

*August Newsletter*

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Mercer Island, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.  
God's work. . . Our hands.*

*I know this much is true...*

*Pastor Deanna Wildermuth*

This summer I am reminded of some true things. The first truth, Holy Trinity is filled with talented people. With a variety of projects around the building and planning for changes in the fall, I am reminded of the reality of the priesthood of all believers and I give thanks, for the ministry and service of all those who call Holy Trinity their church home providing expertise, hard work and willing hands. I give thanks for the ministry and commitment of the entire staff. I am blessed to serve with such faith-filled folks who delight in what God is doing in this place.

I also give thanks for the ministry of those members of the congregation who

serve in many and various ways: as ushers and in coffee setup and cleanup, for readers and assisting ministers, for those who prepare Holy Communion and those who serve. I give thanks for musicians. I give thanks for money counters and office volunteers. I give thanks for council members and those who give time and talent on committees. I give thanks for all who pray for this congregation and its mission. There is a place for you. Please offer yourself in service when asked, or if you have an interest in serving in a particular area please contact the office, by phone or e-mail, or leave us a note.

Another true thing, we are a growing community of

God's faithful people. We are all members of the family of God, brothers and sisters in Christ and I am reminded of the joy of being part of a family that cares for and loves one another. We may not always agree, but we will work together to make a difference through the ministry of Holy Trinity.

One last true thing, God is good and we are blessed.

Thanks be to God for you and for this community of faith.

Shalom,

*Pastor Deanna*

## *What's Behind Those Joyful Noises?*

### What's Behind Those Joyful Noises?

“How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!” That was the theme song for Dr. J. Vernon McGee’s “Thru the Bible” radio program, a five-year tour on the “Bible Bus.” The 1960s and ’70s program still airs around the world, offering gobs of Bible information, albeit with a highly conservative spin. I was intrigued enough to attend one of McGee’s lectures as a teenager. It was also my introduction to this hymn, which appears in both the green and cranberry hymnals. In the red one I grew up with, the words were set to the tune “O Come All Ye Faithful,” and I don’t remember ever hearing it.

“How Firm a Foundation” is the sermon hymn for August 7<sup>th</sup>, when we will contemplate Jesus bidding Peter, the man with just a little faith, to join him in walking on the water. The stanzas—and there are at least three more

verses than those we will sing—all assure us of Jesus sustaining us through trials.

Dr. McGee undoubtedly chose the hymn with its praise of God’s “excellent Word” because it sounded like an allusion to the Bible, yet the rest of the words clearly refer to Christ, the Word of God (or simply to God). The cranberry hymnal has helpfully changed the lyric to “How firm a foundation is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word.”

The hymn was first published in England in 1787, and was brought to the United States by Baptist pastor John Rippon. Although he is cited as the source of the text, he draws on a mysterious, unknown lyricist known simply as “K”—possibly a John Keith or Keene. To go back still further, we might say the real author is God, since some of the words are lifted directly from Isaiah 41:10 and 43:2, and II Corinthians 12:9.

The tune we know is authentically American, and the hymn was extremely popular as a campfire song

during the Civil War and Spanish American War eras. Both Andrew Jackson and Robert E. Lee requested the song at their funerals.

On August 14, we tackle the difficult story of Jesus seeming to reject the mother of a sick child on grounds that they are gentiles. One of the hymns of the day is “In Christ There is No East or West”—an advance tip-off that we will find that the gospel includes everyone!

The lyricist is Congregationalist William Arthur Dunkerley, whose pseudonym John Oxenham was a character in the novel *Westward Ho!* by Charles Kingsley. A possible influence on the words—but not the sentiment—may have been Rudyard Kipling’s 1899 poem “The Ballad of East and West,” which romanticizes a universal bond between fighting men.

This English hymn was composed in 1908 for the London Missionary Society’s exhibition, *The Orient in London*, and was offered as an antidote to missionaries’ Eurocentric dismissal of native cultures. Since then

the hymn has encouraged Christian kinship between races, classes, and other estranged groups.

As English usage has changed, the lyrics have been tweaked here and there to mend phrasing that would strike modern ears as noticeably male-dominant. A song honoring the inclusion of all people seemed to ignore women altogether! Michael Perry undertook to completely re-write the hymn to be more inclusive, yet boasts appallingly of the church: “the chosen family God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.” (Who are the unchosen?) I’m glad we didn’t opt for this version, which appears in the Christian Reformed Church’s *Psalter Hymnal*—in the section “election”!

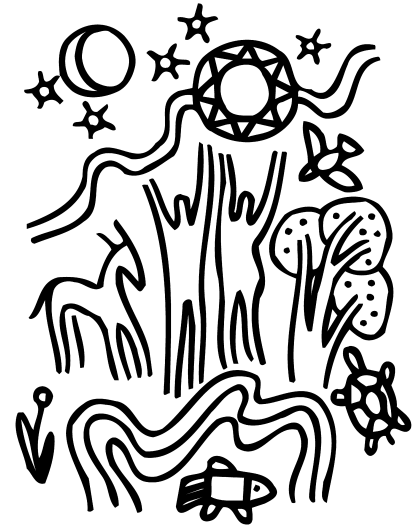
“In Christ There is No East or West” has been set to several tunes. Most popular in recent decades is the African-American spiritual “McKee,” found in our hymnal. I remember first hearing this at Holy Trinity in the 1960s as we tried to be more diverse in our hymnody and to address racial inequality in

this country. The tune got a boost from guitarists John Fahey and Leo Kettle, and from gospel singer Mavis Staples’ heavily stylized arrangement by Jeff Tweedy.

Interestingly, the melody was derived from an Irish folk tune, adapted by slaves into the spiritual “I Know the Angels Done Changed My Name.” Harry T. Burleigh arranged this spiritual to fit “In Christ There is No East or West,” for the *Episcopalian 1940 Hymnal*. Burleigh then named his arrangement after the rector of his church, and thus did “Done Changed My Name” become the staid and proper “McKee.”

Sources: *Studies of Popular Hymns*, by Louis F. Benson; *Psalter Hymnal Handbook*; “Hymn Story,” by Richard Neill Donovan:

[serendipityrancher.com](http://serendipityrancher.com)



## ***Psalm 98:4 & 6***

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises...make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.”

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church...Odds and Ends

## *When to Call the Pastor*

Sometimes it's hard to know when to call the pastor. Here are some helpful suggestions:

- Death of family members (or friends), near or far
- Illness or hospitalization
  - Surgery
  - Shut-ins
- Birth of children, grand-children, great-grandchildren, etc.
- Employment issues
  - Family concerns
- Family successes/good news events

The list could go on, but you get the idea. The pastor won't always visit. The pastor won't always stay away. But, you will always be remembered in their prayers.

*"I always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in my prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*1Thess.1: 2-3*

## *Looking Ahead to Fall*

Sunday mornings are going to look a little different beginning September 11. Our worship at 8:00 AM continues in the Chapel in a traditional style. Some changes in the space will allow better movement around the altar and front part of the chapel. Our second worship will begin at **10:00 AM** in the sanctuary. This family friendly service will begin each week with children processing and participating in musical leadership of the opening song. Following a children's message, they will be dismissed with a blessing to attend Sunday school. Children will return to worship at the time of Holy Communion and rejoin their families or be seated with their teachers. The style of this worship will vary, sometimes being led by organ in a more traditional style and other times being led by piano, guitar and other instruments. All worship at Holy Trinity will continue to be solidly grounded in the Lutheran core of Word and Sacrament.

An opportunity for an adult forum/education will be available most weeks at 9:00 AM. Nursery care and supervision for older children is planned during this time. As always, coffee and fellowship in the Atrium will occur all morning, following the 8:00 AM service.

## Just a Little Something To Think About

### Where IS the Safest Place?

1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

But...

You will be pleased to learn that only **.001%** of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders.

Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!

And...Bible Study is safe too! The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So, be safe...hope to see you in worship and welcome you to Bible study!

*Unknown Source*

## H.T.L.C.M.I Social Concerns Committee



Social concerns is being revamped with the start of the fall. We will be looking at new ways and outreach programs in which H.T.L.C. can give back .

You're time and talent is greatly needed to make Social Concerns a successful committee.

If you'd like to be a part of this committee, join me on August 5th at 5:30 PM in the Fireside Room at church. My email is [casady0414@msn.com](mailto:casady0414@msn.com)



Help is also needed for our upcoming auction. Please call Laurie Sperber (425-766-7322) or Mary Casady (206-232-2426).

*Mary S Casady*



## *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church...Odds and Ends*

### *Sunday School Training*

Sunday School Training starts Monday, August 22 evening at 7:00 PM



To prepare for our academic year 2011-2012 Sunday School program, we will be having a training session for all teachers and substitutes. This class will go over our Child Abuse Reporting Procedures and general Sunday School information. The details of our new Sunday School format will also be discussed. Parents or others that are interested in our Sunday School are also encouraged to participate.

Christian Education is still looking for members to teach Sunday School. Our curriculum is easy-to-use and it is an extremely rewarding experience to teach the good news to young children. We have four Sunday School classes and must have at least two teachers per grade level.

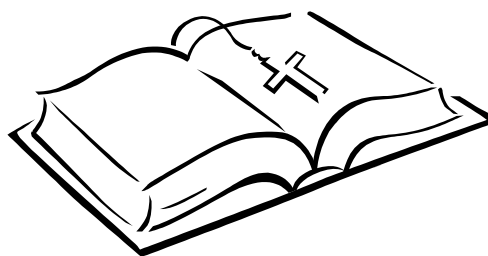
For more information, please contact:  
Julie Duffie at [julieduffie@msn.com](mailto:julieduffie@msn.com), or by phone at 206-232-2853.

Thank You!

### *Study Bibles*

As we prepare to start so many fall programs, we will be ordering Bibles from Augsburg. If you would like a Lutheran Study Bible (adults, teens, confirmation students) please let Kathy know ([kfisher@htlcmi.org](mailto:kfisher@htlcmi.org)).

These are great resources for diving deeper into God's word. The cost is \$25. for a soft cover and \$35 for a hardcover. Orders will be placed in mid-August.



"I would suggest two things.  
First of all, never try to justify  
yourself before God. And  
second, do not condemn  
yourself. Instead, why not  
quietly lay your imperfections  
before God?."

***Françoise Fénelson***

The men's Bible study group, that meets twice a month, is currently studying a book on Joshua by Francis Schaeffer. In chapter seven we were reminded that "the city of Jericho was a sign of first fruits. In all things the first fruits belonged to God. Jericho was the first fruits of the land; therefore, everything in it was devoted to God". Many of us struggle with what is enough to give let alone the first fruits given to God or even the concept of tithing. Our stewardship committee has given thoughtful direction to us over the past few years when considering what to give. All of us have different circumstance and financial capabilities. What God asks is for each of us to consider what is the right amount to give to God's work based on our ability to give.

By the way, we are not only talking about money when we talk about your gifts. All of us can contribute in many ways through our time and talents. The more we get involved in church activities the stronger our church family will be and the deeper your faith will become. Holy Trinity has many opportunities for your participation; join the choir or a Bible study group, sign up for coffee hour, flowers, ushering, greeting, pull some weeds or trim some bushes, help in the office are just a few ideas. If you want to share your time and talents sign up or contact the office, Pastor, a

committee head or me.

Financially the Church continues to have positive results on a monthly and year-to-date bases. Following is a recap of June financial results.

For the month of June revenue totaled \$38,791 (\$38,929 budget), expenses \$36,345 (\$37,698 budget) generating a positive budget variance of \$1,231.

Year- to- date income is positive to budget by \$6,018 with total expenses below budget by \$11,078 resulting in year-to-date positive bottom line variance of \$17,096.

*Dean Pollock*

Treasurer

## *Worship and Music Committee Update*

The Worship and Music Committee is composed of Pastors Deanna and Sue, Chrade Younkin and David Locke, Mike Yost, Chuck Pietka, John Donaldson and Jackie King, currently serving as Chair. We meet once a month to plan for services in the church year with regard to music and choosing liturgical settings. Additionally, we have been involved in some very exciting plans for our worship spaces making them more accessible and user friendly. A few pews have been altered to allow wheelchair users a more comfortable arrangement for seating. The chapel has had some modification to support a more intimate experience in the more intimate space.

This autumn, beginning on Rally Day, we will introduce a few variations to our worship experience. The second service will begin 15 minutes earlier at 10:00. The children, playing percussion instruments, will lead the Procession into the sanctuary during the singing of the opening hymn. They will gather at the front of the church and after the children's message, will be dismissed to attend Sunday School while the service continues in the Sanctuary. The children will then be invited to join their families for communion after Sunday

School; teachers will accompany their classes into the Sanctuary for children to be united with their parents.

This "new order" of service is actually a return to "the old." There was a time, in previous years, when Sunday School was held concurrently with the service. The time may be right for this new (old) order once again. At the end of a year's trial period, we'll see how it's been shaping up for us as teachers, families and the wider congregation.

Our meeting in August is at Jackie King's home at 6:30 with a pot-luck. Meetings are usually held in the Fireside Room the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:00, immediately preceding the Council Meeting. Please let any one of us know that you are interested in visiting or becoming part of the group!

In Christ,

*Jackie King*

Chair, Worship and Music Committee

## *The Disciples & The Messengers*

Holy Trinity Music Ministry is gearing up for a very active year of providing musical enhancement to our worship service. “The Disciples” (formerly the ‘Praise Band’) will be providing music twice a month, alternating with “The Messengers” (formerly the ‘Sanctus Choir’).

Both Disciples and Messengers will have mid-week rehearsals on Thursday evenings. The Disciples Band will rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM—7:30 PM. The Messengers Choral Ensemble will have rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7:45 PM—9:00 PM. The first rehearsal for The Disciples Band will be Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The first rehearsal for The Messengers Choral Ensemble will be Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:45 PM. All are welcome. Everyone has something to contribute. Please join us!



### **1 Peter 4:10**

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

***Bible Study Opportunities***

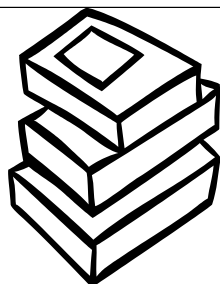
**Text Talk**—This is an opportunity to study the readings you will hear in worship each week. We will use a variety of Bible study methods. This study will be ongoing and you are welcome to come as often as you are able. We will resume our Text Talks on Wednesday evening September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

**Men's Bible Study**—Usually meets first and third Saturdays at 8:00 AM. All are welcome. Next dates starts September 17 (Fellowship Hall, for Breakfast and Bible Study). See you then!

**Women's Bible Study**—Women's Bible Study will begin meeting again starting Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. Beginning in October, we meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month unless otherwise announced. For our study, we use the Women of Faith Study Bible, which has "weekly studies" included in it. Each of these studies is independent of each other so new attendees are able to begin at any time. Lesson #10, "Praise to the King", page 678, will be our lesson for September 17<sup>th</sup>. For those who do not have the Women of Faith Study Bible, Kathy Fisher posts copies of the upcoming lesson on her office door so your Bible of choice may be used.

*This past year we have enjoyed stimulating group discussions and welcome new members to our group. See you in September.*

# *Fellowship!*



## *Holy Trinity Book Circle Schedule*

The women of the Holy Trinity Book Circle meet the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM, either in the Fireside Room or in a member's home.

### **HOLY TRINITY BOOK CIRCLE—2011/2012**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Hostess</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Reviewer</u>
9/21/11	Gloria Seiler Fireside Room	Ruth Cox	Major Pettigrew's Last Stand	Helen Simonson	Gloria Seiler
10/19/11	Jean Smith Fireside Room	Gloria Seiler	A Mountain of Crumbs	Elena Gorokhova	Margo Freitag
11/16/11	Stacy Deuel	Holly Fotheringill	Giants in the Earth	O. E. Rolvaag	Mina Larsen & Gerd Jones
<b>12/14/11</b>	<b>Special Outing—Choose books for Spring</b>				
1/18/12			People of the Book	Geraldine Brooks	Naomi Nothstein

"I love quotations because it is a joy to find thoughts one might have, beautifully expressed with much authority by someone recognized wiser than myself."

***Marlene Dietrich***

# *Stewardship Committee!*

## *Vision for 2011 - 2012*

The Stewardship Committee shall meet monthly to discuss the ongoing stewardship efforts of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Monthly meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

The committee currently consists of five members and is always open to receiving new members. Several members of the committee have served on various committees of the church as well in council leadership positions. The committee shall continue to focus its efforts on the broader vision of stewardship while also keeping abreast of the financial needs of the church throughout the year and implementing the fall stewardship campaign.

The committee chair shall seek guidance, direction and support from Pastor Deanna as well as the church Treasurer. The church treasurer, Dean Pollock sometimes attends our meetings to help with direction and focus when discussion arising about the budget. Chuck Pietka, has been a very important resource for the committee chair. Chuck's historical knowledge of giving as well as his skill and work in various roles on the council provides a lot positive movement for the stewardship committee with regard to its role in fundraising. Committee member, Curtis Hom, is also a very important resource for the committee chair. Curtis maintains historical data and has worked over the years to help the efforts as we enter stewardship campaign periods. The committee chair will also remain in communication with the Management Committee during the annual budget building process.

### **PAST STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGNS**

2008—*A Purposeful Journey through Stewardship*

2009—*Embracing Your Journey Through Stewardship.*

2010—*Take My Life That I May Be (Consecrated Lord to Thee)*

These themes were used and reflected upon in monthly newsletter articles, the weekly church bulletin and during speaking opportunities during church services.

### **CURRENT THEME**

2011—*I Love To Tell The Story (pg 661 in Red Hymnal)*

# *Stewardship Committee!* (continued)

## **April through August**

- Maintain regular monthly meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> Q Giving Statements
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Giving Statements
- Letter to accompany statements
- Report on Online giving and credit card giving
- Newsletter Articles
- Adult Forum/Bible Study during July

## **September through November**

Stewardship Campaign Commence

3<sup>rd</sup> Q Giving Statements with letter

- Stewardship Campaign discussion continues
- Third quarter giving statement might be sent out—(something to enhance or complement the commencement of campaign to date)
- Newsletter Articles
- Adult Forum/bible study once a month (interface with Kathy Fisher)—“I Love To Tell the Story” Journaling Project

## **December**

- Ascertain results of stewardship campaign
- Ascertain end of the year giving results—2011 Fiscal Year
- Adult Forum/bible study once a month (interface with Kathy Fisher)  
“I Love To Tell The Story” Journaling Project

## **January**

- End of the year statements
- Write summary for Annual Meeting
- “Five Wishes—A Project”

## **February - June**

- Monthly meetings
- Newsletters Articles
- Sunday Blurbs for Bulletins
- “Five Wishes—A Project”

## *HTLC Council Meeting Highlights June 14, 2011*

**President Tim Parker** opened the meeting at 7:01 pm; a quorum was present, devotions and approval of minutes followed.

### **Pastors' and Staff Reports:**

**Kathy Fisher**, Director of Youth & Family Ministry, reported the Holden Youth weekend was a success. All 7 of the Class of 2011 high school graduates attended Grad Sunday on June 5. Sunday School teachers were recognized on June 12 with movie goodies and a song from their students.

We received a \$3000 Thrivent "Care in Regions" grant to support several Mission@Home projects happening June 25-30. Projects will include bicycle repair prior to donation, re-stripping the HTLC parking lot, painting at HTLC, closet clean-up, and projects at Redeemer Lutheran and at 2 HTLC member homes.

HTLC will be part of the MI Summer Celebration parade on July 9. We will advertise Summer Bible Camp and the fall program schedule. 8 high school students will go on the Urban Plunge mission trip to Portland, July 31-August 5, with several community service projects planned. Summer Bible Camp can accommodate 50 campers and 15 helpers.

Confirmation will move to once a month for 3-4 hours on Sunday afternoon including dinner. A couple of overnight retreats are also anticipated. A regular study/group meeting time for high school is undecided. The Class of 2012 graduates are providing

colors for their blankets as well as photos.

Twelve students have indicated interest in the 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The group will do community service in New Orleans July 14-18, and the gathering is July 18-22. The all-inclusive cost will be \$2400 per student, with the hope that chaperone costs will be covered.

**Pastor Deanna Wildermuth** said the updated website is live and ideas for modifications are welcome. The committees need to provide content for their pages, as well as content for the church newsletter (next deadline is July 15). We likely will have some kind of blog with an RSS feed for updates. The most recent 2-3 newsletters will be posted. We likely will move to an e-newsletter only soon. Note that the church e-mail spam filters are very tight; be sure to have a subject line and something in the body of the e-mail to increase its getting through. We have the defibrillator and need to install in a public space.

The Pastors' Discretionary Fund is getting more contact/requests for assistance and additional funds are needed. The pastors, Chrade and David are attending the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians biennial conference in Seattle July 31 – August 3.

**ELCA Young Adult Global Mission presentation:** HTLC member Angela Bronson has been accepted into this one-year program and will be based in England, working in two sites and focused on working with youth. The young adult and their congregation must provide at

least \$4000 in funding for this program by July 25. Funds will be channeled through HTLC.

### **Committee Updates:**

**Pastor Wildermuth, representing Finance,** reported our status is positive with a tightly controlled budget and no variance concerns. (See the Treasurer's report for more information.)

**Gary Schill, Property,** stated work is in progress on the steeple and replacing the sink in the handicapped bathroom. To dos include updates in the chapel, adding electrical outlets in the sanctuary, painting, creating wheelchair accessible pew space, and kitchen work.

**Mary Casady, Social Concerns,** said we still owe \$7000 to Agros for our El Milagro pledge.

**Leslie Byrnes, Stewardship,** noted October 23 is Commitment Sunday, with temple talks on the three preceding Sundays. They are collaborating with Christian Education for a summer adult bible study on stewardship to help launch the fall activities with the theme "I Love to Tell the Story". They also will offer stewardship-focused education in November. The committee worked with Pastor Wildermuth on a strategic plan through spring 2012.

**Laurie Sperber, Youth,** indicated the Youth/Social Concerns fundraiser auction is scheduled for September 17, and hopes to raise \$40-50,000. The money will fund our El Milagro pledge, Hamomi, some of the National Youth Gathering, and other Social Concerns projects. The theme is "The Sky's the Limit". Jamie Park will emcee. We need table hosts for 8-10 people per table. Time is 5-8 pm or so. Tickets will include dinner and beverages. We will have both a silent and live auction. We need auction

items, adults to run computers, youth for various fetching, and catering for the dinner. All those attending the youth gathering must be involved in the auction.

**Julie Duffie, Christian Education,** reported we have at least one teacher for each Sunday School class. We need 3-4 teachers for each class this fall since classes will run concurrently with 10 am worship.

**Lowell Williams, Evangelism,** is looking for additional committee members, including youth.

**Lynn Tuttle, Congregational Life,** stated we had good feedback on the Easter Grand Coffee and thanked Cluster #7 for their help. Since the expenses were under budget, they are working with Property to get locks for the Fellowship Hall kitchen. They also will develop a kitchen use policy and charges.

**Long Range Planning:** Pastor Wildermuth said the task force is working to finalize their document. We need energy to move out of our "scarcity approach" of the past couple of years. We likely will use some of the Rutherford funds to implement recommendations.

**Adjournment:** After closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:12 pm.

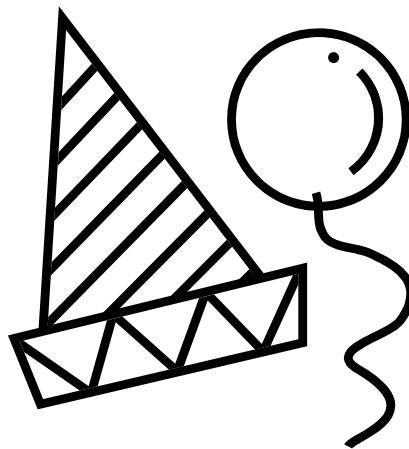
### **Eph 4:11-13**

"The gifts he gave were that some would be...pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry..."

# Worship Assistants

DATE	HOSPITALITY (Coffee, ushers, greeters, worship Assistants)	Providers of Flowers	TELLERS
August 7	<b>Greeters:</b> Snyder Family <b>Ushers:</b> Hom Family <b>Lector:</b> Leslie Byrnes <b>Communion Assist.:</b> Leslie Byrnes <b>Coffee:</b> Jeff & Kari Scanlan / Dean & Susanne Pollock	Lee Buffington	John Tagge & Carol Tye
August 14	<b>Greeter:</b> Diane Smith <b>Ushers:</b> Sharon & Vince Augenstein <b>Lector:</b> John Lee <b>Communion Assist.:</b> John Lee <b>Coffee:</b> Lee Buffington / Gary & Dian Schill	The Donaldsons	John Tagge & Carol Tye
August 21	<b>Greeters:</b> Casady Family <b>Ushers:</b> Mike & Holly Fotheringill <b>Lector:</b> Janie Stewart <b>Communion Assist.:</b> Janie Stewart <b>Coffee:</b> John & Nancy Tagge / Jan Johnson		John Tagge & Carol Tye
August 28	<b>Greeters:</b> Jaime & Christie Park <b>Ushers:</b> Hom Family <b>Lector:</b> Warren Howard <b>Communion Assist.:</b> Laurie Sperber <b>Coffee:</b> Luanne Arias / Mike & Holly Fotheringill		Florence Waggoner & Paul Smith

Altar Guild for August: Janie Stewart and Peggy Watson



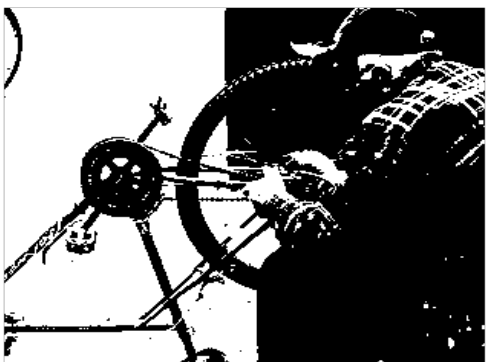
*Happy Birthday!!*

August 1	Garrett Morck	August 17	Margot Jones
August 2	Kathryn Klemperer	August 17	Kay Schroedl
August 2	Jo Ann Elrod	August 17	Kristin Cairns
August 4	Wanita Keating	August 18	Cecil Gray
August 4	Dean Pollock	August 20	Ben Cropp
August 4	Landis Smaaladen	August 20	Jerry Ginn
August 5	Michael Holm	August 20	Timothy Versdahl
August 5	Seneca Erwin	August 20	Caley Newcomer
August 5	Teague Frazier	August 21	Carolyn Holm
August 6	Pat Smaaladen	August 23	Vicki Morck
August 7	Callie Lentz	August 24	Adele Hall
August 8	John Donaldson	August 24	Joanna Cobb
August 8	Tom Elzey	August 24	Nicole Anderson
August 9	Otto Steffin	August 25	Ian Snyder
August 9	Melanie Bantle	August 25	Madison Roodman
August 12	Truman Keith	August 25	Marissa Tuttle-Roaché
August 12	Parker Kittilsby	August 26	Evan Fisher
August 12	Daniel Carroll	August 27	Luanne Johnson
August 13	Charles Pietka	August 27	Emma Crooks
August 14	Doug Hansen	August 28	Jim Fredricksen
August 14	Gerald Swanson II	August 28	Jennifer Yerkes
August 14	Cameron Deuell	August 29	Mike Fotheringill
August 14	Allie Roodman	August 31	Courtney Hummel
August 15	Jo Walker	August 31	Finn Kelln
August 15	Matthew Rowe	August 31	Jacob Hummel
August 16	Joe Elling		

# A Great Big THANK YOU!

**THANKS** to the fantastic 'Mission@ Home' crew! We repaired 8 of the 26 bikes (thanks to Richard and Lois Hummel, Jim Peterson and Gary Smith, Shay Casady, Annalise King and Harrison King) and donated them to 'Bike Works' (thanks to Doug Casady, Laurie Sperber, Louis and Brendan Rorem) , an organization that teaches kids how to repair bikes and lets them 'earn' a bike though volunteer hours; we painted a family room and kitchen (thanks to Laurie Sperber, Louis, Barbara Donaldson); we striped our parking lot and Redeemer Lutheran's parking lot (thanks to Mary & Doug Casady, McKay Casady, Cosmo Cobb and Suri Johnson); we cleaned up out weeds, trees and bushes (thanks to Julie & Brad Newcomer, Priscilla Featherstone, Dean Pollock and Lee Buffington); we set up 'yarn central' in a cleaned out closet (thanks to Karin Swenson-Moore and Pr. Deanna); we cleaned pews in the Chapel (thanks to Julie & Brad) and we removed unwanted furniture (thanks to Ken & Janice Krekow). Then, the weather cooperated and we had a picnic!! 😊

Don't feel left out, there are still projects to be completed...so, if you have some time and interest we have a project for you! Kitchen pantry clean-out and organization; Atrium painting; bulletin board re-papering, more yard work.



# Gathering All Knitters & Crocheters



We have a fantastic 'new' location for supplies! In the "Mission@Home" day, we moved our yarn, instructions, completed squares and projects to your own closet! It is located at the bottom of the back stairs. It also has a photo sheet of the seniors for 2012, their color choices and they each have their own shelf !! The photo sheet was requested so that as you knit/crochet you can picture and pray for that soon-to-be grad.

We meet again September 27<sup>th</sup> (10 am and 6:30 pm) and will 'tour' the new space then. But feel free to check it out when you are here prior to that. We will also have 'square update and assembly' dates next year (Sunday, January 22, 2012 & Sunday, April 22, 2012) to share the tasks of assembly and edging. Given our 'Seattle summer' weather, I'll bet you're knitting/crocheting now!

## *Dog, Car & Bicycle Wash*



Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> is the Dog & Car Wash! Donations from this event will benefit the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders "Angel Tree", providing Christmas gifts for the residents at Women's Compass Cascade Center. We are also checking bikes for tire inflation, safety, rules of the road and helmets.

**Off to College? Or in the military??** Kathy is updating her addresses for CARE packages. Please be sure she has your correct address by September 15 (kfisher@htlcmi.org/kfisherhtlcmi@gmail.com) You will be happy we have it. 😊 We send good stuff!!

Summer is here and Camp is in full swing.

Lutherwood is full of youth and adults enjoying the outdoors and growing in their faith. Many of our staff members are local, but some are far away from home. They come from all over the country, and we even have one from Australia and three have joined us from the Dominican Republic.

We need your help to make them all feel at home, loved, and supported through our Adopt – a – Staff Program.

Please consider as an individual, household, group, or congregation “adopting” one of our young leaders by sending letters and cards of encouragement, care packages and treats, or even a quilt. Everything is greatly appreciated.

You can choose a staff member you already know or we can help choose someone for you. Lutherwood will provide you with a brief profile, including their favorite treats and interests.

Become an important part of these counselors’ lives as they become an important part in the lives of so many youth through camp.

Contact Corey Peterson at [corey.peterson@camplutherwood.org](mailto:corey.peterson@camplutherwood.org) for more information or to start a potentially lifelong connection with one of our amazing staff.

*Corey Peterson*

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**Philippians 1:3-5**

“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.”

## *Congregational Life Committee Update*

The Congregational Life Committee is involved in many of the fellowship events and celebrations in the HTLC community. We usually participate in the Congregational Life meetings, Rally Sunday, a fall event, Advent Soup Suppers, a Christmas event, Lenten Soup Suppers, Easter services and a Mother-Daughter event.

Our Committee usually meet about once a month, and take a month off during the summer and during January. Our monthly meetings are traditionally at one of the homes of the Congregational Life members, and we enjoy a wonderful lunch after our meeting as our members have many culinary talents! In addition, we often meet at the church the day before or the day of the event to set up, decorate, and get things ready for the event. We work with flowers, decorations and, of course, food!

We have a wonderful group in Congregational Life, including Jackie King, Althea Easterly, Anne Takeuchi, Lee Buffington, Dian Schill, Teri Pietka and Barb Donaldson. Please feel free to talk with any of us about the work of the Committee, and let us know if you would like to join us!

*Lynn Tuttle,*

Congregational Life Chair

### **Luke 18:16**

“But Jesus called for them and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs’”.

## Social Concerns

### Emergency Feeding Program

We are on track with 48 medium food bags every month, totaling 336 bags through July. I decided to compare the latest costs for the items I order through Food Buying Service. Of the 18 items 9 have increased in price, 9 remain the same. I usually purchase 48 pounds of Fred Meyer Spread each month, and that has also gone up. Needless to say, your contributions are needed and requested. Large paper bags appear regularly in the EFP bin upstairs or outside the Food Room door downstairs. A deep thanks for both!

The Food of the Month for August:

- Canned pineapple, 16-18 oz
- Pineapple juice, 46 oz.

“O God, for daily bread, we give thanks. To those who have bread, give hunger for justice and to those who hunger, give bread. Amen.” *Holden Table Prayer*

Shalom,

*Doris James*

EFP Coordinator”:



### *To All The World—Saturday, September 10th*

Saturday, September 10th, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, join us for the first fall fundraiser benefitting the ministry of The Church of Steadfast Love.

- 🏠 Event tickets—\$20 (Please RSVP by August 15th)
- 🏠 Appetizers from around the world
- 🏠 Raffle (we will accept cash & checks for the raffle)
- 🏠 Live music

Need more information—Call: 206-357-3112 or email

[pastorkristy@compasshousingalliance.org](mailto:pastorkristy@compasshousingalliance.org)

Tickets also available through [www.compasshousingalliance.org/news-amp-events](http://www.compasshousingalliance.org/news-amp-events)

## *Social Concerns (continued)*

### *Agros International—Thank You!*

Hans Theyer

Dear Friends:

As Agros International concludes one fiscal year, and moves into another, I want to take a moment to update you on our fiscal-year-end results, and extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your continuing, generous support.

When Agros reached out to you in June, so many of you heard Maria and Diego's story of hope and perseverance and took action. In fact, thanks to the generosity of friends like you, not only did Agros meet its year end matching goal of \$75,000, we nearly doubled it!

Finishing the year on such a strong positive note is a testament to the hard work of families like Maria and Diego's in Central America and Mexico. But they couldn't have done it without you— your input, partnership, and presence are crucial to all that they accomplish. Thank you!

Your support provided current Agros communities most in need—like Cajixay and Villa Linda— with vital funding where families are working hard each day to overcome poverty. Thanks to your partnership, and the help of others like you, Agros raised the funds needed to continue to support families in

these villages and others in their journey toward self sustainability.

**Because of your generosity, more rural families will be able to reach that major milestone, breaking the cycle of generational poverty for good.** We look forward to sharing with you more stories of hope and transformation in the coming year. Until then, on behalf of each and every family we serve, thank you for the opportunities you make possible for people to move out of poverty, and into prosperity—to enjoy bountiful productive crops, to launch agricultural businesses and small enterprises that allow them to succeed, to reap plentiful harvests that sustain their families and children, and to receive the education and training needed to grow and thrive as they face the future, full of new possibilities. *We are so grateful to for all you've helped to make possible. Thank you!*

***Mil gracias!***



Hans Theyer

Agros International  
President & CEO

## Social Concerns (continued)

### Caring for Family Member

#### Free Consultations for Family Caregivers

Many people help their parents, and sometimes friends or neighbors, with tasks on a regular basis, but they don't think of themselves as caregivers. If they fix meals, run errands, support personal care, or schedule medical appointments, they may be caregivers. And they may be very stressed out about it!

Fortunately, help is available, and most services are free or low cost. The Family Caregiver Support Program helps unpaid caregivers of adults age 18 and older who care for an older adult or an adult with a disability. By helping to reduce family caregiver stress, the program enables the person receiving the care to remain at home and independent.

In King County, approximately 210,000 adults (14.5% of the adult population) spend at least some time caring for a loved one, and more than half provide care to someone age 65 or older.

The Family Caregiver Support Program tailors support services to the unique needs of unpaid family caregivers. Services may include referrals to local support groups, counseling, training, advice on how to use supplies and equipment, and even respite

care. Consultations are free. Respite is available on a sliding-fee scale.

When a caregiver contacts the program, a caregiver specialist conducts an interview to better understand the caregiver's current situation, sources of stress, and stress level. The interview can be completed by phone. Alternatively, you can download and print a survey form and contact a caregiver specialist to discuss next steps.

The Family Caregiver Support Program is administered locally, and specialists know what resources are available in Seattle and King County.

Contact the Family Caregiver Support Program via Senior Information & Assistance at 206-448-3110 or 1-888-4ELDERS or info@seniorservices.org.

#### *Irene Stewart*

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## *Social Concerns (continued)*

### *From Compass Housing Alliance (formerly Compass Center)*

Renew King County Prop. 1 on August 16th

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mercer Island,

Have you started thinking about the King County primary election? We want you to know about an important Levy on the ballot: **The King County Veterans and Human Services Levy.**

The levy helps serve our veterans, end homelessness, improve mental health services and strengthen families. A renewal of the levy will continue to help fund Compass Housing Alliance programs, such as the Veterans Center in Renton and the TRAC Veterans Employment Program. This is a renewal of an already existing levy, **not a new tax.**

You should have received your ballot by the end of July. Make sure to fill it out.

#### **APPROVE PROP 1**

and send it in by August 16th. Don't forget to spread the word!

#### **Approve it for Veterans!**

If you've seen the Compass Veterans Center—Renton, you know what a remarkable place it is. Dollars from the current Levy support programs at the Center. It allows veterans struggling with homelessness to live in stable housing with supportive services right in the building. Children of veterans have their own programming and special community play area!

#### **Approve it for Others! The Levy also supports:**

- People with disabilities
- Seniors
- Families and young children
- Families and individuals who are at risk of homelessness

#### **Follow-up Links:**

<http://www.vetsandhumanservices.org/> **and**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/King-County-Veterans-and-Human-Services-Levy/246496088700298>

**Compass Housing Alliance / 77 S. Washington St. / Seattle, Washington 98104**

# Social Concerns (continued)

## Lutheran World Relief

*“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!”*                      *Psalm 130:1-2*

Dear Friends

The people of East Africa desperately need your help.

The worst drought in 60 years has hit the region. Ten million people in Kenya, Ethiopia Somalia and Djibouti are affected. Crops have failed, livestock are dying, and families have no way to feed themselves.

**Help LWR reach out to the people of East Africa.**

Tens of thousands of people are walking for 15 days, by foot, to seek refuge at the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya. But the camps were only built for 90,000 people. Right now, more than 370,000 people are living in Dadaab with 1,300 new arrivals each day.

Because the danger of famine in this region is so high, LWR is rushing \$500,000 in immediate assistance to our partner, The Lutheran World Federation. LWF is working right now in the Dadaab refugee camps to help new arrivals and vulnerable populations access life saving services like food rations, shelter and other vitally services.

**But the needs are still so great. Your emergency gift today will help increase our response.**

Please join LWR in prayer for the people of East Africa and please give what you can to extend the compassion of Christ to your brothers and sisters in need.

In Christ’s Mercy,



John A. Nunes  
President and CEO

**James 1:27**

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstrained by the world.”

# *We pray for...*

**Homebound members:** *Norma Bennett, Vi Boardman, Margot Jones, Norma Rowe, Erma Westad.*

**Living with cancer:** *Tom Varetoni, Shana Brockway, Barbara Egan, Joe Grojean, Barbara Hermanson, Jack Kenefick, Robin Kopeikin, An Lee, Marbo Olsen, Jill Peterson, Cheryl Posner, Cristina Scalzo, Mark Schirmacher, and Angela Wagner.*

**Recovering from surgery or trauma:** *Mark Larson, Bernice Jensen, Laurie Sperber, Ray Saarela, Okachan and Kjerstin Scanlan.*

**Other concerns:** *Erik Edlund, Gregory R., Anne Borst, Vera & Jerry Ginn, James Herbold, Timothy Jones, Caroline; Nora Kildahl, Craig Reed, A.J. Williams, Hamomi Children's Centre, and the people of El Milagro.*

**Mourning loved ones:** *The Casady family (Doug's father, Edward); the Langston family (Terry's father).*

**Serving in the military:** *Tyler Fotheringill, George Kane III, Nick Jakubik, Jason Reed, Kyle Roeter, Ryan Roeter.*

*Pastor Beistel served his internship and was a pastor at Holy Trinity. Recently, he suffered a fall and is recovering at the Foss Home in Seattle. Cards may be sent to:*

*The Rev. Brian Beistel  
14017 15th Ave NE #202K  
Seattle, WA 98125*

Thank you for your faithful prayers.

## **James 5:16**

"...The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."



# *Thank You For Your Gifts*

*Bishop Wm Chris Boerger*

As the tornados have devastated the South and Joplin, Missouri, and as the flood waters of the Mississippi threaten much of the Midwest, I am again very thankful for the response of this church. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) has been on the scene quickly and with the promise of long term support. That is what we do as the church.

In Cullman, Alabama, the ELCA congregation's building was destroyed by the tornado. The congregation's processional cross was found in the yard of an Episcopal family who returned it to the congregation. It was bent, but still usable as a symbol of presence of God in this disaster and the reality of grassroots ecumenism. Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin was totally destroyed with only the front two pillars of the building remaining.

The members of these and other congregations lost property. There was loss of life that impacted the ministry of these congregations and the communities. The congregation in Alabama is served by two pastors who are now working to be the presence of Christ in this community. The congregation in Joplin was in the call process and is served by an interim pastor. This was seen by the synod as a possible site for a seminary graduate. This will now be a most unique venue for someone starting in ministry.

The fact is that the interdependent and interconnected structure of the ELCA gives us the ability to respond to such disasters with people and with money. The structure of the Southeastern Synod and the Central States Synod means that there are people who are already present in these areas affect by these storms. The money given to LDR goes to those who have been affected by the disaster. The infrastructure costs often come from the synod and church wide staff already called to serve in these areas. When the earthquake or storm hits this synod, the synod staff will be LDR staff as we respond with the resources of the whole church.

Thank you for your response to these disasters and to those that have preceded these. This is important work that you are doing. It is in your regular mission support that the staff is paid to be on site when a disaster strikes or doing the work of evangelism, call process, conflict management and new mission planning. It is your disaster response gifts that go to provide the needed supplies and care that are the way in which this church responds to disasters.

Thank you for the way in which you support those who find themselves in need.

Bishop Wm Chris Boerger

Northwest Washington Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## *“New Look” of HTLC Website*

Holy Trinity's Website is New and Exciting!

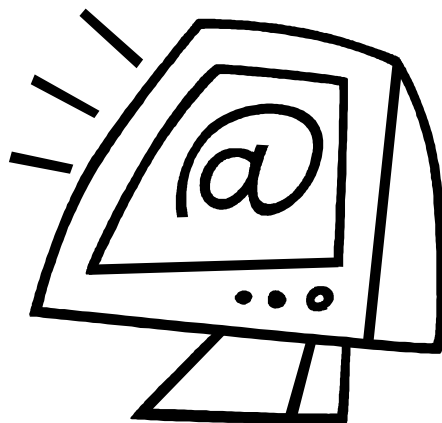
If you haven't checked out the Holy Trinity website in awhile you should know that it has an exciting new look and feel. It is also being updated on a regular basis. Some highlights include: The entire newsletter is now available on-line in PDF format, Access to the calendar to make it easy to check on upcoming events, a Holy Trinity blog which will be updated with upcoming events and pertinent information, a daily bible verse and a daily bible reading. There is also an RSS feed of the Holy Trinity blog for those who like to check out information in this way.

Also on the right hand side of the website is a list of the next 10 events and the last 10 blog entries. Along the bottom of the page are links to the daily bible reading, the Holy Trinity blog, the High School Deep Thoughts blog, The Mission Trip blog to name a few.

Please note that we are in the process of making sure that the information on the website is up-to-date and current. We are working hard to get this information onto the website. Thanks for your patience.

In order to see the new website, point your browser to <http://www.htlcmi.org>. To check out the RSS feed, point your browser or RSS reader program to <feed://www.htlcmi.org/feed>

Enjoy the new website!



“Making a space in life for God and prayer radically changes the whole of that life, if it is lived out seriously.”

**Michael Hollings**

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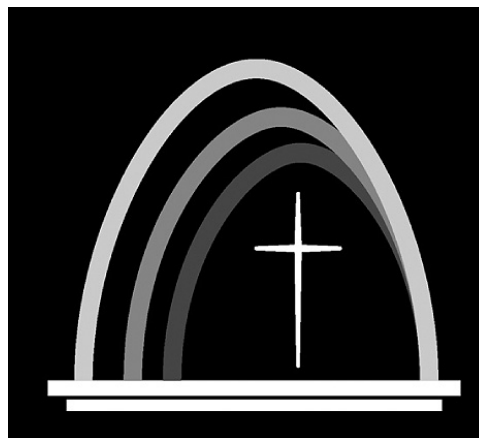
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### **John 21:15-17**

“When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’”

A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt...‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep’”