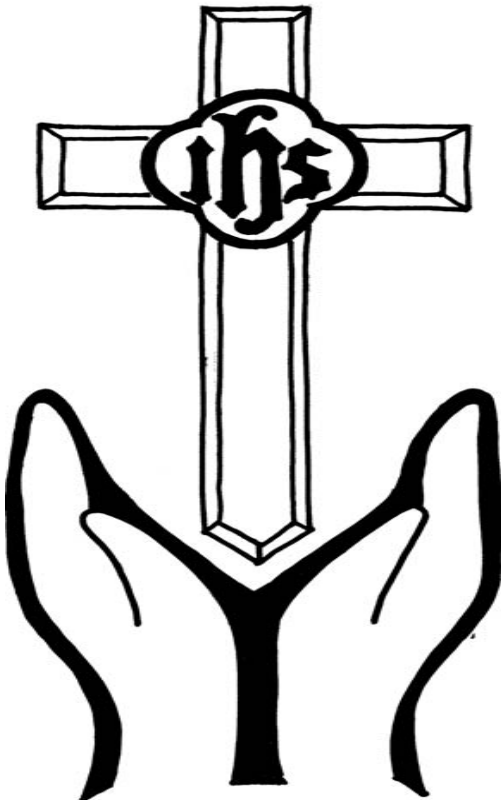


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*Then Jesus said to  
His disciples,  
“If anyone desires  
to come after Me,  
let him deny himself,  
and take up his cross,  
and follow Me.”  
(Matthew 16:24)*

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**SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 5:30 p.m. Page 285****HYMNS:** 338; 342; 349**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 a.m. Page 184 10:30 a.m. Page 219****HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 344; 342; 347; 341; 348 Junior Choir  
10:30 a.m. 344; 342; 348 Adult ChoirSCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Isaiah 11:1-10 P. 575  
Psalm 72:1-7 P. 485  
Romans 15:4-13 P. 949  
Matthew 3:1-12 P. 808**THE PRAYERS**

May we faithfully introduce Jesus, the true peace on earth, to a world so in need of His peace. New members. Cindy Strong at the death of her father, Paul Donelan at the death of his brother.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
	<u>3:00 p.m.</u>	Lutheran Hour Broadcast, WLUJ, 89.7
	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	Men's Basketball - School Gym
Mon:	<u>5:30 a.m.</u>	PTL Planning Meeting - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Directors - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - Church
	<u>11:30 a.m.</u>	Ladies Aid - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	<b>Service - Church</b>
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	<b>Advent Service - School</b>
Thur:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<b>Service - School</b>
Sun:	Third Sunday in Advent, December 11/12, 2010	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

At Worship Last Week:	Sat: <u>130</u>	Sun: <u>160</u> <u>155</u>	Wed: <u>7</u>	Total: <u>495</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>70</u>		Sunday School:	<u>22</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$14,229.55</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today by Stace and Terri Cameron to God's glory in memory of Paul and Luella Cameron.

**Today in Sunday School**, the children heard about Mary's visit to Elizabeth (Luke 1:26–56). In the presence of the Son of God growing within Mary's womb, John the Baptist leapt inside Elizabeth's womb. God fills us with Himself in Word and Sacrament and we, like Mary, offer our praise and worship. Mary's song, "The Magnificat," is sung by Christians as part of the Matins Liturgy. Talk to your children about this wonderful Bible story and how God fills us with His presence through Word and Sacrament. Review the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, ("born of the Virgin Mary").

### FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	90,158.84	321,635.91
Expenses	<u>98,502.97</u>	<u>356,693.59</u>
Over (Short)	(8,344.13)	(35,057.68)

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!** In our 10:30 service this morning we will be receiving the following persons into membership: Linda Baker (adult baptism); Tony Daniel; Dow, Debbie, Jamie Grider; Charles, Melinda, Izaak, Wynne, Charles Shaw; Kristin, Amelia, Freddie Smith. Membership is a high and holy thing. In Christ we become one and together work for His glory and the good of our neighbors.

**WOMEN WITH MISSION'S CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be held at Olive Garden on **Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30 p.m.** (note the time change). Please let Cathy Von De Bur know by noon Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, if you will **not** be attending **or** if you will be bringing a guest. – Our Mission Project for December will be the collection and sending of items and cards to our military personnel. WWM members should have received an e-mail earlier this week regarding the handling of this project. – In lieu of a gift exchange this year, if you wish to participate, please bring \$10 to be used towards postage for the military items/cards, etc. If any questions, contact Cathy (487-7846) or Cindy Ushman (789-6103).

**Name submitted** to the Board of Christian Day School for the First Grade Teaching Position: Melissa Wren, Springfield, Illinois.

**HOUSING** – Temporary housing (four months) is needed for a young woman interning in Springfield starting in January. If you have a room for rent please contact the pastors.

**POSTING OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS** - From December 1, 2010 and following, Shepherds Staff is programmed to automatically credit contributions to Trinity's capital campaign to your 2010–2013 Securing Our Future pledge. That's just the way the software is set up. However, if you wish, any of your December 2010 capital campaign contributions to be credited to your 2007–2010 Renewing Our Past - Seizing Our Future pledges, they can be. For that to occur, they need to be handled in a separate and special way. For the contribution posters to know that, please write "2007–10" on your pink capital campaign contribution envelope. In that way, any December 1 through 31, 2010, capital campaign contributions you wish credited to your 2007–2010 pledge will be so posted. From January 1, 2011 and following, the posters will no longer be able to credit any contribution to the 2007–2010 campaign. After January 1, 2011 all capital campaign contributions will be credited only to the 2010–2013 Securing Our Future pledges.

**The total Thanksgiving Day offerings** for 2010 were \$1,548.00. The anticipated match from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is \$516.00. Accordingly, a total of \$1,032.00 will be donated to the Central Illinois District Scholarship Endowment Fund. In addition, \$1,032.00 will be donated to Lutheran World Relief/Human Care for the International Lutheran Welcome Center (Wittenberg Center - Wittenberg, Germany). Thank you to all, as well as Thrivent, for this support of CID sons and daughters who are or will be attending Synodical colleges, universities or seminaries in preparation for full-time service in LCMS ministries, and for the Wittenberg Center.

#### **Automatic Contribution Program Information**

Members that are participating in the Automated Contribution Program are reminded that if you wish to make changes to the amount you are having debited from your account, you must submit the changes by January 1, 2011. Changes can only be made in January and July. Changes can be accomplished by filling out a new form with the desired amounts and writing "change" on the sheet. The beginning of the year is also a good time to begin having your contributions, both general fund and building fund, automatically deducted if you are not presently doing this. You may however sign up at anytime during the year. You may also cancel the automatic debit at any time. This takes 30 days to process. Information and forms are available at the church office or by calling me at 753-1272. The form is also available online at [www.trinity-lutheran.com](http://www.trinity-lutheran.com) under announcements. Bill Firth-Financial Secretary

#### **FOCUS ON BIBLE STUDY 2010**

***"The unfolding of Your Word gives light; It imparts understanding to the simple."***

Psalm 119:130

**TRINITY LAIDES AID** will meet Wednesday, December 8, in the Parish Hall. Bring three dozen cookies for packing boxes for shut-ins beginning at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be "Committee Choice" with a \$5.00 donation. Program/Devotions "Trinity School Choir" under the direction of Laura Fliege. Mission Service Project is "Christmas Gifts for Bethesda". Gifts suitable for a man, woman, or either. Wrap in Christmas paper, label for man, woman, or either, list contents of gift on the tag. Bethesda gifts: Jewelry – watches, necklaces, bracelets; Word Search books, word game books; Stationery; Large print books, especially Bible stories; Slippers; Manicure and pedicure sets; Hats, gloves and socks; Lotion, bubble bath, aftershave; Colored pencils, pens, markers; Writing and/or drawing pads; Greetings cards; Games: Bingo, Sorry, Trouble, Connect Four; Card Games: Go Fish, Old Maid, Crazy Eights; Room Decor: appropriate pictures, knick-knacks, decorative pillows; Calendars.

**MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION** are invited to join the Ladies Aid in purchasing poinsettias for the altar at Christmas. Price is \$11.00 per plant. You may place your order with Chairman Judy Fliege, 787-9011, or Grace Davis, 787-8433. Deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 15. Pick up will be Sunday, December 26 after the late service, or Monday, December 27.

**QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** will start on January 3, 2011 in the Parish Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions call Helen Hoffman, 789-4912, or Dee Boehm, 793-6370. More details later.

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE AT TRINITY:** The Board of Christian Development is seeking persons to assist with the administration of our Sunday School. Please prayerfully consider volunteering an hour of your time on Sunday mornings to help take attendance, collect the offering and be a resource for our Sunday School teachers. All interested persons are encouraged to contact Roger Schlichting at 585-0969, Doug Gustafson at 498-6705, or Sharon Croxton at 498-7654.

**THE CHRISTMAS PORTION** of George Friderich Handel's Messiah will be performed by the Springfield Handel Society on Sunday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m., St. Agnes Catholic Church, 245 North Amos, Springfield. The performance with soloists, organ, instruments and over 55 singers of the Springfield Handel Choir is conducted by Janet Cobb. The performance is free, but freewill donations will be gratefully accepted.

**LAND OF LINCOLN HONOR FLIGHT** transports WWII veterans for free from the Springfield airport to Washington, DC for one day to visit memorials dedicated to honoring their service. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will give \$1 for every \$3 donated to this project through December 23. Donations may be taken or mailed to Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, POB 403, Chatham, IL 62629. Donations are tax exempt. More information about Honor Flight is on [www.landoflincolnhonorflight.org](http://www.landoflincolnhonorflight.org).

# CALENDAR YEAR 2011 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

In an effort to save substantial mailing costs, the Board of Christian Stewardship asks you to please pick up your 2011 contribution envelope packet. All envelope packets are now available, in the Parish Center, on tables located near or against the north windowed wall, and arranged in alphabetical order (reading from the bottom of the table to the top, left to right). The Parish Center is conveniently located and accessible to all. No having to go up and down stairs. Also, if you need assistance in getting your envelope packet, fellow worshipers will be around before and after Saturday evening service as well as before and after the Sunday School hour (after first service and before second service on Sunday). Just ask them for help.

Please note that Renewing Our Past - Seizing Our Future envelopes remain in the 2011 packets. Please use them for your Securing Our Future capital campaign offerings. We'll be sure to have appropriately titled envelopes for 2012.

To make things easier for all concerned, the envelope packets for 2011 have been renumbered to match the alphabetical listing of family names. This greatly eases the administration, preparation and distribution of envelopes. Please be assured that all records of past giving (as well as pledges) recorded under (an) old envelope number(s) will be transferred completely to your new envelope number.

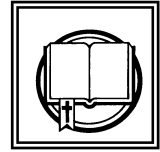
**Please pick up your envelope packet as soon as you can.** Remaining packets will be prepared for mailing on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, please do not use your new envelopes until after January 1, 2011. Also, after New Year's Day, throw out any unused 2010 (or previous years') envelopes. Please note your new number. The contribution counters ask that you write it on the memo line of your contribution checks in 2011. Thanks!

**ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** is scheduled for **Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. We will be electing officers, elders, members of the Board of Directors, Vision Team and others. There will be a presentation about what special events and activities will be taking place during the Winter and Spring months at Trinity that you may have an interest in. Also a presentation on statistical information about our membership, attendance, and finances over the past year. There will be information about a special Task Force being formed to study and make recommendations on a balanced budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. If you are a registered voter or would like to become a voter, please mark your calendar and attend on Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30-10:15 a.m.



**“The Big Picture of Love”** An exploration of the big-picture view of the Bible. It’s all about Jesus and His love. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

**“Selected Words of Christ”** We will look into some selected words of our Savior Himself and look for insights that are sometimes not well known. Location: Science Room. Leader: Brian Biggs

**Youth Group** – Discussions of different topics weekly & dealing with the stress of growing up. Location: Youth Room. Leaders: Katie McCulley, Josh Dixon

[Child care is available for Adult Bible Classes]

## WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES

### TUESDAYS:

**LADIES MORNING STUDY** meets in December at the home of Deb Zyzniewski, 2008 Montague (Oak Park Subdivision). We will focus our Bible study on the Season of Advent and finalize our December plans. For directions or more information, please call 787-3816.

**SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS** – Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., class at 10:00 a.m. Studying Luke (Part II). God sends His living Word (Jesus) to (& through) His living People! Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Garvue

### WEDNESDAYS:

**BIBLE AND BREAKFAST** meets at 6:30 in the Church Library. Studying Great Chapters of the Bible. Leader Pastor Radtke

**ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER ... We believe that the Lord’s table must be approached with sincere faith and full understanding. We believe that approaching the Lord’s table is a declaration of unity of faith with this congregation. Thus, we ask anyone who has not made that declaration of faith or is not a confirmed member in good standing of a Missouri Synod congregation to please refrain from communing until you can be brought into full doctrinal fellowship with us.**

## **“MAY I INTRODUCE MY FRIEND JESUS”**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle

*<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.*

How the world expects peace to happen.

Do we prefer a beautiful and fully grown tree, or a simple and vulnerable shoot growing from a dead stump?

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

John 20:19

“May I introduce to you my friend Jesus.”