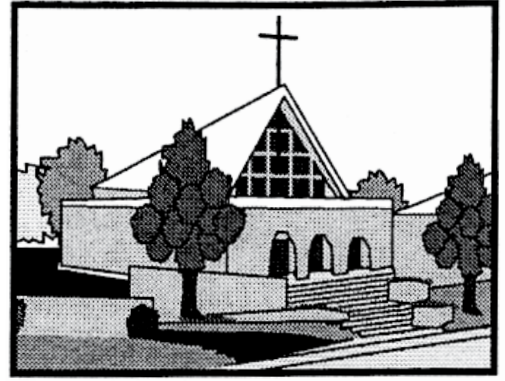


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church NEWS



October 2010

**They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
*Psalm 1:3***

The Psalmist proclaims, "Happy are they...who... delight in the law of the Lord...They are like trees planted by streams of water which yield their fruit in its season."

This image of a tree illustrates beautifully the importance of a life-long commitment to the study and appreciation of scripture. Those who delight in God's law are like strong, graceful, well-watered trees with fresh green leaves. In contrast, the wicked are like chaff, dried up, insubstantial, easily tossed and blown by the wind.

In September, we launched our Christian Education and Music programs. Much of our focus, and rightly so, is on the care and nurture of our young people in the faith. To this end we promote Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, Choir and Handbells as a way of rooting our young people near the living water of God's Word.

Those of us who are adults, however, must not neglect our own faith. All who have experience traveling on commercial airlines are no doubt familiar with the safety instructions that precede each flight. We are told that if we need to use oxygen masks during the flight we must first secure our own oxygen mask before securing that of our children. The reason for this is obvious. If the adults on board the plane are incapacitated by lack of oxygen they will be unable to assist their children.

This is also true with respect to our relationship to God's Word. We must nurture our children's study of scripture and we must nurture our own life of study and reflection on God's Word. Not only does this prepare us to accompany our young people as they grow in faith and begin to ask more complex and sophisticated questions, but it also strengthens our own faith life. We will become trees yielding the fruits of the Spirit described in Galatians 5, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

I urge you to set aside a portion of your week for your own immersion in the living water of God's Word. We offer a number of opportunities here at Holy Trinity. Join one of our women's circles as they work through this year's Women of the ELCA's Bible Study on Unity and Diversity. Try our Sunday afternoon Food for Body and Soul, which meets after our 11:00 am worship service from 12:15 pm to 1:30 pm. You may also want to join our Adult Forum, which meets from 10:10 am to 10:50 am on Sunday mornings. Groups like Faith Outside the Box and Theology on Tap also meet regularly to discuss books and topics of current interest.

Pastor Jane and I look forward to working with you as you nurture your faith life with study and reflection this next year. Please refresh your spirit with the living waters of God's Word!

Pastor Margrethe

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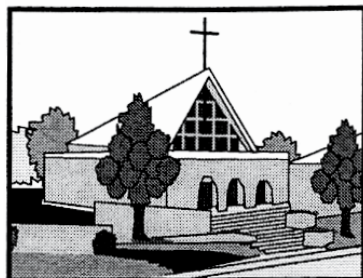
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PARISH NEWS

Farewell and Godspeed

--to **Tina and Erick Bertrand** and their son as they travel to Jordon for a two-year tour of duty. Their last day of worship was Sunday, August 29.
--to **Lola and Bernie Boehm** who are relocating to Ohio to be closer to their children. Their last day of worship with us was Sunday, September 19.

MANY THANKS

Indoor Workday

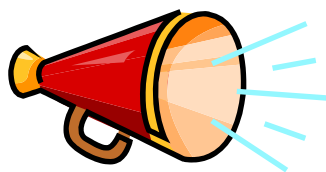
Hearty thanks to all who helped with our September 11 workday and set up for Rally Day: **Dave and Leona Badger, Arnold and Judy Baker, Bob and Sue Becker, Eric Chancellor, Casey Cook, Gina and Nick Jagim, Martha Kile, Susan Khorsand, Bob and Lynn Tedesco,** and **Lori Wicks.** Special recognition goes to **Dave Badger** for organizing this event. Thank you all!

**IN MEMORIAM ~
REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

--Dotti and Barrett Swink and family at the death of Dotti's sister Victoria Janet Raymond on Saturday, August 28, in Dickson, Tennessee. Victoria is survived by her husband Richard, four children, 11 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

--Jean Ball at the death of her cousin Barbara (Jones) Graber on September 20 in Waterville OH. Barbara grew up as a member of the Holy Trinity family along with her parents Alton and Virginia Jones and brother Bruce. Her funeral service was held in Ohio on September 15.





WELCOME TO NEW STAFF!

Mrs. Bernadine Jones-Gibbs, a native Virginian who has joined our staff on Sunday, September 12 as Nursery Attendant for both services, commutes to HT from her home in Leesburg. A graphic artist by degree, Bernadine enjoys handcrafts and bright colors as you will see from the bulletin board she decorated in the nursery, which incorporates handcrafts made by her very young charges each Sunday. Until her retirement, Mrs. Jones-Gibbs was a preschool teacher in Arlington and Falls Church, and she has had recent refresher courses in early childhood education as grandmother to her daughter's two daughters, ages 21/2 and 9 months. Her daughter, also an educator, teaches in the Loudon County public school system. In pursuing her interest in local history and as an outgrowth of her former work with the U.S. Forest Service, Mrs. Jones-Gibbs favors walking tours of sites such as Mt. Vernon and the recent Indian Festival at Riverbend Park in Great Falls. She plans to attend the upcoming art festival in historic Occoquan. We welcome her.

We are also delighted to have **Joan Buscher**, who joined the Holy Trinity staff as Parish Administrator on Monday, September 13. Joan commutes to HT from her home in Falls Church city where she resides with her husband; their two grown sons also live in the area. A native of the Arlington-Falls Church area, Joan brings a variety of experience. She has worked in both the government and private sectors as well as running her own day care and educational toy businesses. In her government career, Joan worked for the Department of the Navy in Arlington, VA. In her spare time, Joan enjoys gardening, listening to music, reading and following the Nationals baseball team. She also enjoys yoga and regular exercise. Joan enjoys cooking (when she has the time), being with family and friends and traveling near and far to see new sights. If your schedule permits, do visit the church office during business hours, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and welcome Joan on board.

BLESSING THE ANIMALS

The church commemorates St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation, and it has become a tradition to bless animals on his feast day. Bring all friendly pets to the church portico on Sunday, October 3rd, at 3:00 pm, for a special blessing. Treats for our furry and feathered friends will be provided.

FALL CLEAN UP: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bring work gloves, rakes, brooms, trimmers or other gardening tools to help with the fall clean up of Holy Trinity grounds. Coffee, donuts, and bottled water will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex or call **Barrett Swink** at fairfaxman@cox.net or 703-560-4880.

COFFEE AND DANISH WITH THE PASTOR

If you are a newcomer to Holy Trinity or if you are considering joining this community of faith, please join Pastor Margrethe for coffee and pastries on Saturday, October 16, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, in the Bible Room. This is an opportunity to learn more about Holy Trinity and our life together as well as to ask questions about Lutheranism. All are welcome!

OCTOBER'S TOPIC—Young Adults in Global Mission

Our guest speaker this month is Holy Trinity member **Heather LeMunyon**. Heather just returned from spending a year in South Africa through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program. She will share stories about her experience and offer her perspective on what it means to participate in God's mission in the 21st century. Join us in Sunday, October 17, in the sanctuary, from 10:10 to 10:50, as we learn about what God is doing in the world through Young Adults in Global Mission.

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR MARGRETHE

Saturday, October 23, at 2:00 pm

Joining us for the installation service as our guest preaching minister will be the Rev. Karla Wildberger. Pastor Karla and Pastor Margrethe were classmates at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and have been friends for 21 years. Currently, Pastor Wildberger serves as the Associate Director for Missions at Wartburg Seminary. In addition to serving congregations in South Dakota and California, Pastor Wildberger has worked with the Lutheran Church in Great Britain and with the Lutheran Church in Australia. Please join us for this special occasion in the life of our community.

INTRODUCING THE SUPER "SUPERS"!

If you have any questions about Sunday School, or if you see a family new to Holy Trinity looking for an orientation to our Sunday School program, please speak to one of our Sunday morning "Supers": **Martha Kile, Kim Grutzik, Linda Murphy, Heidi Merkel and Gina Jagim.** The super "Supers" provide support to the Sunday School program during that busy period between the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am services. You may also refer people to Kristi Poreda, who manages the Christian Education Center office during the Sunday morning education hour. A hearty thanks to Martha, Kim, Linda, Heidi, Gina and Kristi for their support of our education program!

FOOD FOR BODY AND SOUL PRESENTS...



Join us for a light lunch, food for the body, and Bible Study, food for the soul, on Sunday afternoons immediately following the 11:00 am worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Soup or salad and a sandwich, beverage and sweet (suggested donation \$10:00 per person) will be served. The Bible Study starts at about 12:30 pm and will end at 1:30 pm.

Gospel of Genesis: John English leads our current study on the Gospel of Genesis, exploring questions such as "Is Satan the cause of sin or is sin the cause of Satan?" This study will conclude on Sunday, October 17.

Hallelujah! Beginning on Sunday, October 31, Pastor Margrethe will lead a four-week Kerygma study on the scripture readings from the Advent/Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah. A second session on the Lenten portion of Handel's Messiah will follow in the spring of 2011. Course books for the Messiah study cost \$20.00 each. Checks may be made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

FAITH OUTSIDE THE BOX

Monday, October 4, 6:30 pm

We will meet in the Conference Room to continue our discussion of Krista Tippett's book "Einstein's God: Conversations about Science and the Human Spirit." The book is based on thirteen interviews in her Speaking of Faith NPR radio program. Contact John Bowen for more information.

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Some years ago, the Church Council approved the observance of certain holidays by the church staff. They are:

Martin Luther King Day
President's Day

New Years Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day

Columbus Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

GODSPEED AND FAREWELL TO SUSAN BLASKO

We said our good-byes to Susan Blasko whose last day was September 10th. Susan served Holy Trinity faithfully for seven years. Her gentle and gracious spirit touched our hearts and the HTLC members who worked with Susan over the years will miss her. May God bless her and open up new and exciting paths for her.

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The Teen Praise Band becomes "95": The praise band youth recently decided to rename the group "95." Yes, as in "the 95 theses" nailed up by Martin Luther!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FAIR TRADE COFFEE IS BACK

Holy Trinity's Book Club Coffee Project is once again offering LWR Fair Trade Coffee. Your old favorites are again on the shelves, as well as some new ones to try:

"Gumutindo" means "excellent quality" in the local Ugandan language of Lugisu. In partnership with Lutheran World Relief, the coffee farmers of the Gumutindo coffee cooperative in Uganda have dramatically improved the quality and quantity of their coffee after suffering from many years of conflict and political instability in their country. Lutheran World Relief has committed to supporting a four-year, \$450,000 project with Gumutindo. Approximately \$70,000 of that will come from LWR Small Farmer funds, which are generated by Lutheran congregations' purchases of Equal Exchange products. The project seeks to increase incomes and improve food security for more than 5,000 farmers.

Organic Sisters' Blend (available this year in whole bean and drip) honors women who are active in their coffee cooperatives. Sisters' Blend, a blend of beans from small farmer co-ops in Peru and Nicaragua, was inspired by the enthusiasm and leadership of Women

of the ELCA in supporting a program to double the amount of fair-trade coffee purchased by Lutherans through the LWR Coffee Project.

According to LWR, "Lutherans have been leading the charge in Fair Trade since 1996. Today, Lutherans are Equal Exchange's largest group of faith-based customers, purchasing more than 1,100 tons of coffee since the beginning of the project. For each pound of coffee purchased, Equal Exchange contributes 20 cents to the LWR Small Farmer Fund for projects supporting small-scale farmers and their families, resulting in over half a million dollars to date."

"I want to thank all of the congregations that purchase our coffee. Thanks to you, we have a seed of hope in our lives," says Jose Luis Castillo Vasquez, a coffee farmer from El Salvador.

Look for Holy Trinity's Book Club Coffee Shelves next to the side door leading into the sanctuary.



OWLS NEWS

OWLS (OLDER, WISER, LOVING SOULS)

Fellowship to continue on the first Wednesday of each month with potluck at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Birthdays, Balloons, Bingo (or Board games), and prizes. The next event will be Wed., Oct 6 and we will celebrate everyone's birthday in 2010. All ages are welcome to join us. Bring a potluck dish. Dessert and drinks furnished by the committee. Plan to attend, and join in the fun of singing happy birthday to ALL in attendance. Sign up in narthex, or call **Leona 703 573-1708** or **Jean 703 354-5610** for further information.

Plans for coming months include a birthday celebration each month to honor OWLS born in those months. Watch the Sunday bulletins for details.

Reformation Day



All Saints Day

As we get deep into the tail end of the green season, the Season of Pentecost in the church calendar, we sometimes take the opportunity to celebrate some of the “Lesser Festivals” of the church. We might do that, most usually, when the Lesser Festival actually falls on a Sunday. In a few cases, we celebrate the Lesser Festival on Sunday regardless of the day of the week on which it actually falls.

These festivals are “lesser” only in the sense of the great importance placed in our regular liturgical practices. Every Sunday’s worship is a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, so we don’t set aside that normal worship emphasis without good reason. The Lesser Festivals mark and celebrate events in the life of Christ, Christ’s presence in the lives of the saints, or prominent remembrances of the church. Observing these Lesser Festivals is a way of recovering and upholding the sense of the communion of saints that is so important to our understanding of the church.

Two of those festivals are coming up at the end of this month – Reformation Day (October 31) and All Saints Day (November 1). The rubrics that control these matters instruct that it is appropriate to celebrate the former on the Sunday before October 31 as Reformation Sunday and the latter on the Sunday after November 1 as All Saints Sunday. This has been the usual practice at Holy Trinity.

This year Reformation Day actually falls on a Sunday, so Reformation Sunday will be October 31. That means that All Saints Sunday will be November 7. But we could also choose to celebrate those Sundays as the 23rd and 24th Sundays After Pentecost, respectively.

Reformation Sunday is one of those festivals of a prominent remembrance of the church. In this case, we celebrate all the trouble that Martin Luther made for the church back in the 16th century and all the good reform that resulted. We do it with a Gospel focus on finding true freedom in God’s good grace. The occasion also affords an opportunity to sing Luther’s hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” which is, perhaps all by itself, a sufficient reason to favor this Lesser Festival over the celebration of 23rd Pentecost. Back in 1985, there was a Lutheran Day of Protest at the South African Embassy on Massachusetts Avenue drawing attention to the apartheid policies of that nation. The Lutherans wanted to sing “A Mighty Fortress” as their protest song. The event’s organizers urged the standard, “We Shall Overcome,” worried that the police might not make arrests without that offensive song being sung. The Lutherans insisted that no song is more offensive to the powers of evil than “A Mighty Fortress.” In the end, they sang both, and they did get arrested.

All Saints Sunday is a festival that recognizes the presence of the Christ in the lives of the saints and the powerful contribution to our faith made by those followers of Christ who have gone before us. Often we sing on this day, “For All the Saints,” a hymn written in 1864 by Anglican Bishop William Howe and given a new tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1906. Here’s what we mean about these Lesser Festivals helping us to grasp the importance of the communion of the saints:

Oh blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one, within your great design.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

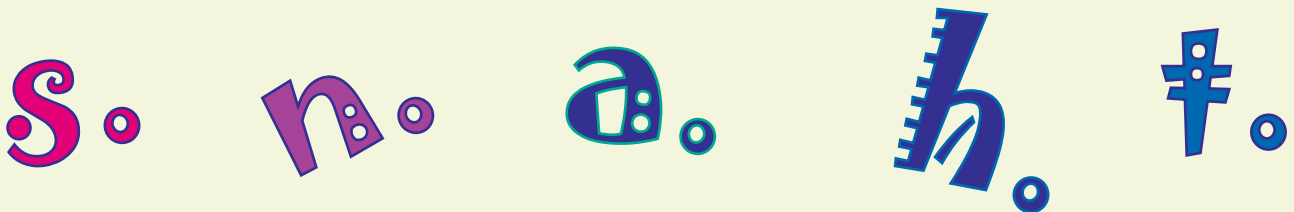
John English

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

	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)

- OCTOBER**
- 3 CC PB TR LL
 - 9 HOLY TRINITY HAYRIDE (BUTLER'S ORCHARD)
(Sat) see sign up sheet for time info.
 - 10 TT CC PB TR LL
 - 17 CONF CC PB TR LL
 - 23 HOLY HAWKS (dinner & meeting)
(Sat)
 - 24 CC PB TR LL
 - 30 Rehearsal for Heroes of the Faith (8:30am-10:00am)
(Sat)
 - 31 NO S.N.A.H.T. CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL MEET
 - 31 HEROES OF THE FAITH (skits performed during the Sunday School hour)
- NOVEMBER**
- 7 CONF CC PB TR LL
 - 14 CC PB TR LL
 - 21 ADVENT DINNER AND CRAFT EVENT 5:00-7:00
NO S.N.A.H.T. CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL MEET
 - 27 HOLY HAWKS (dinner & meeting)
(Sat)
 - 28 TT CC PB TR LL
- DECEMBER**
- 3rd-5th CHRYSALIS (High School Retreat / Fri - Sun)
 - 4 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
(Sat)
 - 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.





HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

Lutherans celebrate the last Sunday in October as Reformation Sunday, the “birthday” of the Lutheran Church, to remind us of the time that Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This month the books about the Reformation and about Martin Luther and his writings will be pulled from their normal places on the library bookcases and put on the shelf above the computer. **Come check them out!**

1. “In the Footsteps of Martin Luther” by M.A. Kleeberg and Gerhard Lemme. Biography.
 2. “The Last Days of Luther” translated and annotated by Martin Ebon. Includes articles by Theodore G. Tappert, Justus Jonas, Michael Coelius, and others. Biography.
 3. “Martin - God’s Court Jester: Luther in Retrospect” by Eric W. Gritsch. Biography.
 4. “Luther Alive: Martin Luther and the Making of the Reformation” by Edith Simon. 270.6
 5. “Martin Luther’s Little Instruction Book (A Classic Treasury of Timeless Wisdom and Reflection).” 813
 6. “Love for the Neighbor in Luther’s Theology: The Development of Luther’s Thought, 1512-1529” by Donald Ziemke. 241
 7. “Luther: Right or Wrong?” by Harry J. McSorley. An ecumenical-theological study of Luther’s major work, “The bondage of the will.” 123
 8. “Luther and Culture” by George W. Forell. (Contents: Luther and Politics by George W. Forell; Luther and Education by Harold J. Grimm; Luther and Music by Theodore Hoelty-Nickel.) 270.6
 9. “Luther and the Mystics” by Bengt R. Hoffman. A re-examination of Luther’s spiritual experience and his relationship to the mystics. 230.4
 10. “The Mature Luther” by Theodore G. Tappert, Willem J. Kooiman, and Lowell C. Green. (Contents: Luther in His Academic Role by Theodore G. Tappert; Luther’s Later years by Willem J. Kooiman; and Luther and Melanchthon by Lowell C. Green). 270.6
 11. “The World and Men around Luther” by Walter G. Tillmanns. 270.6
 12. “Luther in the 20th Century” by Peter Brunner and Bernard J. Holm 270.6
 13. “Carlstadt’s Ordinaciones and Luther’s Liberty: A Study of the Wittenberg Movement, 1521-22” by James S. Preus. 274.3
 14. “Faith Active in Love: An Investigation of the Principles Underlying Luther’s Social Ethics” by George Wolfgang Forell. 270.6
 15. “Obedient Rebels: Catholic Substance and Protestant Principle in Luther’s Reformation” by Jaroslav Pelikan. 270.6
 16. “My Conversations with Martin Luther in Which I Learn About God, Faith, Marriage, Sexuality, Family, Education, War, Spirituality, Church Life, the Future, Ecumenism, Politics, Heaven, and Other Things, Too” by Timothy F. Lull. 230.41
 17. “The Reformation, Then and Now” by Charles S. Anderson. 270.6
 18. “Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther” by Roland H. Bainton. Biography
 19. “A Mighty Fortress: Biography of Martin Luther” by Norman E. Nygaard. Biography
 20. “The World of Martin Luther” by Merle Severy. National Geographic. 270.6
- And for the younger crowd:**
21. “A God Who Likes Me: Martin Luther’s Search for a Gracious God” by Theodore Huggenvik. Youth Biography
 22. “Martin Luther” by Judith O’Neill. Children’s Biography.
 23. “Martin Luther: Giant of Faith” by Lily M. Gyldenvand. Children’s Biography.
 24. “Reformation: A Picture Story of Martin Luther” by Dietrich Steinwede. Y 284.1
 25. “Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World” by Paul L. Maier. Children’s Biography.

Mary Bowen, HT Librarian

LIBRARY RENOVATION

You may have noticed that our library has been under construction. **Bob Tedesco** has been repairing the walls and painting the room. A grant from our Mission Endowment fund will permit us to re-carpet. A thousand thanks to Bob for his extraordinary efforts!

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE (continued)

- **The Candle Followers** from the Antolik Children
- **-The Candle Joiners** from Junior Lutherans of 1965
- **The Candle Lighter** in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterson (grandparents) by James E. Peterson.
- **Offering Plates** in loving memory of Pastor J.N. Marxen and Mr. H. J. Speetzen by Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Speetzen and Tom.
- **Receiving Basins** in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterson (parents) by Edwin H. and Elvera V. Peterson.
- **The Sacristy Furnishings** to the honor and glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Crider, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Blank, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Johnson, and Junior Lutherans of 1965; in loving memory of Mrs. Ruth Leona Reedy by her grandson, Wayne Reedy.
- **The Altar Window** to the honor and glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis.
- **The Nave Lighting Fixtures** in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Otto R. Zaufft by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Zaufft.
- **Music Strand** and **Reserved Seat Markers** by Mr. and Mrs. George T. Dellert, Jr.
- **The Clerestory Windows**
 - In loving memory of our son, James William Blythe II, by his parents and friends.
 - In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ganster by their daughter, Mrs. Melba Burroway and family.
 - In loving memory of Mr. Frank W. Teufer by Mr. and Mrs. John Dinselbacher.
 - In loving memory of Suzanna Turan, beloved Mother of Mrs. Lillian Hill, by Mr. and Mrs. Wellman A. Hill and son Michael, and friends.
 - In loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. Ole J. Kvale and Paul John Kvale by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Kvale.
 - In loving memory of Karen Erie Schoenborn by her friends.
 - In loving memory of Beatrice Zierdt by Mr. Herbert E. Zierdt and friends.
 - To the honor and glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Disler, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Disler and son, John, Mr. J. Donald Edwards, and Brigadier General Stewart E. Reimel.

ARTS AND CRAFTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

NVHG Fall Festival at the Ernst Cultural Center at NVCC Annandale

Sixty local artisans of the Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild will be displaying their fine arts and crafts at the 1st annual NVHG Fall Festival Craft Showcase in the Ernst Cultural Center NVCC; 8333 Little River Turnpike; Annandale, VA 22003. The show dates and times are Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.00. Check us out nvhg.org.

Third Annual Arts and Craft Show at South Run RECenter

Experience the world of arts and crafts by more than 50 artisans at the third annual Arts and Crafts Show at South Run RECenter. The event takes place on Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. and Sunday, October 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafters will tempt shoppers with everything from beautiful jewelry to intricate woodworking. Other crafting categories include photography, painting, glasswork, clothing, dolls and pottery to mention just a few.

This is an annual favorite for folks looking for holiday gifts and unique hand crafted items. The show has been juried by the Northern Virginia Hand Crafters Guild, ensuring the highest quality from the vendors, all of whom are members of the guild. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

Admission is \$2 for everyone over 13 years of age, and free for children 12 and under. Children six and older can be dropped off for fun activities and crafts in the field house. Children five and younger can attend with a parent. For more information, contact South Run at 703-866-0566.

Directions: South Run RECenter is in Springfield. Located on the Fairfax County Parkway, South Run is easily accessible from all directions.

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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?" It merits investigation, using biblical texts (central to our Lutheran understanding of faith), and intentional ways of communicating together about some important issues in our faith community. In their introduction to this study the husband and wife Pastors Seyenkulo write:

"We are very happy and honored to be able to do this study. We love the church, we love Jesus, and we love a good discussion—especially one that involves our favorite book, the Bible, and topics that challenge and provoke us to think deeply. We also know how difficult it can be to stay engaged when presented with opinions that differ from our own. Like others, we have found ourselves wanting to be silent to keep the peace or to avoid the person with whom we disagree. But we have found that when we have the courage to stay engaged, we come away having learned and grown in meaningful relationships. We think this is vitally important for our growth as people of faith."

This month's lesson is entitled "Body of Christ" based on 1 Corinthians 12:25-31. It is found in the October issue of *Lutheran Women Today*, a copy of which is available in the HT library for copying until you can order a subscription. Thanks to Pastor Margrethe

for leading the initial study in this year's series after the salad supper on Monday, September 20, in Fellowship Hall; and thanks to all who brought food to share and participated in the study. Following are the dates, times and locations for October's three opportunities to explore this topic.

Miriam Bible Study will meet the third Monday of the month October 18, at 7:15 p.m. in the Bible Room. Contacts are Joy Wells or Carol Sukow.

Lydia Bible Study will meet the fourth Thursday, October 28, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact: Judy Baker.

Naomi will meet the fourth Sunday, October 25, 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, October 2, at the home of Carol Barney to discuss *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Breakfast is served at 8:30 and the discussion begins at 9:00 or 9:15. Please RSVP to Carol at 703-525-1162 or Carol900@verizon.net. Planning ahead, we will meet on November 6 at the home of Carol Sukow to discuss *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf. If you would like to be included in the notices of Book Club selections and activities, please contact Mary Newton at newtonmm@live.com to be added to the E-mail list.

Book Club-sponsored sales of Fair Trade coffee and chocolate are underway from the shelves in the narthex at the side sanctuary door. This year's selection includes a new coffee flavor, Gumutindo; an article attached to the shelves tells how Gumutindo got its name—check it out. When the

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weather cools somewhat, the Book Club also will be offering chocolate bars, this year with or without nuts.

Knitting and Crochet Ministry: Everyone is invited to join the Knitting and Crochet Ministry of Holy Trinity. We will meet Saturday, October 16, at 9 am in the Bible Room. This is a great way to learn to knit or crochet or to increase your skills and trade ideas. Join us and bring a friend. Our September meeting was devoted to planning for and beginning the assembly of three gift baskets of knitted items (two for babies and one Fun and Fancy) for donation to the NOVACO fall fund raiser to be held October 16.

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

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

Needle Crafters: You are invited to bring your craft of choice (quilting, embroidery, beading, jewelry making, mending, or knitting) and join other Needlecrafters in Rothenberg Hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in Rothenberg Hall, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. 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 NeedleCrafters. Upcoming dates: October 13 and 27. Contact Judy Baker (703-237-8717) for more information.

ALL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Laughter is a Gift from God, a retreat for the women of the Metro DC and Virginia Synods, will be held at the Holiday Inn, Harrisonburg, VA, October 22- 24. The retreat leader is Pastor Jean Bozeman, Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod. The registration fee of \$90 should be sent to Lohre Holter, 9068 Tiffany Park Ct., Springfield, VA 22152. Make the check payable to " All Lutheran Women's Retreat". Call the Holiday Inn at 888-465-4329 to make room reservations for \$93.25 per night, mention you are part of the All Lutheran Women's Retreat to receive this special rate. The registration deadline is September 22. Need more information? Please contact Marcia Ihnen at mcihnen@aol.com or 703-979-5570.

Mark Your Calendars!!

October

- 3 - Blessing of the Animals
- 9 - Family Hayride
- 16 - Coffee & Danish with the Pastors
- 17 - Of the Land and Seasons Worship Setting
- 23 - Pastor Margrethe's Installation

November

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



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