

# Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · October 2011 Edition  
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Boston Brass Celebrates 25 Years with Concert at Trinity

The Boston Brass will celebrate 25 years of music making in a tour on Sunday, October 9 at 4 p.m. that will include our 2011-2012 Concert Series. In addition to exciting classical arrangements, burning jazz standards, and the best of the original brass quintet repertoire, the ensemble will also accompany our expanded Chancel Choir, under the direction of Timothy Koch, in three anthems – including Hubert Parry’s glorious “I Was Glad” (sung as the processional at the recent royal wedding). Admission is free.

The group’s lively repartee, touched with humor and personality, attempts to bridge the ocean of classical formality to delight audiences in an afternoon of great music and boisterous fun. The philosophy of the Boston Brass is to provide audiences with a wide selection of musical styles in unique arrangements, provided in a friendly and fun atmosphere through over 100 performances each year. The ensemble plays to audiences at concerts, educational venues and jazz festivals. In addition to solo performances, they regularly perform with orchestras, bands, organ, jazz bands and a variety of other ensembles.

The Boston Brass has helped raise over \$100,00 for VH1’s Save the Music program, giving musical instruments to schools in need. Since 2006, they have served as Artist/Educational Ambassadors for Jupiter Band Instruments.

The ensemble has been featured on *The CBS Early Show*, NPR’s *Performance Today*, *The Great American Brass Band Festival* and has recorded several diverse albums. *Latin Nights*, their latest offering, features a collection of some of the greatest classical and jazz works by Latin com-

posers and performers. Other albums include *Ya Gotta Try*, featuring music from Horace Silver, Chick Cores and Dizzy Gillespie; and *Within Earshot*, featuring classical works by Shostakovich, Ginastera, Dvorak, Liszt and others.

The Boston Brass has two holiday recordings, *Christmas Bells are Swingin’*, and *The Stan Kenton Christmas Carols*, featuring the Boston Brass All-Stars Big Band playing the truly phenomenal charts made popular by the Stan Kenton Orchestra. The group was very excited to have had the opportunity to collaborate in the 2010/2011 season with the fabulous Imani Winds in a program entitled “Sketches of Spain,” featuring the music of Miles Davis.

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### OUR VISION

“Disciples in the making, making disciples”

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“Called by the Holy Spirit to be Christ’s Disciples, we seek to equip ourselves and others to live like Christ, and to be sent into the world proclaiming and living the Good News as daily witnesses of God’s transforming love.”

### Blood Bank News

Jeanie Bentzel would like to say, “Many, many thanks to all the faithful blood donors who showed up on Sunday, September 25, our final blood drive for 2011.” All these donors, added to the ever-growing number of very faithful (many every eight weeks) donors who give at donor centers, hospitals, and community blood drives, is sure to put us “over the top” once again this year.

Many of you responded to my request to stop by the “Sign up Table” and let me know your current status as a blood donor: remain on list, donate at other places, or remove your name from the current list. My reason for doing this is to bring my call list up to date, so when I am seeking blood donors in the future, I don’t bother you unnecessarily. I am missing some telephone/e-mail numbers also. So, if you were unable to check in with us, please give me a call (766-3526 or [jeanneil@paonline.com](mailto:jeanneil@paonline.com)).

### Allergy Alert!

Allergy medications *are* acceptable. You can donate as long as you are symptom-free on the day you donate!

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### October Birthdays



#### Our Homebound

October 1    **Alverta Hubbard**  
100 Mount Allen Drive  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

October 2    **Joan Jarrett**  
19 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
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October 5    **Harry Weltmer**  
208 Senate Avenue, Apt. 803  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

October 16    **Marina Ritter**  
222 Messiah Circle  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

#### Our Staff

October 31    **Joann Fetrow**



### Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity,

We would like to thank everyone at Trinity for their sympathy cards and words of comfort during the recent loss of my dad, George Davis. Trinity is the best Church Family to have and your love and support means a great deal to us.

Sincerely,

**Barb, Brian, Andy and Georgia Musselman**

Dear Pastor Brock, Judy Collins, and Trinity,

Thank you so much for embracing my husband Jim Weidemann. Trinity’s generosity will never be forgotten by our family. Your love and kindness will help us servive Jim’s death.

**Terry Weideman and children,  
Laura and Jim, Jr.**



### Staff Notes

#### *"Is That a Small 's' Or a Big 'S'?"*

*The Reverend Glenn E. Ludwig*

How do you measure spirit in an organization or a community – that's spirit with a small "s", but we need to account for the big "S" at some point. Realizing that this is a subjective quantification, to what can we point as measures?

It might help to be specific: let's put the subjective eye on Trinity.

Where should we begin, then, to measure spirit at Trinity? Well, I remember the wise words of a long-time senior pastor who claimed you could measure the spirit of a church by the noise level from the narthex on a Sunday morning (substitute "gathering space" for Trinity).

Not a bad place to begin and a great insight. By way of example and contrast, I noticed during my first month at my last call that the narthex was subdued, voices offered in hushed tones, and the place cleaned-out less than ten minutes after worship. What did that tell me? As I came to realize, it was a church "pitched in a minor key," as I came to describe it, and my very first task was to change that key, that spirit. It took three loooooong years and a heart-attack, but we did it.

So, now that you've had time to think about it – what do you hear/experience at Trinity on Sunday mornings? I hear noise. I see social groupings and interactions. I see people gathered around what some have called the Third Sacrament for Lutherans (you know what that is – THE COFFEE POT!). I see folks stopping on their way to worship to enjoy a goodie or two and to catch-up with their church family. It is noisy and busy and prolonged. Since I try to stay Sundays until things clear out a bit, it is often close to 1:00 p.m. before I'm out the door – a far cry from the minutes-to-empty I experienced at First Lutheran in those difficult early years.

How about other examples? VBS – 150 children and 50+ volunteers of all ages and shapes. Talk about energy and spirit!! Since that ministry is partially designed as outreach, about 40% were actually not members of Trinity, what message do you imagine the spirit of that ministry imparted to those in the larger Camp Hill community?

Another? I'll point to the Sundaes concerts and, in particular, the most recent which included a picnic. Spirit? In spades! There was even a palpable spirit among the hard-working and dauntless kitchen team who made the picnic very special with home-prepared picnic foods. And again, there was outreach to the community as many who attended were from the greater community.

One more illustration – worship, in all its many and various forms here. It is the most important thing we do and it is the Spirit (notice the big "S") in and through those experiences that make all the other experiences spirit-filled. Our worship continues to be meaningful, well-prepared, Spirit-guided, and passion-offered. Statistically, we are slightly ahead of last year's attendance numbers, but more important to me is the spirit of this special place.

As far as I can tell, the Spirit is alive and well and prepared to infuse all our ministries with Gospel-inspired passion. Just look around – and listen. As the old pastor said: "The proof is in the noise."

Maybe for Advent, I'll reflect on the Spirit at work in the quiet moments – that "still small voice" that Isaiah mentions. But for now – enjoy the noise.

*Whatever you sow, that you shall also reap.*

Galatians 6.7

Across the fields October flings  
Hands full of scarlet leaves,  
And Nature adds a golden thread  
To the tapestry she weaves.

#### *Trinity Parish Deadline*

The deadline for the October 2011 edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Monday, October 10, 2011 – no exceptions.** If articles are e-mailed, please send to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at [parish@trinity-camphill.org](mailto:parish@trinity-camphill.org). Please keep all articles to 300 words or less. Articles may also be dropped off in the *Trinity Parish* box in the church office.

**Social Ministry**  
**One Great Example**  
**of Our 3G**  
**Network**

- GOD
- GIFTS
- GRATITUDE

*Stewardship*

### Day Trip to New Windsor, MD

Tuesday, October 25, we have an opportunity to volunteer at the LWR Warehouse in New Windsor, MD. School kits are arriving from all over the United States and need to be packed for shipment overseas.

We will leave Trinity's parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and return about 5:00 p.m. Lunch is provided at no cost to all volunteers. Notify the church office (737-8635) or Judy Collins, if you plan to volunteer.

### Faith like a Child in South Africa

*Fifth Sunday Class for Adults  
and High School Students*

*October 30*

*Room 126 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.*

Mike Lengel, member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, New Kingstown, and grandson of Ed and Romaine Boyanowski, served as a volunteer in Durban, South Africa through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program from August 2010 – July 2011. Join him as he discusses his experiences with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA) including how he has learned to have faith like a child.

### Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group invites you the third Sunday of every month. The book group now meets in **Room 126** on the first floor of the education wing. The books for October through December 2011 are:

**OCTOBER 16:** *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese

**NOVEMBER 20:** *Moby Dick: The true story of 28,800 bath toys lost at sea, and of the beachcombers, oceanographers, environmentalists, and fools, including the author, who went in search of them* by Donovan Hohn

**DECEMBER 11:** *Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe



### Fellowship Hall Improvements Update

The Task Force working on Fellowship Hall improvements is meeting in October to review bid documents prepared by our hired consultant. While that may not sound particularly exciting, it really is an exciting process! Once the Task Force determines these documents are consistent with our needs and budget constraints, we will move forward, with council approval, to invite contractors to begin the bidding process. If you would like additional information, please contact Becky Enney (chair, Fellowship Hall Task Force) or Lorraine Graybill (council president). Information is also available at [www.trinitycamphill.org](http://www.trinitycamphill.org). Meanwhile, look for updates each month!

### Alzheimer's Support Group

The postponed Alzheimer's Support Group will be held, Wednesday, October 5 and the regular October meeting will meet Wednesday, October 26, from 7-9 p.m. in the Library. For more information, please contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or [sprowlsd@aol.com](mailto:sprowlsd@aol.com).

**Mark Your Calendars for the  
2011 - 2012 Trinity Concert Schedule**

- Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011 4 p.m.**  
**Boston Brass and Chancel Choir** – The Boston Brass celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011 4 p.m.**  
**Carlo Curley**, organist – “The Pavarotti of the organ!”
- Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011 4 p.m.**  
**Christmas at Trinity** – Choirs, handbells and orchestra.
- Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011 4 p.m.**  
**The Susquehanna Chorale** – *A Candlelight Christmas*. Linda Tedford, artistic director.
- Saturday, March 10, 2012 7:30 p.m.**  
**American Composers Choral Festival**  
Guest conductor Mack Wilberg from the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City will direct a massed choir of 175 from area churches.
- Saturday, March 31, 2012 7:30 p.m.**  
**Oriana** – 60-voice women’s ensemble from Penn State University.
- Saturday, April 28, 2012 7:30 p.m.**  
**The Harrisburg Singers** presents *Great Day!!* – a concert of uplifting traditional and contemporary spirituals and sacred selections. Susan Solomon Beckley, director; Timothy Koch, accompanist.
- Sunday, June 3, 2012 4 p.m.**  
**Red Letter Jesus** – Professional actor Brad Sherrill presents a live performance of Jesus’ words from Matthew, Mark and Luke, accompanied by a powerful, multimedia presentation.



**Lutherfest 2011 – Martin Luther Returns!**

October 30, 5-9 p.m.

Support the work of  
*The Ecumenical Food Pantry &  
the Messiah Youth Program!*

**Martin Luther Returns!** The congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting the fourth annual Lutherfest, Sunday, October 30, 5-9 p.m.! Bring your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun, food, music and auction fundraisers in support of the **Ecumenical Food Pantry, a part of Trinity’s Social Ministry, and the Messiah Youth Program!**

Lutherfest 2011 begins with a silent auction featuring goods and services from local merchants. Popular items include artwork and photography, sports memorabilia/tickets, cooking supplies, gift certificates for local restaurants and services, spa appointments, and even vacation get-aways! **We welcome any suitable auction item you may wish to donate!** Last Lutherfest we were able to raise \$15, 000 from the auctions and dinner! **This year we will once again donate a substantial portion of the proceeds to the Ecumenical Food Pantry in memory of Messiah’s Ruth Pry, one of the co-founders of this amazing project!**

Following the silent auction, the guests will be welcomed to an **authentic German dinner** including Sauerbraten, red cabbage, salads, mashed potatoes, & pastries! It will be a BYOB event – coffee and soda are included. **Music will be provided by talented artists and the evening will conclude with a visit by that old Wittenberg scholar, monk AND reformer, Martin Luther!**

Please join us for this fun event! It’s guaranteed to be Wunderbar! Phone the Messiah Lutheran church office at 233-6731 for reservations or mail your payment with number of seats requested to Messiah Lutheran Church, 901 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102. Tickets for the supper, entertainment and visit from Martin Luther are **ONLY \$35 each! Seating is limited so purchase early!**

**Linda Roberts** ([labrooke@mac.com](mailto:labrooke@mac.com))  
Event Coordinator

### Artist of the Month

The art display in the Gathering Space for October is the work of Shirley R. Bush, a Trinity member for 34 years. Shirley passed on to be with the Lord this last February after a long illness.

Shirley's greatest love was music evidenced by her singing with the Chancel Choir for 24 years. Her second love was creating cross stitch art. Her husband Jack has shared a portion of her cross stitch art in this display.

Shirley had a degree in music education from West Chester State College.

### Council Update

Each month this column highlights actions and significant items of interest from the most recent meetings of Trinity's Congregation Council.

#### From the September 2011 meeting:

- ⇒ Opened the meeting with devotions from Eat This Book by Eugene H. Peterson and prayer from Pastor Ludwig.
- ⇒ Reviewed reports from Staff, Special Committees and Task forces, Standing Committees and other Ministries of the ELCA.
- ⇒ Endorsed congregation participation in the "Day of Caring" on Sunday, March 11, 2012, sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee as a display of Christian love and discipleship to help those in need.
- ⇒ Approved use of the Nave at no charge for a concert for fund raising to support activities of the students in the organ department at Lebanon Valley College.

The next scheduled meeting of the Congregation Council will be held Monday, October 10, 2011.

### Trinity Seniors Luncheons Resume in November

The Trinity Senior Luncheons will resume on **Wednesday, November 16** with a program of music that you wouldn't expect to be played on a harp. Musical selections will be performed by Louis Lynch. Louis lives in Camp Hill and has performed at a wide variety of venues from Lincoln Center to the Grand Old Opry. He has a masters certificate from the Brooklyn Academy of Music. In 1996, Louis won a Nashville National songwriter's award for his composition "Wings of Faith".

Louis is founder and Music Director of the Harrisburg Harp Orchestra, now in its ninety year with over 80 members. He will be performing on the recently restored Wurlitzer harp recovered from the Camp Hill home of Eugenie Pauly by the Historical Society of Camp Hill.

Our schedule is starting a month late and will have some other changes as a result of some scheduling conflicts. The schedule is as follows:

#### SAVE THE DATES

- Wednesday, November 16 – Louis Lynch and the Pauly Harp
- Wednesday, December 14 – Etta Lyons De-Cesare (Solo Bell Concert)
- January and February – No Luncheons
- Tuesday, March 20- Sheldon Munn (History of the bridges across the Susquehanna)
- Wednesday, April 18 - TBD

For October 2011 and May 2012 there will be retreats in lieu of the luncheons.

Again this year our lunches will be provided by the Kitchen Crew and begin at noon. All members of Trinity and guests are always welcome to attend.

Look for the **Yellow sign up sheets at the reception desk in the Gathering Space.**

Questions can be directed to George Wirt (432-1141).



**Sup 'n Study**

**Wednesday, October 12 - November 9**  
**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

A time for fellowship at Trinity with a light supper followed by one-hour classes for five weeks. Cost for the meal is \$5 for adult, \$3 for child and capped at \$15 for families. Childcare is available.

**Registration is strongly recommended!**

Register at the Gathering Space Receptionist's Desk or contact the church office 737-8635 or complete a Discipleship Opportunities bulletin insert

**Courses offered:**

**Confirmation 201**

*with Pastor John Brock*

A look at Lutheran church culture and theology through adult eyes. Whether you simply forgot what you learned or were not listening as a youth, this is an opportunity for a guilt-free, non-threatening look at who we are as Lutherans. Bring your Bible!

**Living the Simple Life - Why is it so Difficult?**

*with Pastor Nancy Easton*

This course will discuss the theological and biblical basis for seeking simplicity. We lead hurried lives, spend our days amassing more, doing more, and yet feeling as if it is never enough. We'll study the concept of living more simply, and discuss how money, time, technology, and the environment are all involved in our lifestyle. Bring your Bible!

**Mystery of the Forgotten God**

*with Frank Bertovich and Jack Bush*

- I. I believe in the Holy Spirit. Why?
- II. I've got Jesus. Why do I need the Holy Spirit?
- III. The Holy Spirit found in the Word.
- IV. An active role of the Holy Spirit.
- V. Where will I go with this Gift?

**What Does it Mean to be "Single"**

*with Rachel Wright*

- I. Being Single in Modern Society
- II. Financial Considerations
- III. End of Life Concerns
- IV. Identifying Funds for Education
- V. Safe Travel for Singles

**Every Member Prayer List**

**August 28-September 3:** Karen Peiffer; Craig Peiffer; Carole Peiffer; Rebecca, Alexander, and Sierra Pautz; Judi Patton; Tim Patterson; Eric, Aimee, Gabrielle, Evan, and Ethan Patterson; Linda Paterson and Ashley Machado. **September 4-10:** Sharon Pastucka, Andrew and Lauren Wagner; Margaret Parker; Matthew and Denise Park; Bob and Barbara Park; Joe and Jessica Parisi; Kim Panasuck; Heather Palumbo; Kathy and Mindy Palmer, and Justis Jacobs; Brian, Jordan, and Taylor Palmer. **September 11-17:** Maya Atherholt-Pabis; Joanne Oyler; Jack Oyler; David Oyler; Marcia Oxenreider; Kim Over and Jennifer Banzoff; Susanne, Alexis, Owen, and Gavin Ott; Charlotte and Michael Ortiz; Randall and Eric Ort. **September 18-24:** John and Shirley Orris; Michelle Orner; Garry, Doris, and Michael Orner; Esther Orndorff; Marie Olson; Renee Okonski; Randy, Tammy, Chase, and Max Ober; Harry O'Donnell. **September 25-October 1:** Allison O'Connor; Thomas and Barbara O'Byrne; Ben and Lennie Nyman; Catherine Nye; Thelma Nuttall; Edward, Sandra, and Jennifer Nolan; Amy Nolan; Micki Noaker; Jeffrey and Tamea Noaker; Linda Niziolek.

**October is Safety Month at Trinity**

**What is an AED?**

On Saturday, October 22 at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, we will be featuring how to use Trinity's AED (Automatic External Defibrillator).

Chip Miller from Cardiac Science Corporation will be our trainer. Chip is the corporation's sales representative and trainer. He volunteers with his local fire department and is active in his home church.

Trinity has an AED, that's a good thing! However, how many people know how to use the AED? We need you to see this demonstration, become updated if you are already familiar with an AED, or learn and become comfortable with an AED.

By the way, do you know where Trinity keeps its AED?

Questions? Call Bob Foster at 512-8430.

## YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. Youth Group (YG) 2011-2012 is finally here! This year will rock! The YG calendar is jam packed with tons of stuff for everyone. For those still new to YG or for those who need a refresher course, let me explain what YG is all about.

YG is short for youth group. What we are is “a faith-filled family which is centered on Christ in all that we do”. We are all different and unique individuals, or parts of a body, which meet and become one through Christ. He is the center of all that we do and all that we are. YG is all about friendship and learning about our faith in fun and new ways. We strive to provide a click-free environment that accepts each individual’s gifts and talents equally. After all, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. It is awesome to think that you have 50 other brothers and sisters on every other Sunday night. We evangelize in all that we do., Now that you know who we are, let’s talk about what we do.

YG is always a busy place. In short, our calendar is always full. YG is for anyone in grades 6-12. We have quite a large group, and this year will be no exception. We have large group YG Nites every other Sunday from 6–8 p.m. A YG Nite is a night where we get together for lots of faith, fun and fellowship. At ever YG Nite there are awesome games, prizes, pizza, powerful large and small group discussions, creative learning experiences, and meaningful prayer time. In addition to these YG Nites, we have Jr. High and Sr. High YG events taking place on most off Sundays. We have many other monthly events and get-togethers. We have fun nights, YG retreats, fundraiser dinners, synod-wide retreats for all ages, and Confirmation Camp, and big summer events. All and all, as you can see, there is a lot!

The time is always right to get on out and take part in YG. There is no time like the present, especially with a new season upon us. You will make friends for life, plus you’ll develop a better and more personal relationship with Christ. Get on board now because YG is going to have its best year yet! Bring a friend, always and anytime! WE LOVE FRIENDS! For the latest in everything YG,

and I do mean everything, please check out our YG web pages on the church website. The site has the YG calendar, various event details, downloadable forms, the YG verses, rules, prayers, and tons of YG pictures from all recent past events. Check it out today at: [www.trinitycamphill.org](http://www.trinitycamphill.org).

Also, feel free to stop by the YG BULLETIN BOARD outside of the YG ROOM (Room 236) anytime for the latest in everything YG as well. If it’s going on in YG, it’s on the wall outside and it’s always available for you. Look at it today! If you ever have any questions about YG, please contact me @ [youthyg@yahoo.com](mailto:youthyg@yahoo.com).

That’s all for now. C U @ YG!!!

Yours In Christ,

**Peter A. Fox**  
Youth Ministry Director

## Prayer Concerns



*You shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord your God has given to you.*

Deuteronomy 26:11

- Autumn is upon us.
- With it comes the beauty of bright fall colors.
- Sometimes we see and think God’s work is only in majestic proportions, but his presence can also be seen in something as small as a drop of rain.
- All has the mark of God’s hands on it.
- God is everywhere. Every object or living thing is God’s doing.
- God is everything.

*We pray not to hurry through each day but take time to listen for the Lord and take in the beauty He has made.*

*We pray that we may take time to think and find contentment in autumn days and its quiet beauty, a time between summer and winter months that is so special and helps us remember –To pray for the abundance found in living – for the gift of life.*



## Women of Trinity News and Updates

### **WOT will be observing Blankets+ Sunday on November 6.**

Church World Service with their Blankets+ program provides tools, blankets and other assistance and responds to disasters at home and around the world. Blankets are only \$5.00. Please consider helping to “blanket the world with love” by making a contribution to purchase blankets. \$25.00 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by a hurricane or other disaster.

Please give generously. Special envelopes will be in the November 6 bulletins, or a check may be mailed to the church office, payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with Blanket Sunday noted on the memo line. Proceeds will be forwarded to Church World Service.

### **WOT circle Study for 2011-2012, “Trusting that God Will Provide: A Study on Ruth”**

Ruth’s story will encourage you to walk your own faith into the future. The schedule is as follows:

Esther Circle:	Monday, October 3	7:00 p.m.	Library
Deborah Circle:	Tuesday, October 4	9:30 a.m.	Library
Elizabeth/Ruth Circle:	Tuesday, October 4	1:00 p.m.	Library
Sarah Circle:	Sunday, October 9	9:30 a.m.	Room 126

All women are encouraged to join the circle that best fits their schedule.

### **WOT Book Blog Returns**

Women of Trinity Book Blog will read *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*, by Donald Kraybill, Steven Nolt and David Weaver-Zercher. Live blogging will begin at 7:00 p.m. on October 13 (Part 1), November 10 (Part 2) and December 1 (Part 3). The web address for the blog is <http://wotbookblog.blogspot.com>. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Shindle at [kimstamps@comcast.net](mailto:kimstamps@comcast.net).

### **Campbell’s Labels and Box Tops for Education Needed**

Women of Trinity Special Concerns Committee is collecting Campbell’s product labels and Box Tops for Education for Foose and Downey Elementary Schools in Harrisburg. Please continue to bring the UPC codes from labels for all varieties of Campbell soups and other products including Franco-American, Pepperidge Farms, Spaghettios, Swanson, V8 beverages, Glad food products, Pop Secret Popcorn and Emerald Nuts. Box Tops for Education are located at the top or side of boxes from a variety of manufacturers including Betty Crocker, General Mills, Scott paper products and more. There is a list of acceptable labels at the reception desk in the Gathering Space. Labels should be placed in the designated box, also located at the reception desk.

### **Stretch and Pray**

**Stretch and Pray** is a yoga-like exercise program created by Murray Finck. It includes 40 different stretches, including six prayer poses. Bring a mat or towel and *stretch and pray* with us for one hour each Monday at 8:45 a.m., beginning October 3, in Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided. Registration is free, although a \$10 book is recommended for use at home.

### **New Adult Class Offered**

Pastor’s Discussion class will be offered the first Sunday of the month beginning October 2. This class will be held in Room 126 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Each month one of our three pastors will facilitate an open dialog with topics of interest and concern. Plan to join us for lively discussions! (Note: no class will be held January 1 or April 1, 2012.)

## Social Ministry Corner

### *Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities*

CROSS, Inc. (Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services) was founded in 1985 by the Peace Churches of the Cumberland Valley. This Christian based organization provides residential and social services to adults with developmental disabilities and their families. At present, CROSS, Inc. has three residences located in Dillsburg, Shippensburg, and St. Thomas and can accommodate thirty-two residents. The primary goal is to provide a home-like environment where each resident can achieve his/her potential in a supportive atmosphere of love and mutual respect.

In order to provide social opportunities for the residents and outreach to the community, coffee houses are sponsored by CROSS and hosted by local churches. Trinity members have embraced the residents of the "Cumberland Vista" home located in Dillsburg by hosting coffee houses, providing Christmas gifts through the Giving Tree, and through the efforts of the Saturday Work Teams. The coffee houses have also enabled Trinity to reach out to those individuals in our own congregation with developmental disabilities. During the past year, these social outings have been held quarterly. Future dates are scheduled for Friday evenings, November 11, 2011 and January 13, 2012 at Trinity.

The coffee houses are open to individuals with developmental and physical disabilities ages 15 and up. The guests enjoy games and conversation, a sing-a-long, an activity, and refreshments. Trinity members serve as hosts and interact with the guests making for a memorable evening. Consider joining us for an evening that will make your heart smile. For additional information contact Val Williams, 579-9429 or [vaw926@comcast.net](mailto:vaw926@comcast.net).

### *"The Lutheran" Adult Forum - Sunday, October 23, 2011*

We've moved to the first floor of the education wing and will now meet on the fourth (instead of the last) Sunday of each month. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in **Room 126** for a discussion on **"Full Speed Ahead..... Churchwide Assembly Looks to Future"** from pages 20-29 of the September 2011 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. This month there is not a printed study guide in the materials, but there is a wealth of information about the present status, and even more importantly, the future of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Despite the exodus of several hundred congregations from the denomination in the past year and drastically reduced income, Bishop Mark Hanson expressed hope for the future saying "I have come to this Churchwide Assembly more hopeful and grateful for the ELCA than I have ever been. We are a church with clarity about who we are and about our shared commitment to being engaged in God's mission for the life of the world." The review of the Assembly's work will be led by our own Doug Bonsall, who served as a voting member from the Lower Susquehanna Synod. If you do not have access to the articles, paper copies will be available about two weeks in advance of the session and may be picked up at the reception desk in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

## Healing Service

Once again, Trinity will offer a Service of Healing at our regularly scheduled worship services on the weekend nearest the date designated to commemorate St. Luke. St. Luke is described in scripture as "the beloved physician" and thus is identified with the church's ministry of healing.

On October 15 and October 16 our worship services will emphasize healing of heart, mind, and body. All those attending will be invited to come forward for a laying on of hands and anointing with oil by our pastors. In addition, the regular monthly Healing Service will be held in the chapel at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 16.

We hope all will join in this opportunity to give thanks for the healing God offers us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Report from the ELCA Churchwide Assembly*  
***Freed in Christ to Serve***

The difference from two years ago was obvious in many ways. The 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, FL, August 15-19, 2011 brimmed with many younger faces and the general tension of 2009 gave way to an overall good feeling of a church looking forward to the future. Nearly 13 percent of the 1025 voting members were age 30 and younger and it was clear these young leaders were enthusiastic about their church as they addressed issues under consideration. There was a noticeable lack of rancor and a general civility to things this time, unlike the contentious debates in 2009 over the approval of the human sexuality social statement and the related changes in rules opening rostered positions to gays and lesbians in committed relationships.

Daily worship in a variety of styles and with rousing music from around the world set the stage for a spirit-filled and inspiring week. ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson struck repeatedly at the assembly theme "Freed in Christ to Serve." He said, "*We are Lutherans and that means we are evangelical. At the heart of who we are is the good news that in Christ we are free. But in Christ, you are not only bound to be free, you are also freed to be bound – bound to God through faith, bound to God's creation as stewards and bound to the world as peacemaker and justice seeker.*" It was a very clear and very direct assignment for all in the ELCA.

Trinity member Doug Bonsall was among those from the Lower Susquehanna Synod elected as voting members to the assembly, the highest legislative body of the 4.2 million member ELCA. Among significant actions were:

**ELCA Malaria Campaign officially launched.** Along with our full communion partners and under the auspices of ELCA World Hunger, ELCA members will join with Lutheran churches in Africa to work toward a malaria-free future. A goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million over a four-year period. The assembly acknowledged that gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign are not intended to replace gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

**"Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" social statement adopted.** The statement develops a comprehensive ethical framework for addressing advancements in medical and agricultural research.

**Review process for social statements adopted.** The assembly called for a review process of current procedures for the development and adoption of social statements.

**Living into the Future Together implementing resolutions adopted.** Resolutions were designed to set a course for the ELCA's future and to bring about changes to this church's structure and relationships. Of primary importance was the decision that Churchwide Assemblies will transition from a biennial to a triennial cycle, starting after the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh, PA.

**ELCA budget proposals adopted** - 2012 total expected expenditures of \$80.2 million and \$80.4 million for 2013. Income at the churchwide level has stabilized after significant declines and related spending cuts over the past two years.

**Memorials adopted.** Ninety-seven resolutions from synod assemblies calling for actions by the Churchwide Assembly were considered. Among those adopted would: expand multicultural ministries; acknowledge the International Year for People of African Descent; work to prevent bullying, harassment and related violence; support immigration reform and the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act, which would provide a path for citizenship for undocumented high school graduates; encourage members, congregations, synods and agencies of this church to achieve a deeper understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; recognized and celebrated Lutheran Campus Ministry and the central role of farmers and ranchers in providing an abundant supply of food and fiber for our nation and the world.

**Other resolutions from the floor or committees considered and approved...**on a variety of topics ranging from suicide prevention to confronting injustices in immigration, from youth-related matters to mission support.

Check out the ELCA website [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) for more details.



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### *Parish Ministry Corner*

#### *Did You Know*

Our **Every Member Prayer Ministry** is beginning its seventeenth year this month. One of the most important goals of this ministry is to bring every member of Trinity into a deeper relationship to God and in so doing inspire us to pray for each other. Developing a greater intimacy with Jesus supports the growth of the whole church as we pray as a community each week through the EMP ministry. Each of us has an opportunity to reach out through prayer to members we might not even know. Through prayer we are connecting with God and with each other every week!

Each member of the congregation is a valuable part of our church ministry. We can all demonstrate how cherished each member is by praying for them. The pastors, staff and many church members, along with the EMP weekly Prayer Partners pray for the list of names that can be found in the Sunday bulletin and a list for that month in *Trinity Parish*. We encourage you to regularly check these lists and include these fellow members in your prayers.

If you would like to become a Prayer Partner, contact Donna Sprowls, ministry coordinator at [sprowlsd@aol.com](mailto:sprowlsd@aol.com) or 76-8075.

#### *Greetings from October*

This day I give you,  
etched in light  
sky unblemished blue  
translucent as a  
crystal cup inverted  
on the green-gold world.  
Wine—wind breathing crisp  
and apple tang  
harbinger of January  
glacier-blue and polar white.

But this only day I give you  
in the beauty-love of God.

*Virginia Hine Ely*