

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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June 1, 2011

Ascension Festival Worship: Thursday, June 2 7:00pm

Food & Fellowship: Saturday, June 4 noon

Women of the ELCA Sunday and Bake Goods Fundraiser: Sunday, June 5

Enneagram Conversation: Tuesday, June 7 7:00pm

Enneagram Conversation: Thursday, June 9 10:00am

Day of Pentecost: Sunday, June 12 8:00am & 10:45am

Confirmation: Sunday, June 12 10:45am

Committee Night: Tuesday, June 14 7pm

Haiti Focus Week at Holden Village:

Saturday, June 18 – Saturday, June 25

Confirmation Camp: Sunday, June 26 – Saturday, July 2

“We get to carry each other”

That is part of the refrain of the U2 song “One” and as I write this article I am doing the “countdown” to the U2 concert at Invesco Field at Mile High. This is one of the many songs that I have heard for years and as I reflect on my “one year” anniversary of serving at Holy Trinity I think of how as pastoral care coordinator I have gotten to see so many manifestations of how we GET TO be God’s hands and heart and “carry each other”. This is an amazing community of committed Christians who are continually seeking ways to live out God’s love.

A welcoming spirit, open hearts and minds, generosity and thought provoking interactions are just a few of the responses I give when I am asked to describe Holy Trinity. It is hard to believe it has now been a full year that I have had the privilege of serving among such a vibrant community. I continue to thank God for each of you and your connection to Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity is very blessed with so many active, gifted and talented members and a staff that is a “dream team”. I am so grateful to my colleagues as we all get to share the best of our skills and work together in various ministry areas. As pastoral care coordinator I have focused in this past year on hospital and home visitation, Stephen Ministry, Grief group, Prayer Ministry, Food and Fellowship, WELCA, working with NCD on passionate spirituality, creating and participating in opportunities for spiritual growth. I have had the opportunity to provide pre-marital counseling, one on one pastoral care and be a part of the worship life of Holy Trinity in worship planning, preaching and assisting ministering.

I have gotten to see first hand the many ways that this community cares deeply for one another and the world. We GET TO “carry each other” bringing hearts that care deeply and are also in need of care. We GET TO love God in the loving and caring of our neighbors and allowing ourselves to be cared for by one another. It is this sharing in ministry and God’s love that continues to GIVE me the energy and enthusiasm to keep making the 70 mile roundtrip commute to serve here at Holy Trinity.

Margot Wright
Pastoral Care Coordinator

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD ASSEMBLY

May 12-14 2011 Colorado Springs, Colorado

This year's theme was "Give Us Today Our Daily Bread". The Synod Assembly Gathering Eucharist and Rite for Opening of a Synod Assembly was very inspirational and full of music and energy. The 450 people attending really love to sing.

Dr. Barbara Rossing, a Professor of the New Testament at LSTC, was our guest Keynote speaker all 3 days. Her examples of Our Daily Bread were very interesting. She told us that Jesus loved to eat, especially in the breaking of bread with people. The disciples didn't recognize Jesus after the resurrection when he was walking down the road. Only after he broke bread with them did they know him.

We had 5 Resolutions to consider: 1. Congregations will support Active, Reserves, National Guard and Retired Military Personnel and their families to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for those military members returning from combat areas and their families who served at home. 2. RMS urges all congregations to discuss and achieve a deeper understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and to read and discuss the Kairos Palestine Document. 3. The RMS establish a Companion Synod relationship with a newly formed Sofia Synod of the Malagasy Lutheran Church resulting from the division into two synods of the territory of the Mahajanga Synod. 4. RMS encourages congregations and individual members to support the mission of Lutheran Campus Ministry by selecting at least one campus ministry site for financial support and hold a Campus Ministry Sunday at least once per year. 5. A Resolution calling the church to speak and act to prevent bullying, harassment and related violence. All 5 Resolutions were discussed and passed.

Dennis presented the budget as proposed by Synod Council totaling approx. three million dollars. It was passed unanimously.

Rev. Joseph Livenson Lauvanus, Bishop from Haiti, addressed the assembly. He also participated in 3 workshops and was warmly welcomed.

Friday evening's banquet was followed by entertainment from Acoustic Eidolon, a husband/wife duo that played guitar and cello. Music was enjoyed by all.

The closing worship was held on the 4th floor of the Crown Plaza Hotel overlooking the Rocky Mountains and Pikes Peak. Rev. Dan Bollman gave the sermon and even reminisced about his days at Holy Trinity. The youth handbell choir "Celebration Ringers" from Colorado Springs added 4 beautiful songs to the service and several ballet dancers performed along with the bell choir music.

I thank you for the opportunity to represent Holy Trinity as a Voting Member. Pastor Julie, Mark Meyer, Marcia Bollman, Judy Lounsberry and Dennis Reynolds also attended.

Sue Reynolds

~ President's Corner ~

Greetings:

HTLC—We've Got Talent

Boy, have we got talent. I just returned home from the youth group chili cook-off and talent show. We have great organizers, 14 different cooks who made 14 different but tasty pots of chili, wonderful singers, talented musical instrument players, young and older, tricky magicians and vocal mc's. And how about the talented group of high school aged youth going to Galveston for their summer mission trip. Impressive!

Mark it on your calendar to attend next year's version of the talent show. Plan to get there early; it will be standing room only.

I'd also like to give a shout out to Pastoral Intern Mark Meyer. By the time you get this newsletter he will probably have finished his year at HTLC. What a year it has been. He has been everywhere, in the pulpit preaching, in the choir singing, participating in the service as Assisting Minister, on youth retreats, leading personal finance classes, at bible study, at church council, at the stewardship committee, and ministering to those in need of pastoral care. What a blessing he has been to us and what a blessing he will be to the church inspired to give him a call. God be with you Mark Meyer.

Finally, we need your help. As you know our next pastoral intern starts with us on July 17th. Over \$12,000 has been given or pledged to pay her stipend and expenses through June 30, 2012. The church needs another \$12,000 to \$13,000 to be pledged or given to meet the original estimated expense of \$25,000. It will be awkward to make this a fund raising item while she is here. If you have not made a gift or a pledge for 2011 or 2012 please prayerfully consider making one during the month of June.

God's Peace and Joy be with you all,
Tom Rigby –Council President

Don't look back and ask why...Look forward and ask why not.

“Come and See” Missions Opportunities

Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in Washington State, will be hosting a **Haiti Focus week, June 18-25, 2011**. Join Pastor Julie and family for an inspiring Haiti filled week in this beautiful retreat setting. Talk to Pastor Julie or go to www.holdenvillage.org for details.

MEN’S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering July 22-24, 2011

Called! Equipped! Sent! This summer, July 22-24, as many as 1,000 men will be in attendance at the Lutheran Men’s Gathering to be held at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. Dynamic speakers, a variety of workshops, and great music, including Peter Mayer, Jimmy Buffett’s lead guitarist, will inspire and motivate your personal faith journey. Some of the most gifted men’s leaders in North America will share their experiences and insights on how to have an effective, life changing men’s ministry. Saturday afternoon opportunities will include everything from workshops to rock climbing & fly fishing classes, to a service opportunity with Project CURE. For more information, or to register, go to www.lutheranmeninmission.org.

Prayer Room at LMM Gathering

Men from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church have been asked to take the lead in equipping and staffing a prayer room at the Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering, July 22-24. Whether or not you can attend the full gathering, can you find a couple of hours to come and pray for speakers, musicians, and those attending the gathering? Any help will be appreciated.

For questions about any of these events, contact Randy McNitt



*Kirsten Sauey and Tom Hofmann cordially invite
 you to their wedding ceremony on July 4 at 3pm.
 The ceremony will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church
 1000 15th Ave, Longmont, CO.
 (reception is by separate invitation only)*

JUNE ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION

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

June 5 Inter Faith Community Services

Living the Questions 2.0

June 12 An Invitation to Journey

June 18 Taking the Bible Seriously

June 26 Thinking Theologically

GRIEF GROUP

MEETS EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY.

SUNDAY, June 5 at 12:15pm & SUNDAY, June 19 at 9:30am

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



Join us for our Enneagram Conversations at Holy Trinity.

We meet in the Fireside Room.
We will meet **Thursday, June 9 at 10:00am** and
on **Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00pm.**

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

Evening Enneagram conversation will continue this summer. We will meet at 7 pm after Bible Study on the first Tuesday of each month. Mark your calendars for Tuesdays June 7, July 5 and August 2. 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.

Dates for New Beginnings worship:

Fridays, June 17 and August 19, 2011

For information, see Pastor Dave, Pastor Julie, Dee Gustafson, Herm Jantzen, or Jan Harvey.

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 now worshipping on the outside too.

The next Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion
Thursday, June 16 at 6:30pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Please join us for
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD FESTIVAL WORSHIP
Thursday ~ June 2 ~ 7:00 pm

Ascension is a festival of the church that marks the end of the stay upon earth of the Risen Christ:

"After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days..." Acts 1:3

Forty days after Easter is always a Thursday.

This is the fourth year that Holy Trinity will celebrate Ascension on the actual day! Instead of our regular Thursday evening worship, which has the same readings and sermon as the following Sunday, we get to celebrate both Ascension and the Seventh Sunday of Easter. They are distinct worship services— different scripture, different sermon, different hymns.

The Jubilate Handbell Ringers will be ringing for Ascension worship.

The Chancel Choir will be singing for the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Mark Thursday, June 2, 7:00 PM (***) not 6:30(***)
on your calendars now.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool is looking for someone with marketing experience to act as an advisor to the Preschool Board. If you or someone you know could help, please contact Pastor Julie or Tracy Seul at 303 797-6345.

Preschool Registration for 2011- 2012 school year!

Registration for the 2011- 2012 school year is underway! Holy Trinity Preschool will continue to expand the reach of its ministry in 2011 with extended days, weekly chapel, cooking, PE and music. Our enrollment options include any number of days, with extended care before and after school. These additions to our schedule help us to meet the needs of more families in different life situations. Please help us reach out to children and families in and around our community by sharing news of our preschool with others!



Registration for the 2011 – 2012 school year is now open. If you are interested in enrolling, please stop by the preschool lobby for a registration form.

For more information or a tour of our school, **contact Tracy Seul, 303-797-6345, Director of Preschool Ministry**

or

Pastor Julie, 303-798-1356 or visit our website at

www.holytrinitylutheranpreschool.org!

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

Free Childcare

Free childcare is available at Holy Trinity every Tuesday Night from 6:00 - 8:30pm. Parents: Come to Bible Study or join a committee! Your children will be in good hands.



Congratulations Confirmands

Emily Baroody and Lyndsey Nold will affirm their Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, June 12 at 10:45 AM. Our Prayers and continued commitment surround these young women as they continue their baptismal journey in their confirmation.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held at Holy Trinity
July 11 to July 15, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

The theme this year is: *Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus Was a Kid*. A light meal will be served from 5:00pm to 5:30pm, with the program from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

We are set with our Directors, but there will be other ways to assist; including craft and game coordinators, kid's team leaders, decorations, set up, and just plain assistance. Make sure to get the word out about VBS to friends, neighbors, and grandkids. It is free and will be fun for everyone.

Questions? Want to help? Please contact Ron Ehm or Pastor Julie McNitt.

King Soopers Gift Cards

Our senior high youth are selling reloadable King Soopers gift cards to raise money for their upcoming mission trip to the Gulf Coast.

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!



BROWN BAG BOOKIES



Join the Brown Bag Bookies
on Tuesday, June 21, 11:30am to 1:00pm

Read, or just come and discuss,

Major Pedigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

“A wry, optimistic comedy of British manners with a romantic twist - A happy read!”

No time to read? Come anyway!!!

Bring a friend ~ bring your lunch.

Questions? Call Florence Van Bebber

Exploring Christianities

9:00 am, Fireside Room, **June 4 and June 18**

Yes, we are changing the dates. Keep Alert

Living the Question

Believe me, these are exciting mind bending sessions.

We always end up with more questions than answers.

**When the world suffers hurricanes, tsunamis, nuclear melt-downs,
floods and famines – Where is God?**

Where is God in the killing of a world terrorist?

Upcoming Topics:

June 4 The Myth of Redemptive Violence & Practicing Resurrection

June 18 Debunking the Rapture & Reclaiming the World

This series brings together over thirty highly acclaimed scholars, theologians and other experts in a video exploration of an open, inclusive, broad-minded Christianity.

Join us. It is fun and informative. BYO coffee.

Prayer Ministry - It's not "One Size Fits All" -

There are many ways to be involved in the Prayer Ministry at Holy Trinity. Maybe you would like to try one of these on for size.

- Pray with the women of New Beginnings - the women share their prayer requests with us regularly and we are in need of people to take the sheets found on the Prayer Ministry Board located right outside the church office. Take home a few of these sheets, offer up those prayers then place the papers in recycling.
- Take home the bulletin from worship and pray during the week for those listed on the back page.
- Fill out a green prayer request card found in the pews or on the Prayer Ministry Board and share with the community your prayer concerns, praises, or answers to prayer.
- Attend the next Prayer Ministry meeting, Tuesday, June 14, at 11:15am to pray with us and share ideas you have for us as a praying community.
- Talk with Jean Jacobson, Jan Harvey, Becky Zinn-Caulfield, Beth Rietz, Marilyn Hobart, or Margot Wright about your ideas, hopes, dreams for Holy Trinity as a praying community.

There are so many ways to pray and be involved in prayer ministry, let God's Spirit move you

Life Transitions Grief Support Group

The Life Transitions Support Group will be taking a break over the summer months and will begin meeting again in September. This is a support group for those who are in one of life's many transitions: loss of job, relationship, financial distress, changing family dynamics, ongoing grief and loss. More information will be in the September newsletter and if you or someone you know could benefit from this group support feel free to talk with Marta Drummond or Margot Wright to find out more.

Our *Living* God has words of *Life* for all who want to really *live*!
 Come, see and *live*.
 Tuesday Bible Study – either 10am or 6pm.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE

	June 2	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
First Reading	Acts 1: 1 - 11	Acts 1: 6 - 14	Acts 2: 1 - 21	Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a	Jeremiah 28: 5 - 90
Psalmody	Psalm 47	Psalm 68: 1 - 10, 32 - 35	Psalm 104: 24- 34, 35b	Psalm 8	Psalm 89: 1 - 4, 15 - 18
Second Reading	Ephesians 1: 15 - 23	1 Peter 4: 12 - 14; 5: 6 - 11	1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13	2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 13	Romans 6: 12 - 23
Gospel	Luke 24: 44 - 53	John 17: 1 - 11	John 20: 19 - 23	Matthew 28: 16 - 20	Matthew 10: 40 - 42

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES OF COLORADO

Join **Lutheran Family Services** for a **ZOO-BQ!** We have reserved the **Denver Zoo** for a private event for friends, family and guests of LFS. All who come will enjoy admission to the zoo, an all-American grilled dinner, carousel rides and much more, while helping LFS grow and thrive. The Annual Family & Charity event, is on Friday, June 10, at 6:30pm at the Denver Zoo.

Save the Date – Tee Off for Hope, the **Annual LFS Golf Classic** is on Monday, July 25 at the beautiful course at Arrowhead Golf Club in Littleton. Shotgun start is at 7:30am, followed by lunch, awards and a live auction. Registration fee includes green fees for 18 holes, golf cart, breakfast, unlimited snacks, lunch, exceptional prizes and more!

Please remember we are always in need of gently used kitchen supplies like pots and pans, dishes, glassware, utensils and linens, lamps and furniture. To schedule a pickup for furniture or for additional information contact Chad Skupien at chad.skupien@lfsco.org or 303-389-2348.

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

Women of the ELCA News



• **MINISTRY IN ACTION - -**

CHRISTIAN SERVICE: June 1 at 9:15am, Fellowship Hall

LYDIA: June 13 & June 27 at 1:00pm, Fireside Room

PIECE: June 9 at 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall

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

• **Holy Trinity Women of the ELCA Sunday: June 5**

We will celebrate the day with our annual baked goodies, jams, jellies, and snack items - for a free will donation. Pastor Julie will be giving the sermon and Holy Trinity women will participate in the service as Readers, Eucharistic Servers, and Ushers.

Peace and Blessings!

Listen Up! Take Note!
It's Coming! It'll Be Here Soon!

WHAT??? HTLC WELCA Baked Goods / Snacks Fundraiser



WHEN??? Sunday, June 5, 2011

Freewill Offerings this year will benefit:

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN HAITI

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF:

SHIPPING COSTS FOR QUILTS

IHN (INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK)

WELCA & HOLY TRINITY NEEDS



Calling **ALL** (men & women) bakers, cooks, etc....

Get out those special recipes and help us make this the best event ever!

Book Bags have been sewn, thanks to Cindy Brinker and Marilyn Ness - 100 bags. They will be out in July for filling. We have some supplies so not all of the bags need to be filled completely. There will be a chart in the hallway with the needed items listed. Please feel free to buy one item or many items for the bags. They will be delivered to **Lutheran World Relief** for distribution around the world, where needed. Thanks for helping! Christian Service Circle

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

IHN Celebrates July 4th with Holy Trinity

July IHN will need some special attention! Guests arrive on July 3. They will remain at the church all day on July 4th and we will hopefully provide a nice family outing to see fireworks. If there are any families who would like to be in charge of 4th of July celebrations, please call Grenay Weber at 303-979-1307. It would be great to have some families share their 4th with guests. (Our previous experience with the 4th of July provided a picnic, tents, and transportation to Cornerstone Park.) Ideas are welcome.

Hosts for the day of July 4th will also be needed. This would mean a 1-2 hour stay at the church, just to be available, since families will be there all day. Would anyone like to cook a hot breakfast? Watch for the usual sign up activities. Please consider donating your time and spend time with some very appreciative folks!



LAWN MOWER BRIGADE

Sign on now for the Holy Trinity Lawnmower Brigade. We hope to mow the lawn again this summer using volunteers. We hope for teams of two or three individuals, each team would mow approximately once a month. The plan is to mulch, rather than catch the grass. Mulching allows much faster mowing and there will be no need to dispose of the clippings. There are mowers available. If you can help, please sign up at church. If you can only be a substitute, please indicate that. Thank you!

Holy Trinity Staff

Marcia Bollman.....Liturgical Coordinator
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Edwin Castro.....Custodian
Shannon Cline.....Child Care
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Jackie Macheel.....Chancel Choir Director
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Mark Meyer.....Pastoral Intern
Kent Mueller.....Jubilate Handbell Choir Director
Dave Palma-Ruwe..... Senior Pastor
Tracy Seul.....Preschool Director
Don Woodring.....Sexton
Margot WrightPastoral Care Coordinator

2011 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

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Complete Church Council minutes are available in the church office.

The next Church Council Meeting is Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

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



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Rocky Mountain Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursdays at 6:30pm

Sundays at 8:00am & 10:45am

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