7. "Christianity Rediscovered" by Vincent J. Donovan. 230
8. "The Evangelizing Church: A Lutheran Contribution" edited by Richard H. Bliese and Craig Van Gelder. 266
9. "Reclaiming the 'L' Word: Renewing the Church from Its Lutheran Core" by Kelly A. Fryer. 284.1
10. "Talking Faith: An Eight-Park Study on Growing & Sharing Your Faith" by Heather Kirk-Davidoff and Nancy Wood-Lyczak. 269.2

Mary Bowen, HT Librarian

PILOT PROGRAM—a New Outreach Opportunity

A PILOT Program, which was started by Knox Presbyterian and Graham Road Methodist churches, is being introduced at HT by OWLS. This involves filling a 1-gallon zip-lock bag with items for those homeless and transient persons who knock on our Holy Trinity door looking for help. The items in each bag cost around \$7.00. To fill a bag, we may include cookies, fruit cup, granola bar, juice pouch, washcloth, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrush/paste, comb, band aids. If you would like to join in this project, we would appreciate donations in any amount. A small group will do the shopping. At their December 7 potluck, the OWLS will be loading the bags to be distributed by our staff, as needed. Anyone is welcome to assist OWLS in filling the bags. Questions, call Jean Strandlie [703-354-5610](tel:703-354-5610), or Leona Badger [703-573-1708](tel:703-573-1708).

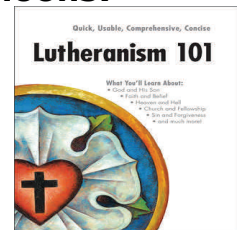
EDUCATION NEWS

Ministry with Young Adults! Come and find out about 501 Church! Pastor Wendy Moen will join us as our Presiding Minister and Adult Forum presenter on Sunday, November 6. Pastor Moen is working with 501 Church, an exciting outreach initiative of First Trinity Lutheran Church in Washington D.C. If you live in the DC Metro area and are in your 20's-30's, you are invited to join the spiritual journey with us at 501 Church. Come and learn what makes 501 church unique! A native of Iowa, Pastor Moen received her Masters of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, where her concentration areas at the seminary were Urban Ministry and Latino Studies. In addition to her M.Div. Pastor Moen has both a Bachelors of Social Work and a B.A. in Psychology. Since 2010 she has been working closely with the Metro D.C. Synod to develop this distinctive ministry with young adults.

Next Month's Forum Speaker will be Bishop Richard Graham from our Metropolitan D.C. Synod. Mark your calendars for this special Forum on December 4.

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

Lutheranism 101 You can still join us for Lutheranism 101, one of our Food for Body and Soul offerings, on Sunday, November 6th and Sunday, November 13. We meet in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 am worship service for an hour, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. We share a light lunch and lively discussion on what it means to be a Lutheran today!



We conclude this year's Food for Body and Soul classes on November 13th. Below is a preview of the winter and spring 2012 Food for Body and Soul offerings.

The Book of Philippians Beginning on January 22, Pastor Jane leads a four-week course from the Book of Faith series on Philippians. This letter of St. Paul, which he wrote from prison, is perhaps the most tender and personal of the epistles. The love and joy permeating this letter make it particularly suitable for reflection during the season of Epiphany.

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

Each of our Adult Education classes has a resource book. Any donations to offset the cost of these materials will be deeply appreciated!

FORUM SCHEDULE

Oct 30 Church Council—Holy Trinity: today/tomorrow (see page 6)

Nov 6 (Daylight Savings Time ends) **Rev. Wendy Moen**, Pastor at First Trinity

FORUM SCHEDULE (cont'd)

Nov 13 (Veteran's Day) **Eleanore Marcy** - will speak about her efforts towards spiritual encouragement of combat veterans.

Nov 20 (Congregational Meeting) **Leona Badger, Jeri Hesson and Beth Search** of the 'Secret Visitors' program will discuss their findings and ideas regarding effective hospitality.

Nov 27 (Thanksgiving weekend) **Anne Simmons** - will discuss current status of Farm Bill legislation. Food - Food Stamps - or 'sausage'

Ray Meyer, Forum Coordinator

COUNCIL NEWS

On Sunday, October 30th, join council representatives at Forum to discuss issues facing the church leading up to the November 20th Congregational Meeting. As noted in an article on Mission in last month's newsletter, council members held a retreat on September 17th to set priorities for using our talents and resources to carry out our mission of following Jesus and spreading His gospel. They emerged from the retreat with a long 'to do' list, including:

- Form a team to improve and better coordinate our communications, both within the congregation and in our outreach to the community. Integrate social media outlets, contacts management, the HT website, our new audio-visual system and traditional communications channels to improve the dissemination of congregational activities, programs and needs.
- Form a team to brainstorm and develop new social ministry activities, perhaps on a quarterly basis, to complement the successful winter hypothermia event.
- Invite the Worship and Music Committee to come up with ideas for enhancing the worship experience, to include the use of the (nearly completed) organ and consideration of the pro's and con's of a possible shift to a year round single worship service (except for Easter and Christmas).
- Work with the Finance Committee to consider options regarding the use and ownership of our properties, launching of a new stewardship campaign, and increased use of modern financial management tools such as electronic giving.
- Seek ways to improve our greeter/visitor ministry.
- Form a team to create an evangelism plan following the October Snyder seminar on *How to Get More Members*.

The Council will appreciate your ideas, suggestions and participation.

Synod Happenings

Day of Prayer & Conversation for Young Adults

Young adults are invited to assemble with two thoughtful and invigorating authors for time to think about, discuss, pray over and try practicing faith in God for a young adult conference on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The time will look at the question, "I believe in God, now what?" Two of the authors of *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals* will join all who come for the Day of Conversation and Prayer at Luther Place Memorial in NW D.C. Learn more about the authors, Enuma Okoro and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, from the synod Web site. Cost is \$15. Online registration has opened at <http://metrodcelca.org/events/young-adults/>.

Global Mission

Apply now to be an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission

Young adults (ages 19-29) are invited to apply to serve for a year in an international program in Argentina and Uruguay, Jerusalem / West Bank, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Central / Eastern Europe, Southern Africa and the United Kingdom. See www.elca.org/yagm.

Epiphany Day Retreat for Women Finding our Way Home

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

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

The day will begin with breakfast and reflection on *The Story of the Other Wiseman* by Henry Van Dyke beginning at 8:30 am. We will conclude with a special Epiphany worship service at 4:30 pm that will be open to everyone. Save the date on your calendars!

Thanksgiving Eve Gifts to the Food Pantry

In the weeks prior to Thanksgiving, we will be distributing lists of canned foods and other staples needed by the Food Pantry here in Falls Church. As part of our Thanksgiving Eve service at Graham Road Methodist Church, we will offer these items to God. After the service, they will be delivered to the Food Pantry.



THANKSGIVING EVE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 23
Graham Road United Methodist Church



HT WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Executive Committee

Member-at-Large—Leona Badger 703-573-1708
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Wells 703-560-2596
Lydia Bible Study—Judy Baker 703-237-8717
Naomi Bible Study—Marcia Ihnen 703-979-5570
Secretary—Eugenia Davis 703-573-0678

Holy Trinity Women will be inviting all to join in its annual Thankoffering Sunday observance. See the article on the following page.

Bible Study, Fellowship, and Service Opportunities

This year's Bible study "To Follow and Serve: The Gospel of Mark" is found in the Women of the ELCA publication "Gather", a copy of which can be found in the HT Library. November's lesson "Power and Authority" is based on Chapters 4, 5, and 6 of Mark's Gospel. All women are invited to any of the Study Groups at the dates and times listed below. If you do not already subscribe to "Gather", make a copy of the lesson from the library copy and join us.

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

Miriam—Monday, November 14, 7:00 p.m., Bible Room.

Lydia—Thursday, November 17, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Fellowship Hall.

Naomi—Sunday, November 26, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Bible Room.

Book Club—On Saturday, November 5, we will meet at the home of Joan Vehec to discuss "The Lost Hours" by Karen White. RSVP to Joan at jsvehec@verizon.net or 703-860-3610. On December 3, we will meet at the Davis/Roberts home to discuss "The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie" by Alan Bradley. All women are invited: you need only to RSVP to the hostess of the month. If you are not already on the list to receive notices of books to be discussed and meeting dates and locations, contact Mary Newton at newtonmm@live.com to be added to the e-mail list. The Book Club also sponsors Fair Trade coffee and chocolate sales. Check out the new merchandise on the shelves in the Narthex.

Knitting and Crochet Ministry—The Knitting and Crochet Ministry will meet on Saturday, November 19, at 9 a.m. in the Bible Room. We will be using our time to set up for the holiday scarf and hat sale the following day, the proceeds of which will go toward Hypothermia Shelter expenses. Come and bring you articles and help get ready for the sale. We can also share what we are currently working on. Everyone is invited to join us in this fun ministry.

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

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

Needlecrafters—Needlecrafters meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Rothenberg Hall to work on their own quilting, knitting, or sewing or craft projects. This is an opportunity to receive help on knitting or quilting problems and otherwise enjoy the fellowship of working with other sisters in Christ. Contact Judy Baker for more information.

ALTAR GUILD: We need one more person for the September and October teams. For further information, please contact Eugenia Davis at 703-573-0678 or Leona Badger at 703-573-1708. Christmas decorating day is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th, beginning at 9 a.m. Mark your calendars.

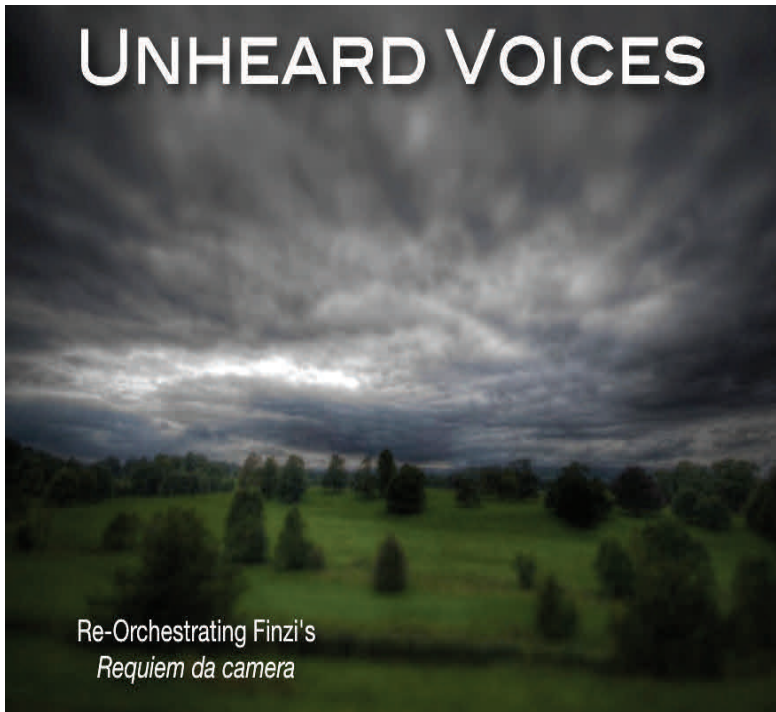
HOLY TRINITY'S THANKOFFERING SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 13

A Thankoffering is one that is given in gratitude for God's blessings. Some collect for the offering throughout the year by daily placing coins in a box and donating it on Thankoffering Sunday and others express their gratitude by making a single donation during the Thankoffering service. The Thankoffering we make supports 30% of the total budget of the Women of the ELCA whose mission is to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. The budget includes everything from creating publications and program resources for our use, to anti-racism and cross-cultural programming, leadership development, and growth and maintenance of the Women of the ELCA's excellent website. Thankoffering envelopes will be included in the bulletins on November 13. Checks can be made out to Holy Trinity with Thankoffering noted in the memo line.

HYPOTHERMIA SHELTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY



Winter is coming and it is time to stock up on hats and scarves. What better place than Holy Trinity's own hand made items? The Knitting and Crochet Ministry has been busy all summer making scarves, hats, shawls and other items for sale on Sunday, November 20. We will have warm and wonderful fun scarves. Soft and silky shawls. Hats to keep your head warm. Think about getting something for that college or high school student at Christmas time. Maybe you want a special gift for a family member or friend. Check out the sale in the Narthex between services and continue shopping downstairs at the Congregational meeting. All the proceeds from your donation will go toward our Hypothermia Week program. This is a great time to get a one-of-a-kind item and support the homeless at the same time. Mark it on your calendar and be sure to stop by for a good buy.



WORLD PREMIERE

of the re-orchestration of
Gerald Finzi's
Requiem da camera

November 4th - 7:30 pm

Preceded by a lecture on the
compositional history of the piece
by Casey Cook
Reception follows

November 11th - 7:30 pm

Service of Remembrance
for Veteran's Day
Reception follows

29th Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Art and Craft Showcase

More than eighty local artisans of the Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild are showcased at the 29th 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 & Saturday, November 25 & 26, from 10 am-5 pm, and Sunday, November 27, from 11 am-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 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 non-profit 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 childcare 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.

(The Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild meets at Holy Trinity once a month.)

NATIONAL LUTHERAN HOME FALL FESTIVAL

The Auxiliary of the National Lutheran Home and Village invites you to their fall festival on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The Home's Chorus performs at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This Festival is the Auxiliary's main fundraiser each year. You'll find special jewelry, Christmas decorations, baked goods, candy, handwork, plants, Grandma's Attic, books, stamps, postcards and gift shop items. Our Silent Auction features handmade items and gift certificates from local businesses. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for \$8 or lighter fare for \$4. We need donations of items to be sold (used household goods that are clean and in good condition, Christmas decorations, jewelry, books) to be brought to the Home by November 8th. **Please no computers, TVs, clothing, furniture or exercise equipment.** We also need people to make candy and baked goods to be delivered November 12th. For more information, email auxiliary@nlhv.org or call Alice Daniel at 301-949-4688.

Christmas Bazaar

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, November 27, Fair Trade Winds will be at Holy Trinity with a selection of exquisite gifts from around the world, all of them fair trade. Fair Trade Winds will give 10% of the proceeds to a charity of our (HTLC) choice. Come and do some Christmas shopping from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.



Breakfast with Santa

**Saturday,
December 3, 2011
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

You, your family, neighbors and friends are invited for breakfast, a visit with Santa and crafts for the children to participate in and take home.

No fee, no reservations.

Navajo Lutheran Mission Project Fundraiser

The Navajo Lutheran Mission is an ELCA-affiliated non-profit community ministry seeking to meet the educational, health, social and spiritual needs of the Navajo People in Rock Point. A medical clinic, a school and an ELCA congregation are all expressions of the Mission.

For a number of years now the Sunday School of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has been a scholarship sponsor for a young lady named Tavaunia attending the Navajo Mission School. Last year, Tavaunia completed the 6th grade and moved on.

We are now supporting a young man named Armondo.

Please help our Sunday School Children support Armondo by participating in our gift tag event coming in December. Watch the announcements for further details!

Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias and Christmas trees will decorate Holy Trinity during Christmas. If you would like to contribute one or more poinsettia plants or a donation toward trees and decorations, please fill out the form which will be in the bulletin starting Sunday, November 6.

Contributions can be made as memorials or dedications.

Please include your check with the form.

November 20th is the last Sunday to submit your dedication.

Number of Poinsettia Plants

Red _____

White _____

Total for Poinsettias (\$8.00 each)

\$ _____

Christmas Tree and Decorations

\$ _____

Music

\$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____



A Special Way of Expressing Thanksgiving

On Saturday, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. in Rothenberg Hall, we are delighted to welcome International Health Partners US and Tanzania (www.ihptz.org) for a presentation hosted by Christian Connections for International Health (www.ccih.org). IHP is a non-governmental, non-profit organization formed to facilitate partnerships from all over the world with Tanzania to improve health care. IHP-US is a sister organization in the United States that helps to raise funds. IHP-TZ is an official NGO (non-governmental organization) in Tanzania that is on the ground working with the funds to develop the projects. All personnel at IHP are volunteers. Only the African staff is paid.



In Dodoma, IHP has a contract with St. John's University and supported the opening of a baccalaureate level nursing school, which has been open now for four years and has become the largest nursing school in the country with 324 students. IHP has also completed paying for land at Zinga, just north of Dar es Salaam, for a Pediatric AIDS Hospital.

In Mwanza, the East of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Lutheran Church donated a lovely 16-room complex for the beginning of a health center serving a catchment area of 186,000 people. Work continues toward developing the health center into a hospital. IHP is currently renovating a Women's Health and Birthing Center because this area has a high maternal and infant mortality rate. IHP is also building an eye and dental center to provide these important services and has completed an isolation ward. Efforts are also underway to begin a pediatric unit.

There is a broader focus. The Sukuma tribe, which is the major tribe in this area, is about 1% Muslim, 6% Christian, and all the rest tribal/traditional. When women become too old to go out into the forest to cut wood, they cook over dung (which is very high in urea), and their eyes become red and irritated and then infected. They are accused of being witches and killed, usually hacked to death. IHP would like to build a Women's Wisdom Center in order to offer to the tribe the alternative of letting the women come to a safe location within the hospital compound where they will be "hired." This large number of older women coupled with the large number of orphans due to parent deaths from AIDS make an ideal pairing of the Women's Wisdom Center with an orphanage. The orphanage will be constructed in the style of family groups with the older women fulfilling the role of grandmother.

Please invite others and join us in listening to and watching Denny and Paula Lofstrom's fascinating presentation about IHP's calling and work. As we experience the "thanks" in this Thanksgiving holiday for the many blessings we receive and share throughout the world, we may also discover unique ways in which we can "give."
Ann Foltz



TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
on Sunday, November 6th.

OWLS NEWS



OWLS celebrated Dick Jones's birthday at the October potluck. It was nice to see so many people attending on a beautiful fall day. We had made plans to have a picnic at Riverbend

Park on October 12 but they were rained out.

November birthdays will be celebrated with a potluck lunch on Wednesday, November 2, at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Plan to join us. We will be discussing a project for December.

Plans to go to historic Hanover, VA, were set aside until spring when we will go on a Saturday to attend the re-enactment of the 'Parsons Cause' in which Patrick Henry was the Chief Defense Lawyer and won the case. The case provided a forum for challenging the limits of England's power to control American colonial affairs i.e., how much the Parsons (ministers) were to be paid. They had been paid in tobacco. We will have a tour of the historic Hanover County courthouse and Hanover tavern and lunch. This trip will not be strictly for OWLS; anyone who is interested in Virginia history is invited to join us. Look for details later.

Jean Strandlie, OWLS Publicity



November 6, 13, & 20:

Dinner Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

Luther League 6:00 p.m.

November 12: Trinity Troop 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

November 19: Holy Hawks 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

November 27: Advent Dinner and Craft Event 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (dinner served at 6:00) No SNAHT

Lutherans Still Hold the Lead in Coffee Drinking



A recent phone conversation with a friendly employee of Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee provided the following information: Equal Exchange's faith-based coffee project has partnerships with twelve denominations, and the Lutheran Church is its *biggest* partner. Last year, Equal Exchange donated a total of \$150,000 to the twelve partnerships, with the Lutheran World Relief receiving \$58,000, more than one-third of that total. That represents a lot of cups of Lutheran coffee!

When you support the LWR Coffee Project, your purchase helps in a number of ways: to promote a fair price to the small farmers, to provide affordable advanced credit to the farmers, and to encourage practices that promote sustainable agriculture and protect biodiversity.

In addition, you get a delicious cup of coffee at a price much lower than retail. According to the Equal Exchange website, the 12-ounce coffees that are priced at \$6.50 on our shelves, sell for \$9.75 retail.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Linda Beaty & Karen Davis

Assisting Ministers: Terry Bathen, Charles Luoma-Overstreet, Anne Simmons, Deb Haynes, Tracy Green, Craig Davis

Lectors: Jeri Hesson

Ushers: Jeffrey Ihnen, Marcia Ihnen, Amy Loar, Eleanore Marcey, Maurice and Mary Bakke

Greeters: Jeri Hesson, Ursula Ermert-Jones

Acolytes: Lisa Konort, Matt McKay, Caroline Merkel, Charlene Franke, Sarah Haynes, Asa Meyer, Nate Green, Laura Hegemann, Greg Fleck, Alex Stone, Gary Grutzik, Rachel Kaczmarczyk

Thanksgiving Worship

November 23, 2011 – 7:30 pm
Graham Road United Methodist Church
2929 Graham Road
Falls Church, VA

Join in this annual ecumenical service of thanks and praise for our numerous blessings on the eve before Thanksgiving. The choirs of Graham Road and Holy Trinity will join together and refreshments will be served following the worship service.



Proposed Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Distributions

The MEF Committee met on October 2 and decided to recommend the following list of charitable gifts from interest and dividends on the Fund's investments. If you have any comments, please contact Terry or Linda Bathen at terrybathen@cox.net or (703) 698-8394. The Committee members also want to thank all those members of the congregation who submitted ideas and suggestions. Your participation in this annual process is critical.

ELCA Disaster Response in the U.S.	\$1,000
Health Center at Village of Hope in Haiti	\$1,500
Synod Support to Lutheran Church in El Salvador	\$1,000
Our Task Non-Profit Group	\$500
Acoustics Assessment & Improvements (HTLC)	\$800
Laurie Mitchell Employment Center	\$500
Senior Employment Resources	\$500
Christ Orphanage in Ghana	\$350
Caroline Furnace	\$500
Mar-Lu-Ridge	\$500
Youth Gathering in New Orleans	\$771
Eye Health Care & Glasses for Latin America	\$600
TOTAL	\$8,521

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 11:30 OWLS Potluck 6:00 Tai Chi 7:30 Christus Bells 7:30 AA	3 6:00 Miriam's Kitchen 10:00 Al-Anon 6:30 Parents of Multiples 7:30 Christus Choir rehearsal	4 7:30 Casey Cook recital	5 8:30 WELCA Book Club
6 9:00 Holy Communion 10:10 Sunday School 10:10 Forum 11:00 Holy Communion 11:30 Vietnamese Worship 12:30 Food for Body & Soul 5:30 SNAHT Dinner 6:00 Luther League	7 7:00 Boy Scouts	8	9 6:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Needlecrafters 7:30 Christus Bells 7:30 AA	10 6:00 Miriam's Kitchen 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Christus Choir rehearsal	11 Veteran's Day (church office closed) 7:30 Remembrance Day Vespers	12 9:30 Prayer Time 5:30 Trinity Troop
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27 8:30 Fair Trade Bazaar 9:00 Holy Communion 10:10 Sunday School 10:10 Forum 11:00 Holy Communion 11:30 Vietnamese Worship 4:30 Advent crafts & Dinner 6:00 Luther League	28 7:00 Boy Scouts	29	30 7:30 Christus Bells 7:30 AA			

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

November 4	Casey Cook's recital 7:30 p.m.
November 6	Daylight savings time ends
November 11	Veteran's Day—Church office closed
	Remembrance Day Vespers 7:30 p.m.
November 13	WELCA Thankoffering Sunday
November 20	Congregational Meeting 12:30 p.m.
November 23	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:30 (GRUMC)
November 24	Thanksgiving Day—Church office closed
November 27	Advent Dinner & Craft Event 4:30-7:30 (No SNAHT)
	Fair Trade returns to HTLC (shop early for Christmas)
December 3	Breakfast with Santa
December 4	Bishop Graham to speak at Forum
December 10	Decorate the Church 9:00 a.m.
December 11	Advent Concert
December 17	Christmas Program Rehearsal
December 18	Christmas Program — One 10 a.m. service
December 24	Worship at 4 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m.
December 25	One 10 a.m. worship service