

# Luthertidings

September, 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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## RALLY DAY ON SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>— SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL SESSION BEGINS!

We will begin our new **Rally Day** Sunday School Year together on the second Sunday of September at **9:45am** with a special gathering in the **Fellowship Hall** of all ages of our church's Sunday School. Children's teachers will be introduced first and will take their students to their classes for a "short" first lesson. The adults present will learn about the class offerings for the Fall including any adult forums planned. Of course, a nice array of refreshments, including ICE CREAM will be available for all! Don't miss our Kick-Off Sunday for Sunday School on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## RALLY DAY PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

After our Sunday School Fall Kick-Off on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>, we will adjourn to **Umstead Park** (Reedy Creek, **Pavilion #1**) at **3pm** for an afternoon of **games, pot luck picnic** and **Holden Evening Prayer**. This is the same park (different pavilion) as last year. Access is off of **I-40** at the **Harrison Avenue exit** (287). Look for markers to indicate the location when you enter the parking lot. The meat dish will be provided. Pot luck dishes to share are requested from all who attend. **Come and enjoy** this wonderful time of fun and fellowship as we continue serving our Lord through his church!

## SENIOR ADULTS CALL US TO REMEMBER!

Our Senior Adults remind us all of the several **GENERATIONS** we have in our

church fellowship here at Holy Trinity. On Sunday, **September 18<sup>th</sup>**, the Senior Adults Committee will highlight this gift that God has placed within our life together—the wide variety of ages with an even wider range of experiences and wisdom! Come and help us give thanks in worship that day for this blessing we dare not overlook in the life of the church!

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME – SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>!



**Confirmation Class** It's that time again! On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at **4pm**, Pastor Larry and Pastor Royall will meet with **parents** and confirmation-age **students** (grades 6-8) in the **Overflow Room** for a brief **orientation** session. **Class time begins at 4:30** and runs till 5:30pm when the Youth Group holds its Kick-Off Event for the Fall Season. Parents of confirmands are invited to hang out in the youth room (Room 304) for the Youth Group Kick-Off. Parents and youth are asked to make every effort to be present for this gathering! It is important!

## YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF ON SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>!

Sunday Youth Group meetings are **baaack!!** Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades), grab your parents and bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, **September 18<sup>th</sup>**. See **page 11** for complete details.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FAMILIES!!



We are going **tent camping** **September 23-25** at Camp Agapé. See **page 11** for complete details.



## ***DISCOUNTING THE FAMILIAR...***

A meander through September's calendar—can you believe that we are here?—reveals some well-known events and happenings that are not new to our church's life and activity. Senior Adults planning meeting, Rally Day morning festivities in the Fellowship Hall with all ages starting again, the Rally Day Picnic with the comforting aroma from the grills while the games begin and we all hum tunes from *Holden Evening Prayer*, Table Talk Wednesdays with a program on Bread for the World, the sacrament of Holy Baptism presently planned for two persons, Generations Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>), Confirmation Classes resume, Youth Group Kick-Off, Dayspring starts again, a gathering of Caring Communities, Family Camping at Camp Agapé, a Spiritual Retreat at Avila Retreat Center in Durham, along with regular gatherings of Children's Ministry, Social Ministry, Congregation Council, Stewardship Committee, Christian Education Committee, Evangelism Committee, Centennial Committee (in all of its various task-forced forms), Worship and Music Committee, Finance Committee, Hospitality Committee, Property Committee, Book Group, Executive Committee, and who knows what else will be added to the mix before we are finished with the month!

All this is a way of highlighting that a lot goes on here at Holy Trinity. A great deal is ongoing here in our church family for those who have eyes for it. And much of it we have been doing for a while. Yet our creative gifts are opening us up to other areas. Natural Church Development is still in the foundational stages of offering our church a larger vision for our serving along with the ongoing "invisible" ministries of so many of you who are serving Christ in so many different ways through organizations and agencies and efforts and who knows what else! We're about to begin to search for a new organist this month (to replace Eric Sparks). Stewardship Committee is rolling out its call to faithful giving in this month in slightly different ways. Be watching for the introduction of the Centennial Stewardship Cross on September 11<sup>th</sup> at both services. Worship and Music is planning for Worship and Music Sunday on October 2<sup>nd</sup> when we go through our worship a

little differently that morning. Commitment Sunday is in the works as Stewardship is preparing to bring this opportunity to us a whole month earlier than usual in order to expedite part of the Council Advisory Panel's recommendation to streamline our mission plan building process. All of this rings with different tones in our individual hearts and ears, but it says something powerful and amazing about what God is doing in our midst: GOD IS BUSY! And so are we!

Still, there is this tendency in us human beings to take for granted and discount the amazement of miracles as they happen before our very eyes. Whether it's the profound comment of a seven year old at the children's message or the profound wisdom of one of our elders who have the advantage of long years and experience, the present giving record we have managed so far this year, thanks to the faithful stewardship of many and our Finance Committee, or new members who come in small but committed numbers to us asking to join, or any of the benevolences we have engaged in over the years so that we almost match our synodical commitment with local and global giving to helping agencies—it is all part of the mystery of God's Holy Spirit moving among us. We dare not downplay or forget (and no doubt I have inadvertently omitted some very important ministries here!) any of these remarkable blessings lest they atrophy and die in our hands or slip through our fingers. There is nothing less than the kingdom of God involved here! We cannot miss that!

One thing further: no person can attend to all of this alone! It takes ALL of us serving, working, thinking, praying, worshipping, cooperating, valuing each other and thanking God for all that we have. Fortunately, for all of us, one truth holds firm: God never ever discounts us...any of us... never! That is what the cross is all about!

Thank you for your faithful serving!

*Pastor Jount*



### Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Leadership

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Council President:</b>      | Sam Mozley         |
| <b>Council Vice President:</b> | Rebecca Whetten    |
| <b>Council Secretary:</b>      | Geraldine McDowell |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>              | Krystin Jorgenson  |
| <b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>    | Adaline Pasour     |
| <b>Financial Secretary:</b>    | Bob Eargle         |
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| <b>Historian:</b>              | Sue Marks          |
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### Congregation Council Members:

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| Henry Behrmann     | Mary Ann Frey    |
| Dan Gaugert        | Robert Hildreth  |
| Kathryn Hutchinson | Matt Jorgenson   |
| Mike Kelly         | Chuck Korte      |
| Geraldine McDowell | Paul Morgan      |
| Sam Mozley         | Mialy Rabe       |
| Medard Singa       | Martha Stallmann |
| Brinkley Sugg      | Rebecca Whetten  |
| Rod Williams       |                  |

### Committee / Task Force Chairpersons

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Adult Christian Ed.:</b>         | Matt Stallmann                       |
| <b>African Outreach:</b>            | Medard Singa & Savistria Lucau       |
| <b>Archives &amp; History:</b>      | Lillian McPherson                    |
| <b>Campus Ministry:</b>             | Ross Whetten                         |
| <b>Centennial Capital Campaign:</b> | Craig McAllister                     |
| <b>Centennial Celebration TF:</b>   | Sharon Freeze                        |
| <b>Children's Ministry:</b>         | Kathryn Hutchinson                   |
| <b>Christian Education:</b>         | Debbie Franke                        |
| <b>Columbarium:</b>                 | Ken Ahlstrom                         |
| <b>Disaster Response:</b>           | Mike Kelly                           |
| <b>Endowment:</b>                   | Chris Fonville                       |
| <b>Evangelism:</b>                  | Warren Keyes                         |
| <b>Family Life Council:</b>         | Dan Lutz                             |
| <b>Finance:</b>                     | Henry Behrmann-temp                  |
| <b>Health Ministries:</b>           | Carol Anne Harrell & Anna McAllister |
| <b>Hospitality:</b>                 | Gary Blank                           |
| <b>Missions:</b>                    | Sue Woodling                         |
| <b>Mutual Ministry:</b>             | Mark Freeze                          |
| <b>Property:</b>                    | Merrilee Jacobson                    |
| <b>Reconciling in Christ:</b>       | Martha Stallmann                     |
| <b>Senior Adults:</b>               | Linda Cuthrell                       |
| <b>Social Ministry:</b>             | Mike Kelly                           |
| <b>Stewardship:</b>                 | John Russ                            |
| <b>Thanksgiving and Memorials:</b>  | John Franke                          |
| <b>Townsend Endowment:</b>          | Cheryl Marshall                      |
| <b>Worship &amp; Music:</b>         | Tom Lunsford                         |
| <b>Women of ELCA</b>                | Judy Keyes                           |
| <b>Youth Ministry:</b>              | Rod & Helen Williams                 |

### DO YOU REMEMBER 9/8/1996???



**Pastor Yount conducted his first service at Holy Trinity** in the Fellowship Hall, not in the sanctuary. Hurricane Fran had slammed through Raleigh on 9/5, and rearranged the neighborhood landscape.

A large tree was uprooted and lay across Clark Avenue and the power lines. It was lighter in the Fellowship Hall and our plans for showing the Younts our "best side" were changed, but we were warm and welcoming in spite of the storm's effect.



### CROP Walk 2011

Famine in East Africa is affecting over 20 million, while the Urban Ministries Center is attempting to meet record food needs right in Raleigh. The food crisis is severe, but you can do something about it!

This year Holy Trinity will hold its CROP Walk on Sunday **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **2pm** rain or shine. This year the Raleigh city walk is on the afternoon of October 30<sup>th</sup>, a time that conflicts with our special service; so we will have our own walk. The exact route details are to be determined, but the plan is for a circular route starting from church and looping **3 miles** through the local area.

Walkers: mark your calendar now and watch for the sign-up table in the Kees Pavilion each Sunday morning between services starting in early September. **Everyone** is invited to **participate** either **by walking** or **by sponsoring** a walker.

Last year Holy Trinity raised \$2,676, the third largest amount raised by over 35 churches and organizations that participated. Let's do even better this year. As always, one quarter of the money raised will go toward the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, Urban Ministries of Wake County, the Interfaith Food Shuttle, and other local organizations that fight area hunger. The rest will go to help our more distant neighbors around the world who struggle to meet their basic food needs.



**NEWS FROM LCM—RALEIGH**

At the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Campus Ministry Committee and the August 14<sup>th</sup> Congregational Council meeting, **Pastor Alexander** announced her plans to **retire** at the end of the academic year. **Her last day under "call" will be May 31, 2012.**



**The Stewardship Cross**

We've been reminding you that stewardship is about much more than financial support of the church. Now it's time to put that into action.

The Stewardship Cross will be placed in the Pavilion. Jim Rhodes has crafted it, using wood from the pews that were removed from the balcony, so in a sense this has been a part of our church for a long time. The cross is hollow, transparent, and empty. But we can all fill it up. There are bowls of colored glass beads, labeled for family, church, community, and world. **Make a mental note each time that you perform some act of stewardship in each of those categories.** Probably you do things every day that you may not even be aware of. We want to make you *more aware*.

Did you help a parent move to assisted living, or set up a 529 plan for a grandchild's education, or just cook a favorite meal to cheer up someone in the family facing some unpleasant news? That's stewardship to the **family**. Select a **RED** bead.

Did you sing in the choir on Sunday, or join a Saturday morning work party at church, or cook for the LCM students, or volunteer in the church office, or put some of your candy money into the Pickle Jar? That's stewardship to the **church**. Select a **CLEAR** bead.

Did you join a walkathon, or contribute to a local charity, or help out on a field trip at school, or offer to take a neighbor to a doctor's appointment? That's stewardship to the **community**. Select a **BLUE** bead.

Did you ride a bike to work, or recycle those plastic grocery bags, or set your thermostat to save some energy, or contribute to the Nature Conservancy? That's stewardship to the future of the **whole Earth**. Select a **GREEN** bead.

**Each time you enter the Kees Pavilion, take the colored beads from the bowls and drop them into the cross.** Help children to do the same (they may need help to reach a hole as the cross fills). Become more aware of what you do, and you will do more of it. And as we all see the level of the beads rise in the cross, we will also become more aware of the impact that we as a church and a community of faith make by our collective stewardship. When the cross is filled to the brim it will become a symbol to all of us in HTELC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of what **Faithful Stewardship** and **Faithful Fellowship** really means.

**From the Church Archives**  
**Luthertidings, September 1, 1982**

*Parish Happenings*  
*29 Years Ago at Holy Trinity*

“SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It's back to school time! Sunday School that is. Teachers and staff are eager to begin an exciting new year for the Holy Trinity Sunday Church School. Promotion Sunday will be September 5. There will be an opening assembly in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. when children will meet their teachers and go to their new classes.”

*Sue Marks*  
Church Historian





# SEPTEMBER 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).

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September

Wedding Anniversaries

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

## Dayspring Resumes!

Beginning **September 21<sup>st</sup>** in the **Fellowship Hall** at **noon**, Dayspring will resume its monthly meetings. This meeting is open to all people who are 49 years of age and up; in reality it is open to anyone who would like to attend.



Starting the season will be our own Becky Leager who will be giving a book review on the book, "Gathering Up the Fragments" by Maud Powlas. In the book, the author mentions Becky's mother, Lottie, and also Becky as a baby. Come and hear Becky's interesting presentation.

This is an excellent time to leave the work force behind and take a break for about 1½ hours to come to Holy Trinity for lunch. You are invited to bring a friend along. The **\$5 lunch** consists of an entree, two sides, a beverage, bread, and dessert. I cannot think of a place in the city that serves a lunch along with a good program and fellowship for that price. If you are not called by 6pm on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, **please call** Lois Pfeifer to **make a reservation**.

Hope to see you all there!  
— Linda Cuthrell



*Meet Our Newest Members!*

Please welcome the three new members who joined Holy Trinity on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Virginia (Ginger) Bondesen** —



**Darlene Skasko** —



**Roy Thillberg** —



**Food Needed in Summer**

Did you know that the **Urban Ministries** of Wake County needs **45,000 pound of food per month** and is currently providing food to 40 families per day?



The summer months are especially challenging. Children who usually receive subsidized meals during the school year are at home, and families in need have their resources stretched beyond their means. The Food Pantry has experienced a spike in demand over the last few weeks and urgently needs your help to respond to this hunger crisis.

Please remember to bring a double paper bag of groceries to church on **September 4<sup>th</sup>** to help keep the pantry stocked. Here's the list:

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

**Holy Trinity Book Group**



We invite you to join us as we start the tenth year of our current book group. We try to be an open group and invite you to join us for one book or more. We read both fiction and non-fiction. Many

of the books are very new, but we read old favorites as well. I like to think that the books are at least somewhat religious or spiritual, and most of them are, but definitely not all of them. The members of the group suggest the books. There are no assignments to present a book, nor is it a requirement that people have read all (or any) of the book to join in the discussion.

Our first meeting is Tuesday, **September 27<sup>th</sup>** at **7pm**, at the **Greek Fiesta Restaurant** on Hillsborough. We will be discussing the book, "**Glittering Images**", by Susan Howatch. This is the first of six in a series that she has written. It is fiction but looks at the Church of England in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



## Centennial Celebration News

### Holy Trinity's Pastors from 1957 to 1996

Seventeen ordained pastors have guided the Holy Trinity flock during the congregation's century of existence. These have been, and continue to be, committed and distinguished ministers with a profound dedication to Holy Trinity and to the wider Church.

This is the second of a series of articles briefly describing the life and work of each of Holy Trinity's pastors; the third article will profile our current pastors. The pastors who served the church from the late-1950s to the mid-1990s guided a growing church into greater service to the local community.

#### John William Cobb (1957-1980)



During a call that spanned more than 22 years, Pastor Cobb oversaw considerable growth in the size of Holy Trinity and in the scope of the congregation's outreach in the community. He oversaw the dedication of the new education building and parsonage in 1962, and the building of the new sanctuary, which was finished in 1968. In 1976, Lutheran Family Services, an organization of the Synod, began operation at Holy Trinity. With help from Holy Trinity, the number of Lutheran churches in Wake County grew from one to five. For 21 years, Pastor Cobb produced and presented the Sunday radio program "This Week in Religion" on WPTF, for which he was honored by the NC Council of Churches. He retired to Cherryville, NC, in 1980, serving as director of North Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission for 16 years and helping to organize the Lutheran Men in Mission of the ELCA. He was named Pastor Emeritus in

1981. Before coming to Holy Trinity, he served at Trinity Lutheran in Rocky Mount (1939-1943), Luther Memorial in Blacksburg, VA, (1943-1947) and Grace Lutheran in Bethlehem, PA, (1947-1957). He died in 2010.

#### Conrad L. Quanstrom (1971-1974)



Holy Trinity called Conrad Quanstrom as its first assistant pastor, with half his responsibilities dedicated to campus ministry, including counseling, fostering special student activities, and teaching Sunday School classes. He also began an early communion service using the contemporary Chicago Folk Mass. In 1974, he accepted a call at Wittenberg Lutheran Church in Granite Quarry, NC. He resigned from the ministry in 1981, and was later coordinator of education and training for State Farm Insurance Companies in Bloomington, IL, his hometown. More recently, he moved to Palm Coast, FL.

#### Stephen Paul Gerhard (1974-1995)



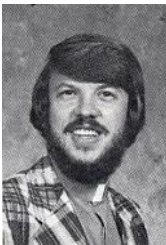
Stephen Gerhard served as campus pastor and associate pastor from 1974 to 1979, associate pastor from 1979 to 1980, and senior pastor from 1980 to 1995. During his time at Holy Trinity, the congregation greatly expanded its support of

local service organizations, reflected by Pastor Gerhard's service as the first chairman of the board of directors for Urban Ministries of Wake County. Holy Trinity also helped settle refugee families from Chile, Vietnam and Poland. Pastor Gerhard served on the Lenoir-Rhyne College board of trustees, the NC Synod Council, the NC State University Cooperative Campus Ministry (chair) and the board of Lutheran Families Services of the Carolinas (chair). He left Holy Trinity in 1995 to serve Lutheran Church of the Epiphany in Winston-Salem, where he retired in 2008. He was named Pastor Emeritus at Holy Trinity in 2009, and became capital campaign director for Lutheran Services



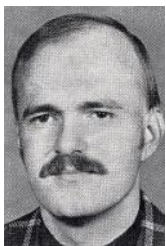
for the Aging for NC Synod. Before coming to Holy Trinity, he served in Moundsville, WV from 1971-1974, and was full-time pastor at Lord God of Sabaoth Lutheran Church in the US Virgin Islands during his seminary internship. He died in May 2011.

#### Thomas Edward Nelson Jr. (1979-1984)



With funding from the NC Synod, Holy Trinity called Thomas Nelson as its first full-time campus pastor in 1979. Nelson had served as campus pastor at Appalachian State University from 1977-1978 while an intern at Grace Lutheran Church in Boone. At Holy Trinity, he expanded recently established programs, including Wednesday evening student worship, weekly meal fellowship, and a Sunday morning forum. He shared in leading regular worship services at Holy Trinity and was an active member of the NC State University Cooperative Campus Ministry. After leaving Holy Trinity in 1984, he studied and taught in the Department of Computer Science at NC State before accepting a call in 1988 as assistant pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cary, where he currently serves as Assistant Pastor for Visitation.

#### Dean Rollin Lingle (1980-1984)



Dean Lingle received his call to serve as a team pastor at Holy Trinity in 1980, after five years at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Worthington, PA. In cooperation with Pastor Gerhardt, he played a key role in the expansion of service and outreach programs at Holy Trinity. Described as an able and gifted leader, he provided strong support for Pan-Lutheran Ministries and Agape Place, a shelter for homeless families. His faithful service was cut short in 1984 after a three month bout with cancer; he was 36. He was buried in his native Rowan County, NC.

#### Paul Vinson Abbe (1992-1996)



Paul Abbe accepted a call as Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity in 1992 after serving six years in the US Air Force and earning a bachelor's degree from Miami Christian College and a master's degree from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. In 1996, he became pastor of Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain, NC, and then accepted a call in 1998 as associate pastor for youth and families at Grace Lutheran Church in Raleigh. He resigned from that position in 2005 and from the ELCA clergy roster in 2006. He was assistant headmaster and professor of theology at St. Thomas More Academy in Raleigh from 2007-2008, and in 2008 started Spiritus Gladius Ministries, to "train Catholics, with the 'Sword of the Spirit' to live, share, and defend the Faith."

#### Stanley Otto Satre (1996-1996)



Stanley Satre served as interim pastor in the year between the departure of Pastor Gerhardt and the arrival of Pastor Yount. This followed 35 years of service at congregations in Minnesota and Iowa. Holy Trinity was the first of several interim assignments in Texas, California, Florida, North Dakota, and Minnesota. He is currently interim senior pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, MN.

— Kevin Potter, Anniversary Publicity Team

*To my wonderful church family:*

*My sincere thanks for each prayer, e mail, card, letter and phone call that I have received during the illness and since the death of my much loved son, John.*

*Kenneth joins me in thanking you for your love and continued concern. My faith in God has been a constant source of comfort to me and my family.*

*Thanks be to God!*

*—Sue Marks and family.*



## Calling all Cooks and Bakers!


### Please help with the October 30<sup>th</sup> Centennial Kickoff Service Reception

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will host a joint service *Celebrating 100 Years of Lutheran Worship in the Capital City*, to which other area Lutheran congregations are cordially invited. The service will be at **3:30pm** and will be followed by a reception, allowing time for fellowship and refreshments with current and former members and our guests. We will need help from Holy Trinity members with something you do very well — provide food!

#### There are three ways to sign up to help:

- ☑ On our website ([www.htelc.org](http://www.htelc.org)), click on the Donations Needed box on the Bulletin Board.
- ☑ Call Ruth Fonville.
- ☑ After Rally day, you will be able to sign up in the Kees Pavilion.

The team planning the refreshments has decided to keep the menu simple by having finger foods. Our needs are listed below.

 **Sandwiches** — We need 20 people to bring 18 sandwiches.

 **Variety veggie platters** — We need 18 people to bring a tray and a bottle of ranch dressing.

 **Cheese straws, biscuits, coins, or crackers** — We need 18 people to bring 5 dozen.

 **Cookies and brownies** — We need 12 people to bring 5 dozen cookies or brownies.

**All the details regarding the food are on our website form.**

Members of HTELC have a history of responding generously to requests for help with receptions and we hope we can count on you again! If you have questions, please call Ruth Fonville —*Deborah Blank, Ruth Fonville, Judy Keyes, and Kathy Leonhardt*

#### Save the Dates for Centennial Celebration Events

1. Celebrating 100 Years of Faithful Fellowship Service **October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm**
2. Gala Dinner and Worship Service **July 7-8, 2012**

## Women's Brunch

**All women** of Holy Trinity are invited to a free brunch on Saturday, **September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. You'll have time to catch up with old friends and make some new ones while you enjoy baked French toast, egg and bacon casserole, fresh fruit, coffee and juice. Child care will be provided, so please feel free to bring young children. Following the meal, a representative from Urban Ministries will provide information on the organization's programs and services. Attendees are asked to bring inexpensive children's books for use in the waiting room of Urban Ministries' Open Door Clinic. **No reservations are necessary** for the brunch. Just come and enjoy a morning out! For more information, please contact Debra Weinel.

[WWW.HTELC.ORG](http://WWW.HTELC.ORG)



Do you think the **HTELC website** is homely, gaudy, dull, poorly designed, cluttered, tacky, slick, uninformative, not up to date, or not generally representative of the high standards of this capital-city congregation? An **informal website oversight committee has been formed** to rectify its shortcomings. The committee will have no meetings, no budget, and no ongoing requirements for its members. The committee, as a body and through individual input, will provide ideas, advice, and counsel, and determine what the site's pages should look like, and what they should contain. To join the committee, or just to provide suggestions (which will be gratefully received), please contact George McDowell at [george@htelc.org](mailto:george@htelc.org).



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



#### Fall Family Camping

September 23-25 @ Camp Agapé

We're going tent camping in September at Camp Agapé located in Fuquay-Varina, NC! The cost is \$26 per family for the weekend. We will be hiking, observing wildlife, catching critters in the creek, playing in God's creation, enjoying each other's fellowship, and growing in our faith! Don't miss out on this fun fall event! Please RSVP to Vickie Williams by Rally Day (September 11<sup>th</sup>) if you are interested. Contact Vickie at 828-1687 or [vwilliams@htelc.org](mailto:vwilliams@htelc.org).

### YOUTH MINISTRY



#### Youth Group Kick-Off

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:00 PM

It's that time of year again...SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS ARE BACK!!! Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders), grab your parents and bring them to the Fellowship Hall on September 18<sup>th</sup> for our annual Youth vs. Parents MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT: YOUTH GROUP EDITION! After a crushing defeat last year, the youth will be looking for redemption. Our dinner that evening will be a potluck, so parents and youth bring your game face, a dish to share, and come enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship!



### New Resources!!!



Children's Ministry families — we have a couple of new resources for you! There will now be TWO different children's bulletins on Sunday mornings: a "pre-reader" version for our youngest worshippers, and a "reader" version for our grade school worshippers. We also have a subscription to *Spark Family*, a quarterly magazine designated for families with young children. This publication is available in *Granny Mac's Porch* (the Children's Library located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor).



As always, we also have a subscription to *Taking Faith Home* which is a wonderful resource that focuses on the lectionary readings each Sunday and is a great and easy-to-use devotional tool. The *Taking Faith Home* sheet is available after every Sunday morning worship service and is usually attached to the weekly *Luthertidings*. It is also attached to the email version of the weekly *Luthertidings*. Be sure to take advantage of these resources!



### Table Talk Program for October

On **October 12<sup>th</sup>**, the Table Talk program will be about Lutheran World Relief. As part of that program we will be **making school kits**. We have enough bags to make 50 kits. Please join us in making these kits by providing the supplies for a kit and attending Table Talk to assemble the kits. There will be a box in the Kees Pavilion to collect the supplies. **Each kit will need:**



- ◆ One blunt **scissors** (safety scissors with imbedded steel lades work well)
- ◆ One 30-centimeter **ruler**, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side
- ◆ One hand-held pencil **sharpener**
- ◆ Six new, unsharpened **#2 pencils** with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ◆ One **eraser** approximately 2½" long
- ◆ 12 sheets of **construction paper** in assorted colors
- ◆ One box of 16 or 24 **crayons**
- ◆ **Notebooks** of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½" totaling 150-200 sheets (if using 70-sheet notebooks, please include 3)



### Mission Trip to CWS Headquarters

Merrilee and Ken Jacobson along with Knowles and Phyllis Parker will be volunteering at the **Church World Service** headquarters in New Windsor, **Maryland**, from **October 16-19**. They are carpooling and **can take two additional volunteers**. Volunteers may either work in the SERRV warehouse, packaging fair trade crafts from around the world, or help out in the CWS warehouse where items like quilts, school kits, health kits and layettes are packaged for shipment. The CWS headquarters is located on a former college campus in a beautiful rural setting in northern Maryland. Accommodations in the dormitory are very comfortable, and the cafeteria food is plentiful and delicious. For more information on the mission trip, please contact Merrilee.

### Help Build the Families Together Corporate Network

PLM Families Together (PLMFT) provides housing and comprehensive services for homeless families in Wake County, including assessment, short-term transitional housing with intensive support services, and after care support. PLMFT is actively seeking new corporate partners as part of their 2011-12 growth strategy. To that end, PLMFT is building a comprehensive database of corporate foundations operating in Wake County as they strive to meet their growth goals.

How can you help? It is simple. If you (or someone you know) work for an organization that promotes community outreach via a corporation foundation, we'd like to know. Simply forward the name of the company and the appropriate contact name, phone number or email address to **Gail Reid-Vestal** at [gail@plmft.org](mailto:gail@plmft.org) or **212-4181**. Ideally, we'd like the internal contact who leads the community outreach for this area.

How will PLMFT use this information? This network will play a key role in the design of the fundraising effort for the next year. PLMFT Leadership and board of directors will contact network members regarding fundraising, sponsorship, and philanthropic efforts.

**Thanks for your support** of this vital organization. Questions about the network or PLMFT in general? Please contact **Knowles Parker** or **Ann Thomas**.

### Workers and Volunteers Needed

- **Fall Work Day** is scheduled for Saturday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>** from **8am till noon**. Please bring lawn care tools, wheelbarrows and work gloves. For the indoor projects bring a pail and wash rags. Contact Merrilee Jacobson at 821-7934.
- **Wednesday Morning Maintenance Group** of skilled and unskilled workers will meet at Holy Trinity at **8:30am** on **September 7<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Tom Rhyne.
- **Trinity Ringers** are looking for **experienced** handbell players (full-time or substitute basis). Contact Shannon Thomas.
- **Chancel Choir** needs additional **voices**. Contact Shannon Thomas.



### *August Council Meeting*

On August 14, Council met with committee chairs to hear about their plans and needs. Many of the concerns expressed in April's Council Advisory Panel report are being addressed. Evangelism, Worship and Music, Stewardship, Missions, and Campus Ministry highlighted new projects.

Treasurer Krystin Jorgenson reported that payments of pledges are running behind, but so are church expenditures, and that cash reserves increased in July. The line item for Campus Ministry support is approaching full funding, and is likely to exceed the goal we set at the Annual Congregational Meeting last January.

In a poignant moment, Pastor Beverly announced that she plans to retire on May 31, 2012. Our love for her and gratitude for her many years of service to us as well as to Raleigh area college and university students are immense, and we will miss her terribly, but we have a full school year to show her our appreciation. We are prohibited by Synod rules from determining how, when, at what level and with whom to replace her until June 1, but we can surely anticipate a need for increased congregational support of Pastor Beverly and student programs over the next year and more.

Very busy Henry Behrmann has selflessly agreed to be interim chair of the Finance Committee, but we need a regular chair to continue into 2012. We are close to having a new Sunday School Superintendent. A search committee to replace Eric Sparks will be named soon; in the interim, Donna Hanna and Geoffrey Simon will play the organ at the second service.

Election of four new Council members for 2012 will take place October 16; nominations will be open from September 11 to 25. You must attend worship on October 16 to vote.

Council passed motions designating October 2 as Worship and Music promotion Sunday, authorizing extra expenditure for information technology services to ensure that work of the Church Administrator and Treasurer are not hindered by computer malfunctions, giving Missions the go-ahead to sell Christmas gift items along with coffee in November and December, permitting Campus Ministry and Children's Ministry to hold another Kids' Night Out fundraiser during the fall semester, and accepting the proposal that Holy Trinity host a concert by the Christian folk-roots-contemporary singing duo, "Alathea", in January.

The Mission Plan for 2012 is being prepared early this year; a special Congregational Meeting will be called December 18 to approve it. We discussed setting salary and wage guidelines for supervisors and supervisory groups to consider in recommending employee compensation for 2012. The sense of the Council was that increases were appropriate wherever justified, and in particular, that we strongly need to raise our pastors' salaries to Synod guidelines for their time in service. The gaps between recommended and current salaries are quite large, so we recommended incrementing them yearly for three years to reach par in preparation for a call of new pastors in the not-too-distant future. Of course, this means that we must increase our pledges for 2012 when Commitment Sunday comes on October 23.

The meeting continued for almost three and a half hours, but it was a lively and productive one. You are well represented by your Council.

—*Sam Mozley, President*



# FAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH • 1912-2012

## *Celebrating 100 Years of Lutheran Worship In the Capital City*

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is kicking off her Centennial Celebration which will lead to Holy Trinity turning 100 years old in July 2012. Come share the heritage of Lutheran worship in this area for the past 100 years.

**What:** Worship service Celebrating 100 Years of Lutheran Worship

**Where:** Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

**When:** October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 3:30 pm

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Leonard Bolick, bishop of NC Synod

**Special Features:** Joint choir  
Wonderful music  
Unveiling of centennial banner  
Procession of banners  
**Reception after service**  
Centennial booklet of events

*T*he first Lutheran service in Raleigh was held in the Briggs Hardware Building. Only 7 people attended the service (and 5 of them were the pastor and his family). Over the past 100 years Holy Trinity has contributed to starting seven other Lutheran churches in the area. Holy Trinity has been and continues to be a vibrant church in the capital city along with her family of Lutheran churches.

*This is something to celebrate!*

