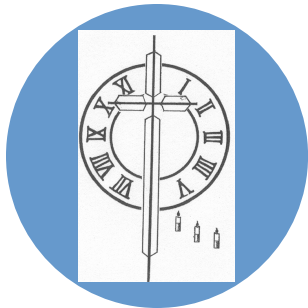


# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

GATHER IN WORSHIP, GROW IN FAITH, GO IN SERVICE

September 2011



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August 23, 2011

Dear Friends in the Friendship of Jesus Christ,

Well, it was a beautiful Sunday morning on August 21 with a generous attendance at both services celebrating Project Stepping Stone but particularly at our joint outdoor service with Lutheran Church of the Cross. Our shady grove on the east side of our sanctuary was ideal, our praise band HIS was wonderful in leading Spirited worship and the auction on behalf of Project Stepping Stone was fantastic, drawing over \$4000 in contributions. Thank you to all who coordinated and participated in this memorable day through your energy, enthusiasm, hard work and generosity.

The hard work and commitment that go into making things like this happen at HTLC have got me thinking about a central aspect of living the Christian life together in any congregation, including ours. I guess you could call it a matter of attitude, but it's really more than that. I think it's really a matter of living in God's daily grace, and the way this reality frees us up, both within and without.

Reflecting on the attitude of some humble women at a church in Texas, which does this incredible servant event ministry with visiting youth, a colleague recently wrote how the women sort of fight over who gets to do the laundry for the next group's stay. Yeah, you heard that correctly, they vie with one another over who gets to wash the sheets and the towels. It's the difference between an "I have to do this" as just another chore attitude and "I get to do this" as a privileged opportunity attitude.

As our fall activities increase with more opportunities to gather for community, grow through encounters with God's Word and go as the Lord's hands and heart to serve the world, what a powerful spirit might be unleashed as we consider that we get to do things rather than simply have to do things. I don't know about you, but the older I become, the more I realize the sheer gift in getting to do the

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#### HTLC Pastors

- Rev. John D. Malzahn, Senior Pastor
- Rev. Tracy Paschke-Johannes, Associate Pastor
- Rev. Stanley H. Peterson, Pastor Emeritus

## Gather in Worship

### Our Pastor and Mrs. Emeritus

Mark your calendar and plan to welcome Pastor Stan and Sarah Peterson back to HTLC on Sunday, October 2nd at both services. Pastor Stan will preach to begin an exciting month of exploring our stewardship theme "God Is Worthy: Claim Your Mission"



**Sept. 11  
Claim Your  
Mission  
Sunday**

### September is Foundation Awareness Month at HTLC!



The HTLC Foundation exists to offer you a means to channel your assets back to your church and community, so that your gifts have a lasting impact and will keep giving over and over again. Through good stewardship and estate planning, assigning HTLC as the beneficiary of insurance policies or establishing trusts in such a way that they will have a lasting benefit to our congregation's ministry and our local communities needs, you can ensure a legacy of generosity as a defining characteristic of your life.

The Foundation is ready to assist you in any way as you plan your legacy. For more information, please contact the church office.

*Pictured: Volunteers working at Habitat for Humanity Faith Build, August 6, 2011.*

### Picnic and Praise

On Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, join us at Hazelwood Christian Church, 1400 W. University Ave., where our praise bands will share an evening of music and family fun. Music will begin at 6:30 PM on the Hazelwood Christian Church grounds and continue until about 8:30 PM. Bring a picnic dinner and your lawn chair or blanket. Lemonade and water will be provided. Some lawn games will be provided, but everyone is welcome to bring your favorite lawn games as well. In the event of rain, the concert will move inside.

During the intermission, as equipment is switched out, both bands invite members of their congregations to share their talents as well. Talents might include singing a song, playing an instrument, reciting a special passage, interpretive dance or other special presentation. We ask that persons interested in sharing a talent keep their presentation to 3-4 minutes. If you are interested in sharing in this ministry, please contact Holy Trinity at 282-0619.



## Grow in Faith

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things I do, even the routine and mundane things. When I look at things this way, which admittedly is a challenge for me some days, I have more energy and feel joy and expectation, both in the moment and in looking ahead.

Grateful to Get to Serve with You in Jesus' Name!

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "D. K. Melo", is centered on the page.

## Church Women United

Annual Meeting and Gathering on Friday, September 16, at 9:30am at Riverside United Methodist Church. Guest speaker is Dlynn Melo, R.N. The topic is "Living with Diabetes". A healthy lunch will be served, the cost is \$6. To RSVP call the church office.

## Go in Service

**September 11**

### Claim Your Mission Sunday

As Christians, we embrace the joys, sorrows and experiences of children, adults, and seniors. We "claim our mission" to be children of God. Claiming our mission means we are committed to learning and growing in faith, living as generous people who share our resources and our time, and worshipping together. This can be challenging and exciting to claim all aspects of mission at the same time, when some among us are eager learners and some among us mourn. But, through our faith, we can gather together and claim this common mission.

On Sunday September 11, Holy Trinity will claim its mission for 2011-2012. We will celebrate by kicking off the education year for adults and children. We will receive our 2012 offering envelopes as we claim our mission to be generous people. We will also take time in adult forum and during worship to remember the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks. We mourn, we remember, we celebrate our faith as a people who claim our mission to spread the message of God's love in all times and places.

### It's Our Turn Again

We will have an opportunity to serve families at the Christian Ministry Food Pantry from 9 until 12:30 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday September 27, 28, 29. If you are available, please sign the registry in the Information Center and come to the Christian Ministry office. Thanks

### Coats Against the Cold!



The kids are back in school. The days are cooler. It is easier to imagine a need for coats in September and October. Check your closets. If you have a coat your child has outgrown or if you find a really good sale, bring the gently used coats to HTLC. We'll take them to Christian Ministries for the Hearts and Hands United to be distributed in October. Our collection days at HTLC will be September 11 & 18. Thank you.

### Scarves Against the Cold for Head Start Children

Children in Muncie are cold and need scarves. HTLC has lots of yarn available. You have talents. You have some time.

Contact the Prayer Shawl group to help you connect all of the above and make scarves for Head Start children.

## Sunday School Kick-Off Pizza Party and Pitch-in

will be at Morrow's Meadow, located in Yorktown behind the Pizza King on Tiger Dr., on Sunday, September 11 following 2nd service. We will caravan from church. Please bring a dish to share, along with your lawn chairs.

If you plan to come on your own, Morrow's Meadow is located in Yorktown.

From Holy Trinity:

Take White River Blvd to Tillotson. Turn LEFT on Tillotson

Take Tillotson to Kilgore Ave/IN 32. Turn RIGHT and drive 5.5 miles

Take IN 32 to S County Road 575 W/S Yorktown-Gaston Pike Turn RIGHT

Morrow's Meadow is located right behind Pizza King.

## Ending Hunger One Step at a Time



**CROP Hunger Walk on September 25th at First Presbyterian Church, 1400 W. Riverside Avenue. Registration starts at 1:30pm.**

## Freed to Lead Initiative

The Indiana - Kentucky Synod will have two outings this fall to benefit the Freed to Lead Initiative. The September 14th Bishop's Open Golf Outing will be at Bear Chase Golf Club in Shelbyville Indiana and the October 4th outing will be at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend Indiana. For further information about either outing, please contact Joe Skvarenina at the Synod Office, 317-253-3522 or for information about the South Bend outing, you may also contact Doug Irvine at 574-277-8805.

## Ministry of Outreach Making Fall Plans!

Join us on Tuesday, September 6 from 7 until 8 PM in the church lounge for our early fall meeting.

We will make plans for the fall coat drive, nametag holders, Samaritan's Purse, the Head Start Christmas party, our Christmas outreach offering and Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. And, we'll finish in an hour! Think we can do it? Come, join us and see if we can!



## Save the Date Harvest Ball

**Saturday, November 5, 7-9:30pm**

Fellowship, Dancing, and  
Delicious nibbles

Benefitting Grace Village,  
the Episcopal-Lutheran Campus  
Ministry at Ball State University

**More details to follow...**

## Together We Learn

### Parent's Corner Bible Study 205

Wondering How to teach your kids about God? Want to deepen your understanding of the Bible? Interested in finding a network of supportive parents? Join us for HTLC's new "Parent's Corner Bible Study" All parents of children, age 0-18 are invited to join. If you're single, married, or divorced, attend church alone or with your partner, you are welcome! We are parents trying to support & pray for one another while sharing faith with our kids.

### Adult Forum

Join us in Fellowship Hall on September 11th at 9:15am as we reflect on the 10 years since September 11, 2001 and the continuing discernment in living out God's justice, reconciliation and peace as Christians in a broken world.

### Sunday School

Children 3 years - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will learn about God's love using a hands on program. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders will deepen their faith using a program that incorporates Bible readings from worship. High school Youth will study various books of the Bible & hear stories of faith from our members.

**Middle School Sunday School Teachers** - We are still in need of 1 or 2 Sunday School teachers for the Middle schoolers, if you are interested, please see Pr. Tracy.

### Children's Church (ages 4-8)

Held during the 10:30 service, this kid friendly worship opportunity teaches young people the ways they can connect to God through song, prayer, and Bible stories. Curriculum is based on the Sunday Service (for example, during Advent, the season before Christmas, kids learn the meaning of the Advent candles and the ways Christians prepare for Christmas).

### Stepping Up

A journey through the Psalms of Ascent by Beth Moore. Three times a year the ancient Israelites traveled to the temple in Jerusalem. Now it's your turn. "The more we unveil our faces to God and bare our souls to Him expressing what is in our hearts, the safer we'll feel with Him and the closer we'll draw to Him." **Beginning Sunday, September 18 at 9:00am and Monday, September 19 at 4:30pm.** This is a 6 week study. Books are \$20. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge.

### Confirmation

For students in grades 7-9 will begin Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm with a family pitch in meal.

### HTLC Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00pm to review Little Princes by Conor Grennan. This is a poignant and hopeful story about an American student and others who are bringing hope to the trafficked children of Nepal. If you need a copy of the book, speak to Pr. John.

## On the Anniversary of 9/11

*"Ten years after the terrible events of September 11, 2001, not a day passes without reminders of how our lives were changed that day. Blood continues to be shed in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere. Skirmishes in the ongoing war on terror are daily occurrences around the world. The physical and emotional impact of the 9/11 terror attacks continue to affect thousands of men and women who lost loved ones or were among the first-responders at the scenes of destruction. The tenth anniversary of 9/11 is a time of deep spiritual reflection for all who were touched by it. For Christians in the U.S. and around the world, this will be a time of prayer and remembrance for those who were lost, as well as a time for each of us to seek to discern God's will for ending the hatred and resentments that spawned the violence."*

Michael Kinnamon

General Secretary, National Council of Churches

At worship on Sunday, September 11, HTLC will mark this milestone with lament, thanksgiving and a commitment to be people of hope and reconciliation in a broken world. We will pray for our military and for the thousands of innocents who have suffered in the global war on terror. We will sing our faith and our feelings in a 9/11 anniversary hymn.

But in the larger context of the day, we will claim our roles as learners and teachers of God's Word. In other words, Sunday School for all ages will have a rich menu of learning and relationship building. Most of all, we will come together as a people of hope, united by the work of God's good spirit in our midst. Let the following reflection by Michael Lindvall, a Presbyterian pastor in New York City, speak to you about this kind of coming together.

*"Several members of my Manhattan congregation are involved in the National 9/11 Memorial project at Ground Zero. One is a subcontractor who has worked on the memorial's concrete foundations, and he took me on a tour of the uncompleted memorial last spring. When it opens on the tenth anniversary of the attack, visitors will find it to be Olympian in scale: two pools covering an acre each—roughly the footprint of the twin towers—into which four-sided waterfalls cascade 30 feet, with the museum wedged between the pools; a forest of*

*trees, including the lone survivor tree; and 2,983 names etched in stone.*

*Another church member working on the memorial came through the greeting line after church not long after my tour and gave me a rubber wristband that reads "9/11 Memorial - United by Hope." I have been wearing it, and plan to do so till after church on Sunday, September 11. I think the three words on my bracelet will serve well to direct how we shape worship that day: memorial, united, hope.*

*Memorials help us remember, of course. They help us remember lives cut short and acts of extraordinary courage. Water falling inward cannot but call to mind collapsing buildings and tears. At church we'll set our remembering in the context of the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving. We may toll the steeple bell. I'll avoid the vocabularies of both victimhood and martyrdom. The former confers too small a status on those who died; the latter carries overtones of both religious conflict and intentionality. Heroic language does fit, however, especially in remembering the 400 first responders who gave their lives. They had choices to make, and they chose bravely.*

*Human beings are united by a great many things, many of them perverse. People are united by race and language, sect and geography; too often they are united by hatred and anger. To be united by hope would be exceptional. The 9/11 memorial seeks to recall the spirit of exceptional unity in the nation and world in the days just after 9/11 - not wistfully, but in a way that dares to hope that such a spirit is ever a possibility. Our Sunday morning service that day will bear witness to what a member who serves on the memorial staff calls 'our collective capacity to come together.'"*

Michael Lindvall, Pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York; his books include [The Good News from North Haven](#)



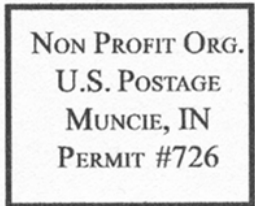
Pr. John and Friend working at Habitat for Humanity Faith Build, August 6, 2011.

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at  
8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.  
on Sept. 4

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OUR FALL  
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Sunday School for all ages at  
9:15 A.M.

Next Trinity Times deadline: September 18, 2011

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Pictured: Volunteers working at Habitat for Humanity Faith Build, August 6, 2011.

