

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN NEWS

All are invited to worship and participate in the life of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and to commune at God's table. We welcome all, regardless of religious background, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or life circumstances. We rejoice in the diversity of God's creation, which enriches, nurtures, and expands our life and ministry as followers of Jesus and as servants in the world. God's grace is for everyone! Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

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December 1, 2011

Enneagram Conversation: Thursday, December 1 10:00am

Food & Fellowship: Saturday, December 3 noon

Advent Holden Evening Prayer: Tuesday, December 6 7:00pm

Brown Bag Bookies: Tuesday, December 13 11:30am

Advent Holden Evening Prayer: Tuesday, December 13 7:00pm

New Beginnings Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion:
Thursday, December 15 6:30pm

Advent Quiet Day of Reflection: Saturday, December 17 9:00am

Food & Fellowship and Hanging of the Greens: Sunday, December 18 noon

Advent Holden Evening Prayer: Tuesday, December 20 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Worship: Saturday, December 24
2:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm

Christmas Day Worship: Sunday, December 25 8:00am & 10:45am

New Year's Eve Party: Saturday, December 31 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Dear People of Holy Trinity,

Grace to you and peace in the name of our life-giving Lord Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year! I hope that your Advent is off to a good start and that this season will be a gift to you as we follow Jesus together. I hope that this season will be full of meaning for you as together we anticipate and celebrate the coming of Jesus into our world. God couldn't resist coming to live among us. Thank God. And thank God God decided to come and live among us and stay with us. Thank God God decided the world needed an intervention. Thank God God decided to intervene and come and walk along side us and teach us how to live. And thank God that God's love continues to move in us and through us and all around us.

We gather during the rich season of Advent to anticipate and give thanks for the gift of Jesus. God gives us the gift of Jesus because God knows how much we need this gift of love. God knows that Jesus helps us to find what really matters in life.

This Advent we will gather together using **Holden Evening Prayer** in four Tuesday evening prayer services. On Tuesday, November 29 we will gather for the first of these four **Tuesday Advent Holden Evening Prayer** services. Come join us at 7:00 P.M. as we sing and pray together this beautiful prayer service. Join the Adult Faith Exploration on Sunday, December 11 as we hear about and talk about an Advent Conspiracy that is changing the world. We will also have an **Advent Quiet Day of Reflection** on Saturday, December 17 to help us find silence and meaning in the midst of our busy and chaotic culture.

The Advent and Christmas Seasons are an opportunity for us to slow down, stay awake, refocus and pay attention. These seasons help us to reset our faith journey as we follow Jesus together. I hope and pray that your Advent and Christmas Seasons will be full of anticipation, reflection, peace, hope, love and joy.

God's Peace be with you.

Pastor Dave Palma-Ruwe

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 22, 2011

WELCOME
NEW PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

The following children of God are
joining Holy Trinity:

Carol Bishop

Ann Luckey

Cindy MacArthur
Erin MacArthur

Ralph & Sharlee Mueller

Shaunna O'Keefe

Rev. Pete & Ellen Schroder

Kerry Thomas

There will be **no** Thursday evening worship on
December 22 and December 29.

Mark your calendar for Holy Trinity's
"Early Bird Potluck Hors d'Oeuvres Party"
from 5:30pm - 7:30pm on Saturday, December 31.
Bring a snack and join us to ring in 2012 with sparkling cider.

Mission Moments

Updates from the Global Mission Committee



Haiti Outreach The Mission Committee is planning an immersion trip to Haiti in June of 2012. Please let Pastor Julie, Pastor Dave, Frank Jackson, Pastoral Intern Terry or a member of the Mission Committee know if you are interested.

Parlez-vous français? Nou pale Kreol? We will have an introductory French class beginning on the 8th of January after second service (about noon) to run for eight weeks. We will also add some Haitian Creole in preparation for our mission/immersion trip to Haiti in June. So come and learn some French. Come and brush up on that high school French. Come and learn some useful phrases for that dream trip to French speaking countries. Come and have some fun with a new language and stir up those brain cells. Please contact Frank Jackson for interest or information so we know how many for which to prepare.

ADOPT A STUDENT GIFT CARDS

GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT

Are there people on your gift list who already have everything they need?

Consider giving a gift in their name to the children of El Tronador.

Gift cards and envelopes are on the receptionist desk in the church office.

Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Compilation of Letters from our Amiguitos in El Tronador:

Dear and Esteemed Brothers and Sisters of Holy Trinity:

Please receive cordial and appreciative greetings from us. We hope this finds you well and in good health. We continue our studies here thanks to the help you continue to give us, so that each year we can progress to the next level. With this help we are able to buy our supplies and uniforms. Our parents also are very grateful for this help. We give thanks also for our pastor Jose Maria Saravia (Pastor Chemita). Please know that each day we pray for you, that God protect you, keep watch over you, and fill you with many blessings, each and every one of you. We do not tire of giving thanks for all the help you provide us. With these humble words we remember you always in our hearts and love you so much.

Love and Peace,

Ana Julia Arias Vasquez, 8th grade

Marvin Geovani Anzara Alegria

Yuri Lesseth, 6th grade, 13 yrs. old

Yenifer Nayeli Alegria

Juan Santos Delgado Arias, 6th grade (sometimes in our country we live with violence and fear)

Oscar Alexander Guillen Navarrete, 4th grade

Eduardo Antonio Mejia Alegria, 3rd grade, 10 yrs old

Kevin Alexander Valencia Bran, 4th grade (we hope that someday soon you can come visit us)

Claudia Vanessa Alas Guillen, 2nd grade

Sindy Elizabeth Alegria Gomez, 17 yrs old, 1st yr technical baccalaureate (my dream is to be a doctor)

Lesiva Yazmin Alegria Alfaro, 14 yrs old, 7th grade (my dream is to be a doctor)

Nicole Leon Alegria, 7yrs old, 2nd grade

Jeymi Lisseth Leon Alegria, 9yrs old, 3rd grade

Maanuel Eduardo Landaverde Navarrete, 8th grade (I want to be a policeman)

Katherine Stephanie Mejia Alegria, 14 yrs old, 8th grade

Miguel Angel Cerritos Rodriguez, 10 yrs old, 3rd grade

Tania Lissethe Solano Mendez, 6th grade

Luis Alonso Arias Bran, 3rd grade

Evelyn Maricela Arias Bran, 6th grade

Gricelda Elizabeth Arias, 4th grade (My dream career is to be a good manager)

Brayson Vladimir Arias Bran (we pray for peace in our country, for no more violence and for peace and tranquility)

Yenifer Veral Zanches Guillen

Gerson Hunber Mendez, 7 yrs old, 1st grade (we pray that you are well, free from sickness and always find work to take care of your families)

Margarita Beatriz Arias Vasquez, 6th grade

Victor Alexander Arias Portillo, 5th grade (I want to be a policeman)

Aida del Carmen Cerritos Rodriguez, 12 yrs old, 6th grade

Jose Heriberto Arias Romero (In my spare time I like to play soccer. I hope to have a good career to help my family)

Alvaro Alexander Cortez Rauda, 8th grade

Francklin Edony Arias, 2nd yr baccalaureate

Nery Yarita Rauda, 1st yr baccalaureate

Sandra Mariana Rauda (hopes to go to university next yr.)

Pastor "Chemita"

Social Ministry Holiday Tid Bits

Angel Tree For LFS November 13-December 4



We will get our shopping done early so donations can be delivered to LFS the week of December 5. The gifts will be for foster children, seniors and refugee families. Please do not wrap gifts but gift bags are appreciated. Social Ministry will be signing up sponsors between services. Be an Angel. Take an Angel!

Interfaith Hospitality Network

IHN is currently 100% full. Please pray that the host churches stay strong and committed. Next time at Holy Trinity: December 4, 2011.

Give Where you Live: Tuesday, December 6. 100% of your donation goes to IHN when you give through **GivingFirst.org** and select IHN of Greater Denver.

Annual Holiday Party for IHN Families: December 4 at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Volunteers, food, gifts, supplies needed. If you would like to adopt a family for this event, there is further information available.

Wish List: Kitchen towels, pull-ups, size 4 & 5 diapers, adult & children's hats and mittens, pillows, car seats, baby carrier/sling, blank thank you cards.



Habitat For Humanity

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers at the Littleton ReStore. Habitat ReStores cover 98.8% of administrative and fundraising costs for Habitat.

Call Alice Goble 8 or email at

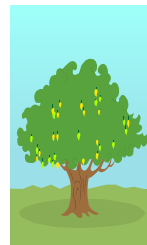
alice@habitatmetrodenver.org for more volunteer information.



December Ministry Emphasis: Adopt-A-Student

Please use the colored envelopes to make contributions. Checks should be made to Holy Trinity.

Growing Passionate Lives ... Natural Church Development ...



Passion abounds and the people of Holy Trinity are gifted indeed!

The Natural Church Development (NCD) tree revealed that people at Holy Trinity are passionate about their church, music, Global Missions, model railroads, social justice, church renewal, prayer ministry, drawing the circle bigger not smaller, food, grandchildren, playing, singing, praying, abused women especially in Africa and soccer.

The gifts that are seen in others include organization, friendliness, gentleness, willingness to help, piano and organ playing, hospitality and praying.

The fruit of the many gifts shared are seen in the love and caring that comes from the Holy Trinity family, internship at Holy Trinity, music with children, playing handbells, the pastors, the Lutheran family here and the love of the Word.

A lot of favorite hymns were also written down on leaves and we have begun to sing many of them. If one of your favorite hymns is *Beautiful Savior, For the Beauty of the Earth, Rock of Ages, or This is my Song*- it is the favorite of others as well. If you want to see a whole list of favorite hymns check out the latest bulletin board with gift wrapped boxes to see the list. If yours didn't make the list see the bulletin board where you can add yours.

At the Faith Formation we filled out the next NCD survey and are looking for new members to add to this group of folks who are interested in helping keep our congregation healthy by checking up on how we are doing being the people of God here in our community and in the world. Many thanks to Pauline and Merlin Neff and Scott Nold who have served on this committee and are now ready to pursue new avenues for their passions and to share their gifts. We are looking for new folks to come and join an interesting group who will ask "What's next?" at Holy Trinity to keep us healthy and thriving. Are you interested? Talk with Joanne Parkhouse, Cindy Lone or Margot Wright.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, December 3 at noon

Also, Sunday, December 18 at noon*

Come! Eat! (Food is provided) Enjoy the company of others!
All are welcome!

*Come! Eat! And help decorate Holy Trinity for Christmas.
It's "Hanging of the Greens" Sunday!

DECEMBER ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION

Sundays 9:30am-10:30am in the Fireside Room

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| December 4 | Our Mission Partners in El Salvador |
| December 11 | Adventconspiracy.org |
| December 18 | <u>Living the Questions:</u>
Evil, Suffering, and A God of Love |
| December 25 | Holiday Conversation & Cookies |

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please contact Holy Trinity Church Office, 303-798-1356, when:

- A member of your family is in the hospital
- You would like to have Home Communion
- You have a prayer request
- A family member dies
- Your home address, phone or email changes
- You would like a call or visit
- You have a joy or concern to share



To the dear people of Holy Trinity,

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for the celebrations during worship November 10 & 13 in recognition of my ten years of employment here at Holy Trinity. I am so very grateful for my employment here and the blessing that it is to me and my family. Thank you for the cards, gifts, kind words, and of course chocolate cake.

I thank God for each of you, Debbie Boyer, Administrative Secretary

Check out the new look.....

Weekly Prayer concern sheets are available by the church office with each week of the month printed on the same color so you can keep up with a month's worth of prayer concerns. This new process will also streamline the office part of the work. As it notes on the green sheets each week in your bulletin we will keep a prayer request in bold in the bulletin for two weeks, keep it on the green insert for four weeks and if you want it to stay on the green sheet longer please fill out the green sheet a second time and let us know the duration of your prayer concern if it extends beyond these parameters. We continue to invite you to join in praying for all those listed on your green bulletin inserts. So go take a look at what's going on with Prayer Ministry!

Let us love one another-Stephen Ministry

When life throws us one of those challenges- death, divorce, unemployment, illness, a change in our life circumstances the love of God is there to surround and sustain us and this can come to us through the loving and caring provided by a trained Stephen Minister. If you or someone you know could benefit from one-on-one care giving please talk to Margot Wright either by calling her at 720-427-8352 or leaving her a note in the church office.

“Beloved let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God” 1John 4:7

Advent Hymn Festival Focuses on the Little Town of Bethlehem

We want to share with you an exciting musical opportunity for the Advent season. The Bright Stars of Bethlehem Colorado Chapter is sponsoring an Advent Hymn Festival on Sunday, December 4 at 7:30pm at Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver. The theme is "On Our Way to Bethlehem—Lessons and Carols for Advent."

This is an opportunity for you to participate in singing Advent hymns, old and new, under the leadership of fine organists and with the support of a mass choir as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord. There is still time for those who are interested in singing to get the music and join the mass choir that evening for a rehearsal and the hymn festival. The choir will be led by David Hodel, director of Denver's Lutheran Chorale. Call Margaret Hinchey for information.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 NOON
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
AND
HANGING OF THE GREENS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 5:30PM
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Early Bird Potluck Hors d'Oeuvres Party**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 6:30PM
CHILDREN'S EPIPHANY PAGEANT**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
UNHANGING OF THE GREENS 11:00AM
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP 12:00 NOON**



Children's Epiphany Pageant

This year the Children's Epiphany Pageant will take place during worship on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5** at 6:30 PM.

Children of all ages are invited to reenact the Christmas Story as we celebrate the day of Epiphany, a commemoration of the Magi's visit to baby Jesus. A cookie and cocoa reception will follow in the Fireside Room.

Children are invited to rehearse the pageant on Sunday Jan. 1 at 9:30. Attendance at the rehearsal is **NOT** required to be in the pageant.

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

Helping Hands Needed: F3 Volunteers for events with food!

Are you interested in being "on the list" of those who can at times help out with setting up, cooking, or cleaning up after one of our fellowship events? We are compiling a list of those who might help out so when events are being planned we have a list from which to work. Interested? There is a sign up sheet by the upstairs kitchen or you call Steve Hall

Chancel Choir Music Ministry

Are you looking for an opportunity to Praise Our Awesome God?

The **Chancel Choir** is looking for you. New singers are always welcome and needed for this rewarding music ministry program.

- Choir rehearsals are every Thursday, 7:15pm – 8:45pm
- The choir supports Sunday worship alternating between 8:00am and 10:45am services, excluding the second Sunday of each month.

Please join us and share your love for Holy Trinity and Sing Unto the Lord. Feel free to contact Jackie Macheel, or any Chancel Choir member.

Blessed-Child of God

Forced solitude and an unexpected community lead to hope for the women of New Beginnings. With both physical and emotional bondage evident, it is amazing to see threads of joy, compassion, and love. Dressed identically in drab forest green, school bus yellow, and dingy khaki, a collective and public display of their sins against humanity; yet, God's forgiveness, of restored life and of reconciliation. In a stark, sterile environment the women, with help from volunteers and the guidance of Pastor Emily worship together, discovering God's love and mercy. Claimed children of God, it was both an honor and privilege to witness God's unfolding and engulfing presence.

New Beginnings worship times are scheduled for January 6, 2012, February 24, 2012, May 18, 2012. Information? from Pastors, church office, Jan Harvey, Herm Jantzen, and Dee Gustafson. Worshipers at Denver Women's Correctional Facility regularly pray for Pastor Emily, volunteers, us visitors, and New Beginnings church! Let us join together in own spiritual journey by worshipping together!

Lutheran Study Bible Challenge

If you can sponsor a new Lutheran Study Bible for one of the women at New Beginnings, please send a check to: New Beginnings Church, 111 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011

You are invited!

The New Beginnings Church of the
Denver Women's Correctional Facility
is worshipping on the outside too.

The next Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion is
Thursday, December 15 at 6:30pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool

In the preschool, we are ringing in good cheer already! We will be celebrating the Christmas season with many fun activities this month. On December 16, we will have a birthday party for Jesus at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall where the children will be showing off their caroling abilities and blowing out candles on a huge birthday cake for Jesus! All are welcome to join in the fun!

Also on December 16, we will be having a Parent's Night Out for the children of our preschool and congregation from 5-9pm. \$25 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child in the family will ensure a good time is had by the children with pizza, games and crafts while parents have dinner out or get some shopping done! A sign up sheet is available in the preschool lobby. Hurry, space is limited!!

We will be open the week before Christmas. In addition to the usual enrichment care that week, we will be offering special holiday workshops from 9-12. All children are welcome from ages 2 ½ to 7. A sign in sheet and schedule of events is posted in the preschool lobby if you would like to sign up for one or more of these fun days!

As always, thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our preschool.

Have a Very, Merry Christmas!

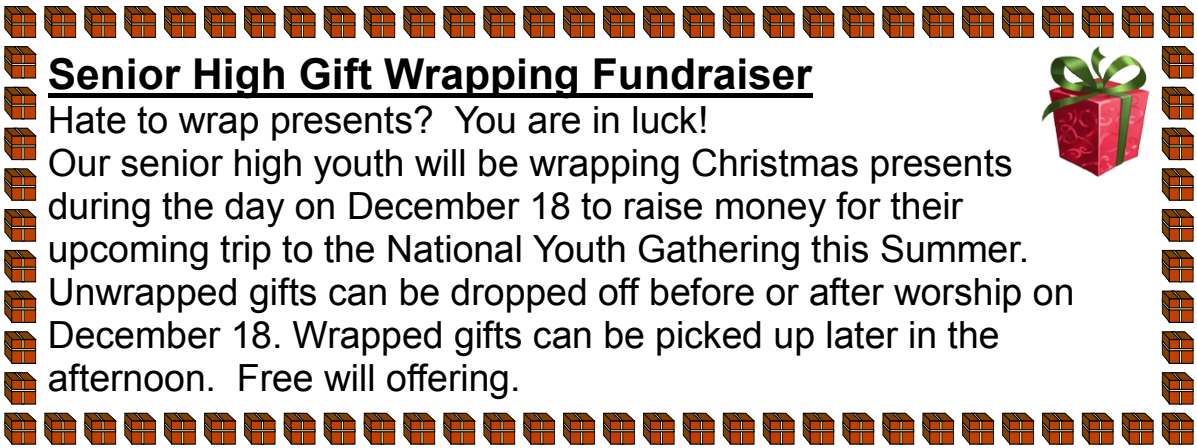
Contact Us

For more information or a tour of our school,
contact Tracy Seul, Director of Preschool Ministry, 303-797-6345,
or visit our website at **www.holytrinitylutheranpreschool.org**!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 6322 S. Lakeview St., Littleton, CO 80120

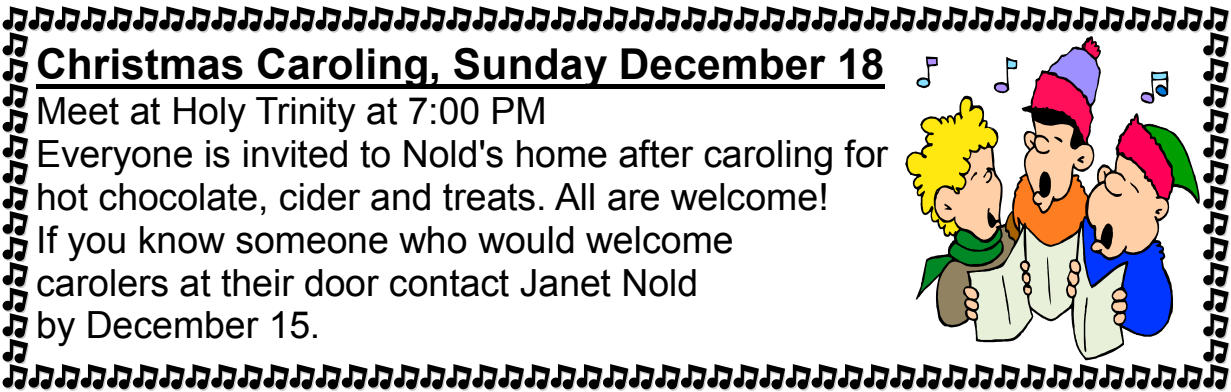


Children's Faith Formation Classes will be singing during the 10:45am worship service on December 18.



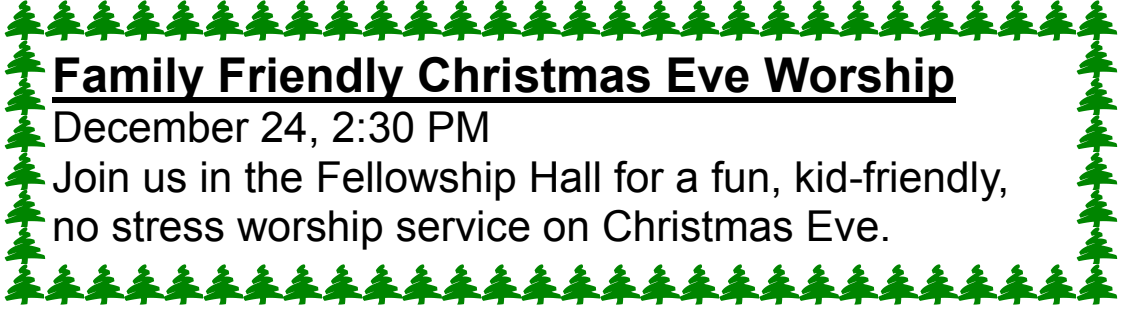
Senior High Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Hate to wrap presents? You are in luck!
Our senior high youth will be wrapping Christmas presents during the day on December 18 to raise money for their upcoming trip to the National Youth Gathering this Summer. Unwrapped gifts can be dropped off before or after worship on December 18. Wrapped gifts can be picked up later in the afternoon. Free will offering.



Christmas Caroling, Sunday December 18

Meet at Holy Trinity at 7:00 PM
Everyone is invited to Nold's home after caroling for hot chocolate, cider and treats. All are welcome!
If you know someone who would welcome carolers at their door contact Janet Nold by December 15.



Family Friendly Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2:30 PM
Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun, kid-friendly, no stress worship service on Christmas Eve.

Thank you!

Thank you so much for the prayers and support you have given me during the process of my lumbar spinal fusion surgery. The get-well cards and delicious dinners have been much appreciated, as are the parents of my God's Children Sing students, who have been leading my classes in my absence. My prognosis is good, and I ask for your continued prayers during the remainder of my several-month recovery.

Lori Zimmerman

King Soopers Gift Cards

Our senior high youth are selling reloadable King Soopers gift cards to raise money for youth activities. Every time a card is refilled our youth group will receive 5% of that purchase. The cards may also be used at King Soopers and Shell gas stations. Thank you for supporting our high school youth!

Though it may not look like camping season outside right now, summer will be here sooner than you think! That means it's time to start thinking about your summer plans. How about planning your family's summer around camping at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp? Rainbow Trail is part of the overall outdoor ministry program of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA. This upcoming summer's theme is "It's All About Grace". The ministry that Rainbow Trail provides is a tremendous experience that cannot be duplicated! Please try to register immediately, as camp fills fast. Register online at RainbowTrail.org or contact Caitlin & Josh Nelson with any questions.

Childcare

Did you know that Holy Trinity offers FREE childcare every Tuesday night from 5:45-8:45, so that parents can attend Bible study, meetings, or work on other projects related to the ministry of Holy Trinity.

Poem: Anyway -- Mother Teresa (from *Meditations from a Simple Path*)

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish motives.

Do good anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable.

Be honest and transparent anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People who really want help may attack you if you help them.

Help them anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you may get hurt.

Give the world your best anyway.

GRIEF GROUP

MEETS EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY.

SUNDAY, December 4 at noon & SUNDAY, December 18 at 9:30am

Columbarium

Remember that Holy Trinity has a Columbarium! It is a proud and beautiful structure, built and cared for by this church.

For those of you that might just want to honor someone, our plaque area in the middle of the columbarium may just be what you would like to consider.

As the end of this year approaches, please remember that niches and plaques also offer a partial tax deduction.

For information on either of these contact: Cliff Johnson, chairman, Herb Banister or Max Brinker



BROWN BAG BOOKIES



Tuesday, December 13, 11:30am - 1:00pm

This is our annual December potluck brunch, so ...
Bring a dish to share and a wrapped used book for exchange.

Our January book is "*The Forgotten Garden*" by Kate Merton,
a mysterious, enchanting novel of a little girl lost.
Get started now! We'll be discussing it January 17, 2012.

Bring a friend! Bring your lunch! Bring your curiosity!

Come whether you've had time to read it or not.

Questions? Call Florence Van Bebber

Join us for Enneagram Conversation at Holy Trinity.

We meet in the Fireside Room.

We will meet **Thursday, December 1 at 10:00am.**

Everyone is welcome to come and learn even if you don't know about this powerful tool for spiritual growth.

You don't need any prior experience with the Enneagram to participate as this is a conversation designed to serve as both a learning and sharing time. Everyone who wants to explore how the tool of the Enneagram can be used for personal and spiritual growth is welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors! Questions? Talk with Pastor Dave or Margot Wright.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will be at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, December 21, 2011.

Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death in the United States of both men and women. Life Line Screening offers screenings to help you to avoid stroke along with osteoporosis risk assessment.

Pre-registration is required. Call: 1-800-679-5192; priority code: HSC7356.

BIBLE STUDY

Come join the conversation on Tuesdays as we let the Spirit move through us, challenging us and helping us to grow. Together we raise questions and share thoughts and insights about our weekly readings. From the literature of the Hebrew Bible through the New Testament epistles and Gospels—we explore what the living Word means to each of us today. Share or just listen. But come join us on **Tuesdays either at 10 AM or 6 PM** and “*be transformed by the renewing of your minds*” (Rom 12:2).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER

	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25
First Reading	Isaiah 40: 1 - 11	Isaiah 61: 1 - 4, 8 - 11	2 Samuel 7: 1 - 11, 16	Isaiah 62: 6 - 12
Psalmody	Psalms 85: 1 - 2, 8 - 13	Psalms 126	Psalms 89: 1 - 4, 19 - 26	Psalms 97
Second Reading	2 Peter 3: 8- 15a	1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24	Romans 16: 25 - 27	Titus 3: 4 - 7
Gospel	Mark 1: 1 - 8	John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28	Luke 1: 26 - 38	Luke 2: [1 - 7] 8 - 20

Exploring Christianities

December 10, 9:00am, Fireside Room,

Mark your calendars for an
Advent Quiet Day of Reflection on Saturday, December 17
here at Holy Trinity from 9am to 1pm.

We will begin with Centering Prayer at 9am, followed by time and space to write cards, read, pray, or just be still. Lunch will be served at noon.

Women of the ELCA News



- **MINISTRY IN ACTION - -**

CHRISTIAN SERVICE: Wednesday, December 7 at 9:15am, Fellowship Hall

LYDIA: Monday, December 12 at 1:00pm, Fireside Room

PIECE: Thursday, December 8 at 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall

New stitchers are always welcome! Sewers are especially needed to top stitch quilt squares. The sewing can be done at Circle or at home. If interested in learning more details contact Shirley Streich.

You may join any of the Circles at a time convenient for you.

Donations of fabric, sheets, and yarn are very much appreciated.

- **Bible Study Circles - -**

WELCA Bible Study Leaders: Monday, January 9 at 9:30am, Fireside Room

EVANGELICA: Wednesday, December 14 at 9:30am, Fireside Room

JOY: Monday, December 19 at 1:00pm, Fireside Room

RUTH: Wednesday, December 21 at 9:15am, Fireside Room

All Are Welcome!

- **WELCA Board Meeting - -**

Monday, January 9 at 10:30am

~ GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS ~

TURN PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS INTO MATS FOR THE HOMELESS!

Recycle your bags by placing them in the containers in the room near the elevator on the parking lot level.

If you are interested in getting involved with making the mats or any part of this ministry, call Bev Mundil.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES OF COLORADO

Mark Your Calendars for Colorado Gives Day - December 6

Support Lutheran Family Services on Colorado Gives Day. When you give on December 6, the value of your donation will be increased by the FirstBank Incentive Fund and 100% of your donation will go to LFS! Last year, Colorado Gives Day raised \$8.7 million for Colorado charities. Be part of this exciting day by donating to LFS - visit www.givingfirst.org/lfsco anytime over the 24 hour period of December 6.

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado would love to have your sets of gently used, twin bed sheets that are taking up all that room in your closets. Also we are in need of new, regular size pillows. Bring donations to LFS offices at 363 S. Harlan Suite 200, Denver, 80226 or 1600 Downing Street, Suite 600, Denver, 80218. For a large number of items, pickups can be arranged with Chad Skupien at 303-389-2348 or chad.skupien@lfsco.org.

You too may change a life forever and that life may be yours!

TOUR SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

Pr. Don and Margaret Hinchey have led many tours throughout Europe and the Middle East over the years and they would invite you to join them for April 10 - 20, 2012 for a 10-day tour of Spain with an optional three-day extension to Portugal. Tour the Christian sites of this ancient land, marvel at its art, architecture, culture, and culinary delights, and all for a very reasonable price! For further information, call the Hinchey's at or contact Margaret. Viva Espana!

Holy Trinity Staff

Marcia Bollman.....Liturgical Coordinator
Debbie Boyer.....Administrative Secretary
Edwin Castro.....Custodian
Clarence Leslie.....Pastor Emeritus
Jackie Macheel.....Chancel Choir Director
Julie McNitt.....Associate Pastor for Youth/Family Ministry
Kent Mueller.....Jubilate Handbell Choir Director
Dave Palma-Ruwe..... Senior Pastor
Terry SchjangPastoral Intern
Kristen SchwartzChild Care
Tracy Seul.....Preschool Director
Don Woodring.....Sexton
Margot WrightPastoral Care Coordinator

2011 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

Dale Andersen	Finance
Shirley Banister	Social Ministry
David Cortez	F3
Mike Goman	Stewardship
Dave Lone	Building and Property
Randy Mark	Global Mission
Jan Mason	Vice-President / Personnel
Bevie Raitz	Youth
Beth Rietz	Secretary
Tom Rigby	President
Gretchen Sproles	Worship
Mary Lou Zentner	Memorials

Complete Church Council minutes are available in the church office.
The next Church Council Meeting is Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

Stay connected with the work of the Rocky Mountain Synod and the ELCA,
visit: www.rmselfca.org and www.elca.org.



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