

Luthertidings

June, 2011

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Raleigh, North Carolina
A Reconciling in Christ congregation

Out of a broken and divided world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.



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HOLY TRINITY WILL BE REPRESENTED



at the 2011 NC Synod Assembly to be held at Lenoir Rhyne University, **June 2-4**, in **Hickory**, NC. Voting members from Holy Trinity to this assembly include: Donna Hanna, Chuck Korte, Sam Mozley, Medard Singa, Vickie Williams, and Pastors Alexander, Holmes and Yount. In addition to workshops that cover a myriad of subjects, the assembly is the annual site for ordinations and annual reports on the life of the church in our portion of the ELCA. Bishop Leonard Bolick will preside at the business meetings of this gathering. The NC Synod is one of the 65 synods that comprise the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and, as its name implies, covers our whole state.

PASTOR JUSTIN AND KARI ELLER, members of Holy Trinity who serve as ELCA Global **Missionaries** in La Paz, **Bolivia**, will be our special guests on **Sunday, June 5**, at both services. Pastor Eller will bring the **sermon** message that day and present at the **adult forum at 9:45am** a view of the work he has been involved with in South America since his ordination. This is an exciting time and opportunity to get to speak face-to-face with one of our church's active missionaries home on furlough. Don't miss it!

TABLE TALK WEDNESDAYS happens again this month on **Wednesday, June 8th**, starting with **Holden Evening Prayer at 5:45pm**. A

catered **supper** follows at **6:15pm** (cost is **\$6**) in the fellowship hall. Bring your friends and neighbors to share in this worship and fellowship in a different setting. It's a great chance to share our faith!

CONFIRMATION CAMP HAPPENS

beginning **Sunday, June 12th**. The group will gather at **2:45pm** in the church parking lot to **leave** for **Camp Agape'** (outside Fuquay-Varina), the site of this five day experience. Included in this year's group are: Spencer Kurdian, Dylan Lippe, Alistair McWilliam, Haley Lippe, and Laura Windom. The group returns on Friday afternoon around 3:30pm.



DAYSPRING GATHERS TO HEAR PASTOR LARRY!

On Wednesday, **June 15th**, Dayspring will hold its last meeting before summer at **Noon** that day with a catered lunch (**\$5**). The program for this meeting will be Pastor Larry's sharing of his **sabbatical experiences** from last summer (2010). Be sure to make your reservation for this meal and come for this great fellowship!



SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE ON JUNE 19TH!

In order to accommodate our worship needs and the Historic Commemorative Church Service that day, we will have a brief Service of **Holy Communion that morning at 8:30am in Gethsemane Chapel**. The historic worship service will take place at **10am**. Invite your family and friends to this "historic" event.





JUNE BRINGS CELEBRATION!

This month in which we traditionally welcome the Summer Solstice this year brings us festival after festival almost from the start! The Second of June in 2011 is the Day of the Ascension in which the church remembers Christ's assumption into heaven in the presence of his disciples. June the Twelfth brings us to the Day of Pentecost when the Christian Church was formed by the power of the Holy Spirit and the willingness of Jesus' spineless followers to step out and risk proclaiming Christ crucified and resurrected. June Nineteenth, a week later, we will gather on the Day of the Holy Trinity to remember our heritage as a congregation that has been in Raleigh for virtually a century and to give thanks! The Day of the Holy Trinity is unique in that it is the only day in the Church Year that celebrates a doctrine of the church—i.e. The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity which states that God has revealed **Godself** to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Just ask any of my 8th grade **confirmands**, they will tell you all about their "Trinitarian faith."

Yet, this trio of festivals is a part of a parade of celebrations which we can mark in a variety of ways. The parade doesn't just begin this month. Remember Easter and the resurrection faith we celebrated not only on Easter Sunday, but also on every Sunday thereafter for a total of seven Sundays. Then there were the two Services of Resurrection which we had the privilege of hosting here at Holy Trinity for member Frans Lowell Victorson (May 25) and Pastor Steve Gerhard (May 29). What a powerful way to underscore the reality of resurrection in the life of the Christian! What better way to touch the ground of our faith in moments like that!

It's true that we often look for milestones to commemorate passages and moments of accomplishment in our lives. Birthdays, anniversaries, new job parties, retirement parties, surprise parties—they all ring true to our human nature to recall the significant moments of our lives in order to give us the gift

of memories that are a kind of grace after we have passed those milestones. But I wonder if we need stop there. In the front of our worship book, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, pages 15-17, is a list by month of Lesser Festivals and Commemorations by which we remember and give thanks for the witness of Christians throughout the centuries. When you look at that list, you find some remarkable people who expressed their faith in a variety of creative ways. You and I are a part of that list, actually, by virtue of our baptisms. That gift of grace is with us all of our lives and includes us with "all the saints" in the eternal Church of Jesus Christ!

At the end of this past month of May, we celebrated the inclusion of two of our faithful into the heavenly "communion of saints"—Frans Victorson and Pastor Steve Gerhard. Their part in our community of faith were from different time frames in the history of our congregation. But our celebrations of their new and resurrected life in Christ reminds us all that we, too, are a part of that fellowship! It's another aspect of our Christian lives for which we can give thanks!

So, as we enter this summer time together, if you have a spare moment or three in which to reflect—and I hope that you do or you are too busy!—let us think about the moments, the people, the gifts, the possibilities, the blessings we have and let's celebrate them! Celebrate them with the same gusto our Centennial Committee is planning to celebrate our 100 years as a church family starting June 19th! Celebrate all these things BIG and small, and remember to include God as the target for your gratitude for so many graces! It is, after all, an Easter way of life!

In Christ,

Pastor Jount



**Holy Trinity
Evangelical Lutheran Church
Leadership**

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Stewardship:	John Russ
Thanksgiving and Memorials:	John Franke
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Honoring Our Graduates



High School Graduates

Emily Morgan is a graduate of Enloe HS and plans to attend UNC Chapel Hill with a major in pediatric nursing. She is the daughter of Betty and Paul Morgan.

Kelvin Mulebya is a graduate of Athens Drive HS and plans to attend UNC Chapel Hill with a major in nursing. He is the son of Betty Chaula.

Garrett Pedersen is a graduate of St. David's School and plans to attend UNC Chapel Hill with a major in High School Math Education. He is the son of Tom and Norma Pedersen and the grandson of James and Thelma Rhodes.

College Graduates

Heather Coley is a graduate of University of NC School of the Arts with a Master of Fine Arts degree in Performing Arts Management. She is exploring all options for work, and she is the daughter of Bill and Charlotte Coley.

Carrie Ann Harrell is a graduate of UNC Asheville with a BA in Psychology and minors in Neuroscience & Biology. She is the daughter of Carol Anne Harrell.

Matthew Harrell is a graduate of Boston University with a Master of Science and Business Administration. He is the son of Carol Anne Harrell.

Anne Keyworth graduated *summa cum laude* from UNC Greensboro in Public Health and will be interviewed in Boston for AmeriCorps. She is the daughter of Vicar Richard and Amy Keyworth.

Laura Keyworth graduated from NC State with a degree in Animal Science and hopes to go into K-9 Law Enforcement. She is the daughter of Vicar Richard and Amy Keyworth.

Amy Leonhardt VanHook is a graduate with *high honors* from Southwestern Community College, Sylva, NC with a Paralegal degree. She is working for Jones, Key, Melvin & Patton, P.A. *Noteworthy:* Amy got this degree while taking care of her three sons and during the time that her husband was in Afghanistan. She is the



What Is a “Cureleader”?



A “**cureleader**” is someone who **supports** the thousands of **runners and walkers during the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure!** Come out the morning of **Saturday, June 11**, and cheer on those who are participating in this national event to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research. Our church is right in the middle of the race/walk route. More than **20,000 participants** come down Clark Avenue and turn onto Brooks in front of Holy Trinity. Last year, the Deborah Circle formed a team and walked the 5K, raising more than \$1,000 for the cause. *“I remember how amazing it was to walk with my friends and see all the people lining the street, cheering us on. There was music, laughter, colors, water sprinklers... it hardly felt like I walked three miles.”* Holy Trinity can take advantage of this wonderful day and show support by having a group of volunteers in front of the church **shaking pom-poms, dancing with the walkers, maybe even blowing bubbles.** It’s a fun and emotional time. Come be a part of it. If you are interested, please contact **Mandy Danchi** .

Be Part of the Cure!



Save the **Are You Able? ttee & Women of the ELCA Workday Planned**

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 4** – the date of the next church work day. From **8am until noon**, we’ll be getting our church grounds ready for summer by spreading mulch, trimming bushes and pulling weeds. Bring lawn care tools, wheelbarrows and work gloves. If you prefer indoor work, plan to join the Women of the ELCA, who will be scrubbing our church kitchen until it shines. Bring rubber gloves, a pail and rags to help with that project. For more information, contact Merrilee Jacobson.

PLM Families Together Golf Tournament



PLM Families Together has been designated as a seller of passes to the **Rex Hospital Open**, a **PGA** sanctioned golf tournament to be held at beautiful **Wakefield Plantation, June 9-12** (www.rexhospitalopen.com). **All proceeds from passes sold by PLMFT go to PLMFT.** The laminated **\$10 pass**, admits you to any or all of the four days. Children to age 16 are admitted free if accompanied by an adult. Gates open at 8am. Please, even if you are not a golf fan or will be unable to go, purchase one or two passes and give them away. During the tournament there will be a booth where those attending can get information about PLM Families Together and its important mission. PLM-FT’s board members from Holy Trinity are Knowles Parker and Jim Connelly. A supply of passes is in the church office. *Thank you for your support!*

From the Church Archives Luthertidings, May 3, 1982

Parish Happenings
29 Years Ago at Holy Trinity

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

“Spring is here and most of us are making our summer plans. A major activity at Holy Trinity will be Vacation Church School, June 21 – 25, 9:30am – Noon. Classes will be held for children three years old (by October 16, 1981) through sixth grade. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Adults and youth will be needed to teach and assist. Get your request in early for your choice of positions. Call Nancy Grush or Ann Troutman, co-directors.”

Sue Marks
Church Historian





Summer Sunday School Kick-Off!

June 5 at 9:45am

Children's Ministry families, children's Sunday Church School teachers, and the congregation are invited to join us on the front lawn on June 5 during the SCS hour (9:45am) for fun and games as we celebrate the end of the traditional SCS year and the beginning of Summer Sunday School (SSS). This year our theme for SSS will be the Jesse Tree. We will learn about God's promises, God's faithfulness, and God's love for us by hearing the stories of the Biblical matriarchs and patriarchs of our faith. Bring your lawn games and outdoor toys and get ready to "Jump into the Jesse Tree!"



Summer Sunday School
June 12-August 28



All children, 2 years old through 5th grade, are invited to join us in the fellowship hall during the SSS hour (9:45-10:45) on Sunday mornings throughout the summer as we Jump into the Jesse Tree. Don't miss out on this summer-long faith formation event. There will be no SSS on June 19 nor July 3. The last day of SSS will be August 28.

Children's Ministry Movie Night

June 18, 6pm

All Children's Ministry families are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on June 18 for a movie. Bring a snack or drink to share and camp chairs. Children are invited to attend in their PJs and bring their sleeping bags to watch the movie. Bring your friends and neighbors!



Senior Recognition Sunday
June 5th at 8:15am Service

On this special Sunday, HTELC recognizes the class of 2011! While we celebrate the achievements of those who are graduating this year, we have a special annual celebration for our high school graduates, the "Quillow" Ceremony. This ceremony will be held at the 8:15am service on June 5 with a reception to follow in the Emily Kees Pavilion.



T-Rex Olympics !!!
June 5, 6-8pm



It's back! All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to come to the fellowship hall for pizza and our end-o-the-year activity — the T-Rex Olympics. Bring your friends, bring your game face, and bring either a bag of chips, a bag of candy, or a bottle of juice or soda.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

As important as our physical birthdays are, we are reminded that our baptismal birthdays are even more important. For that reason we have included **baptismal birthdays in bold** for our younger members (birth through senior high school).

June Wedding Anniversaries

Please let the office know if your anniversary information is missing or incorrect.



Centennial Celebration News

Faithful Beginnings—June 19th Re-enactment Service to Commemorate the First Lutheran Worship Service in Raleigh

In 1911, Ronald Reagan was born and William Taft was President. The average house cost \$4,800; only 8% percent of homes had telephones; and only 14% had bathtubs. That year, the first aerial photo was taken in the U.S. The population of Raleigh was 19,218. This was a time of peace and relative innocence: our country had not yet seen the horrors of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, or the age of terrorism.

There was **no** Lutheran Church in Raleigh.

On April 4, 1911, the Reverend Jacob L. Morgan, missionary, made a trip to Raleigh and visited what was then A. & M. College, where he met “three students of faith,” who introduced him to a “few others.” After two more trips to Raleigh and a meeting with the North Carolina Synod in Wilmington, all in May 1911, Pastor Morgan rented a house at 503 North Person Street and prepared to move his wife Virginia and three young children to Raleigh. His plan was to start the first Lutheran congregation in Raleigh.

On Sunday, July 2, 1911 in the Chamber of Commerce room in the upstairs of the Briggs hardware building on Fayetteville Street, the Reverend Morgan led the first Lutheran worship service in Raleigh. There were seven people in attendance, including the Morgan family of five. The order of service was from the Book of Worship. Although they had no organ, the group sang three hymns, including Rock of Ages. They

did not celebrate Communion because that was considered “too Catholic.” Pastor Morgan preached from the Gospel of Luke, focusing on the parable of the lost coin. We know these details and others because Pastor Morgan had a life-long discipline of keeping meticulous notes, and July 2nd was no exception.

And so it began, as detailed in the script for the re-enactment of that first Lutheran service. *Faithful Beginnings* was written by Francine Stephenson based on painstaking research by several dedicated members of Holy Trinity.

On **Sunday, June 19, at 10am**, we will commemorate this inaugural service, weaving its re-enactment with our regular Sunday worship service. The re-enactment will reflect the 1911 service as closely as possible, ranging from the details of the sermon, to the style of singing, to the costumes. The bulletin for the day will also be in keeping with the 1911 service and will be annotated to provide additional insight. During this single service, we will celebrate our history and learn more about it as we worship in *Faithful Fellowship Under the Cross*. We will not only be witnesses to what happened on July 2, 1911; we will also be participants as we join in celebration with the re-enactors of *Faithful Beginnings*. This important service is significant in that it will bring together past and present; it will be both a joyous and solemn occasion.

Current and former HTELC members will not want to miss this first event in our year-long Centennial Celebration and will want to worship as we did 100 years ago. A reception will follow the service, providing an opportunity to visit with the cast (Sam Mozley, Merrilee Jacobson, Tom Lunsford, Warren Keyes, and Jack, Claire, and Christopher Phillips), crew, and musicians. We also expect to have the honor of hosting and visiting with members of the Morgan family. We were able to locate 25 members of Pastor Morgan’s extended family, all of whom have been invited to celebrate with us. We know that those who are able will join us June 19th. We



encourage you to issue your own invitations, not only to former HTELC members and fellow Lutherans, but to anyone with an interest in history, and especially in the history of Raleigh and the Lutheran Church.

The worship service on July 2, 1911 was just the beginning. A year later, on July 7, 1912, Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was chartered with 12 members. The Church grew and relocated to a new building on the corner of Boylan Avenue and Hillsborough Street in 1915. Pastor Morgan faithfully served Holy Trinity until 1919, when he was called to be the first full-time President of the North Carolina Synod. Although said to be quiet and introspective, Pastor Morgan led Holy Trinity in its infancy and helped it to flourish.¹

In the same way, Holy Trinity, while thriving itself, has served as a Mother Church, sponsoring the establishment of eight mission churches in Durham, Raleigh, Cary, Garner, Cherokee, and Fuquay-Varina. There are now twelve Lutheran churches in the Raleigh-Durham area. As past and present come together, we are also called to look toward the future of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

*Faithful Beginnings, Faithful Fellowship
Under the Cross...*

¹As a result of his diaries, his collection of sermons, family interviews, and other records, we know a lot about Pastor Morgan and his family. For further information about this compelling and faithful pastor and his family, see the bulletin boards and display case in the education building.

— Deborah Blank
Publicity Team, Centennial Celebration

**Save the Dates for
Centennial Celebration Events**

1. Reenactment Service **June 19 at 10am**
2. Celebrating 100 Years of Faithful Fellowship Service **October 30 at 3:30pm**
3. Gala Dinner and Worship Service **July 7-8, 2012**

Coffee Prices to Increase in July

Larry's Beans has notified us that coffee prices have gone up again. Coffee bean inventory is at a 10-year low in the USA while at the same time demand continues to grow by about 3% per year. The Missions Committee will increase the price of coffee in July. A 16-ounce bag of **regular and decaf coffee will be \$12**. We will still offer tea for \$8 per box. 100% of the money raised each month will go directly to support a variety of projects in Nicaragua. Through these projects, Holy Trinity has continued a commitment to serve the Global World by helping our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua.



Bibles for Madagascar

The Missions Committee and many saints at HTELC have provided a total of **\$380 to purchase Bibles** in the Malagasy language to be distributed to poor Christian families in Antsiranana, Mialy's hometown in Madagascar. Thank you for your lavish contribution! I'll bring you news and photos! To the glory of God and to the spread of the Gospel of Christ, thank you again!

— Mialy Rabe



**Churches for
Middle East Peace**

Update as of May 13

“President Obama is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Netanyahu on May 20th to discuss prospects for Israeli-Palestinian peace. The Prime Minister will then address a joint meeting of Congress on May 24th. Most informed observers are guarded about the possibility of political breakthroughs. Netanyahu is expected to emphasize that peacemaking is complicated by the agreement that includes Hamas, which is designated as a terrorist organization by the US and others. However, those from Palestine say this is no longer a significant case. Nevertheless, the president & the prime minister have much to discuss, as the Israeli-Palestinian diplomacy is being driven by the impending vote in September by the UN General Assembly in recognizing a Palestinian state based upon the 1967 border. For more information go to info@cmep.org.”



URBAN MINISTRIES
OF WAKE COUNTY

The One Ton Club

On February 1 Holy Trinity received special recognition for our support of the Urban Ministries Food Pantry. We are now members of **The One Ton Club** for our **2010** contributions of **322 bags of food** totaling more than **4,569 lbs.** You're right, that's actually over two tons! Those of you who have supported this program should know that this emergency food has renewed lives and restored hope for scores of families in Wake County who face hunger or food insecurity. We received a certificate in commemoration of our efforts. Look for it soon. And thank you for all your generous support. To help make 2011 a banner year, bring the groceries (in a double bag) to the Kees Pavilion on the first Sunday of the month. The bag contents are listed below and are on the handy wallet-sized cards available at the sign near the stairs.

—Al Riordan



Food Bags Are Needed on the First Sunday June 5th is Holy Trinity's monthly **collection day** for food for the Urban Ministries of Wake County, where our grocery bags are sorely needed for emergency food relief to area residents. Please purchase the items below, place them in a double grocery bag, and bring it to the Pavilion. If you don't have time to shop, you can designate an additional \$15 in your regular offering to offset the cost of a bag.

Bag contents:

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| 2 cans tomatoes | 1 can carrots |
| 2 cans green beans | 1 jar peanut butter |
| 1 lb dried beans | 1 lb rice |
| 2 boxes macaroni & cheese | 1 lb grits |
| 2 cans or one 24-oz jar applesauce | |



Summer Music Makers

The Chancel Choir will take a well-deserved break during the month of July. If you'd like to provide special music for the 8:15 or 11am service during July or at any other time, please contact Director of Music Shannon Thomas .

In the News...

We learned recently that former member, **Amanda Northrup**, has won the **Presidential Award in Mathematics for teachers in NC.** She will receive a personal award of \$10,000 and a visit with the President in Washington, D.C. Further, Amanda also received the Burroughs Welcome Foundation Career Award for Science and Math Teachers that will bring her a personal award of \$100,000 over the next five years and an additional \$100,000 grant to her school system (Haywood County, NC).

We congratulate Amanda for this marvelous achievement and recognition!

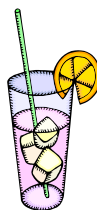
Looking for Some Handy People!

The Wednesday Morning Maintenance Group meets the first Wednesday of each month to make various types of improvements and repairs around the church. Jobs are available for skilled and unskilled labor. The group will meet on **June 1** at **8am at McDonalds** in Cameron Village and then at the **church at 8:30**. For more information, contact Tom Rhyne..



Summer Fellowship

During the summer months, lemonade and cookies will be served **after the 11am service** to provide a time for fellowship. Volunteers are needed to serve and clean-up the refreshments. If you can help, please sign up during the Sunday School coffee hour or contact Gary Blank or Merrilee Jacobson.



Please sign up for altar flowers in July!



- o Deborah Circle: **June 2nd, 7:30pm** in the Middle School Room(305). Program: Pat Kelly; hostess: Pam Pittenger
- o Lydia Circle: **June 2nd, 7pm**, at the home of Phyllis Parker. Program and hostess: Phyllis Parker
- o Priscilla/Rachel Circle: **June 6th at noon**. Covered dish luncheon. Program: Alice Nelson; hostess: Jean Hicks
- o Ruth Circle: **June 7th, 10am** in the Parlor

Bible Study: Renewal is a dynamic concept. It could be learning a new skill. Or it might be quiet solitude. The reason it changes shape is that its aim is transformation.

Clothing Closet

If you've wondered what's behind that door in the fellowship hallway, labeled "**Clothing Closet**", keep on reading. If you open the door there's a large cardboard box which is placed there for anybody who wants to donate clothing (men's, women's and children's) to the First Baptist Clothing Closet and doesn't feel like driving downtown. **First Baptist** takes donated clothing and **distributes it free** to people who need it. **Large women's, small men's and all children's clothing are particularly needed** but all clothing, including shoes, are welcome (no other items, please). Please put the clothing in bags or hang garments on the clothes bar. If you have questions and/or would like a receipt for your donation, contact Sandy Paur. Holy Trinity has been assisting First Baptist in this ministry for more than fifteen years, and each year has contributed between 100 and 150 bags and boxes of clothing as well as more than 100 hanging items. First Baptist and those in need in Raleigh truly appreciate our contributions. Thanks very much for all your donations!

News from the Libraries of Holy Trinity

Through a generous donation from the Kahler family in memory of their beloved pet, Sienna, the following books are now in the library that deal with issues surrounding the **loss of a pet**:

Books for Children

- Demas, Corinne. *Saying Goodbye to Lulu*. Little, Brown Young Readers, 2004.
- Rylant, Cynthia. *Dog Heaven*. Blue Sky Press, 1995.

Books for All Ages

- Davis, Christine. *For Every Dog an Angel*. Lighthouse Press, 2003.

Books for Adults

- Adamec, Christine. *When Your Pet Dies: Dealing With Your Grief and Helping Your Children Cope*. Universe, 2000.
- Carmack, Betty J. *Grieving the Death of a Pet*. Augsburg Books, 2003.
- Kerasote, T. *Merle's Door*. Harcourt Books, 2007. See Chapter 18 for a thoughtful discussion on hospice and euthanasia.
- Koontz, Dean. *A Big Little Life*. Hyperion, 2009.
- Kurz, Gary. *Cold Noses at the Pearly Gates*. Citadel Press, 2008.
- Reynolds, Rita. *Blessing the Bridge*. NewSage Press, 2001.
- Wintz, Jack. *Will I See My Dog in Heaven?* Paraclete Press, 2009.

Prayers and Words of Comfort

- Caruso, L. *Blessing the Animals*. SkyLight Paths, 2006. See Chapter 11 (page 187) for a wonderful prayer for ill and dying animal companions.

Bibliography

- Didion, J. *The Year of Magical Thinking*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2005.

The books are available for checkout in the church libraries.

— *Sharon Freeze*, Church Librarian



Report on the Council Meeting of May 15, 2011

The Church Council met on Sunday evening, May 15. Although the church's expenses continued to exceed income in April, our cash reserves are not yet low enough to trigger special appeals to catch up on pledges. Don't forget to give in advance if you are planning to be away for a month or more this summer.

The supplemental Campus Ministry funding we approved in the January Congregational meeting is being met steadily, with a big boost from the Kids Night Out function and its matching funds from Thrivent.

The report of the Council Advisory Panel, appointed to present results of the March 13 special forum, has been received. Besides summarizing the forum and making extensive recommendations, the report includes extensive data on the history of our attendance and programs and comparisons with similar congregations. Action on its recommendations has begun with appointment of a special task group to recommend how to decide the amount of support we will continue to provide for our Campus Ministry. The report will be the main focus of the **June 12** Council meeting — **BEGINNING AT 5PM**.

Council accepted the report of the Property Planning Task Force, which was appointed last year to study the factors affecting our ability to convert our rental properties to other uses. Most ideas for employing the properties for church purposes were allowed by city ordinances, but leasing them for non-residential uses was not. Because all other options involve new costs, and since the present income from rent exceeds the costs of maintaining the properties, the task force recommended that we continue renting all five units until the church's mortgage debt is reduced or eliminated and capital funds are available for conversion. Council voted to direct the Property Committee to continue renting the properties for 3-5 years, with the commitment that converting their use would be put back on the table at the end of that period.

Voting members from Holy Trinity to the Synod Assembly, June 2-4, are Donna Hanna, Chuck Korte, Sam Mozley, Medard Singa, and Vickie Williams.

We voted to transfer \$855.69 to our Thanksgiving and Memorials fund from two long-inactive funds named Paraments and Chapel, thereby closing those funds.

Council was reminded of the special, combined service on Sunday, June 19th to reenact our inaugural worship service in 1911, and encouraged the congregation to attend and invite others.

Barbie Windom's audit of the Holy Trinity Endowment Fund for 2010 was accepted.

The Stewardship and Centennial Capital Campaign Committees, chaired respectively by John Russ and Craig McAllister, are off to good starts.

Many members assisted the pastors and Martha Stallmann in staffing our welcoming booth at the OutRaleigh festival on May 14th, which advertised our welcome to all who seek to live a more Christian life, regardless of sexual preference.

The date for the annual Talent Show was announced as August 28.

God be praised for the blessing of so many loyal, generous, highly skilled, and proactive members in our congregation.

— *Sam Mozley, President*