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A Word from the Pastor During Pentecost

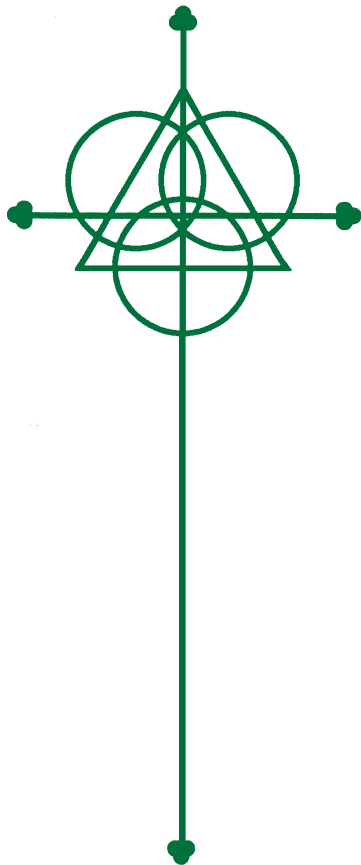
Last month I was invited to be the Chaplain at the Chautauqua Institution. I started as a mid week fill-in in 1996 and over the years have served as institutional chaplain five times. For those of you who are not familiar with Chautauqua, the Institution, though open all year, really only functions at full capacity and full tilt during the summer months, when they sponsor nine weeks of intense programming, with nationally known lecturers, musicians, traveling troupes, ballet, theater, film and so much more. Each of the nine weeks has its own theme and all the lectures, music, etc. centers around that theme.

The theme of the week I was there was "Cuba: Neighbor and Enigma." The entire week was sponsored by the Department of Religion as its Department Chair, Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, has had a long history of interacting with this island nation and its people. Some may recall the Elian Gonzales story of a few years ago. As a result of her involvement in and affection for Cuba and Cubans, all of the lecturers, presenters, as well as some of the music, authors and food for the week were chosen and invited by her and as a delightful consequence, I, as chaplain for the week, along with my wife, Debby, got to spend most of our time with the Cuban delegation. It was a rare treat to be able to interact with these folks and get to know them in a way we wouldn't have been able to, had the Religion Department not been so closely involved. We met a member of Parliament, an architect working on the revival of Old Havana, we met a Presbyterian pastor working with the World Council of Churches in the Caribbean and specifically with Cuba, we met a Cuban Chef, an American historian who has devoted her life to telling the story of Cuba and working with our government to improve relations with our closest island neighbor. We learned the true story about Castro's Revolution, why it happened, how it happened, the consequences thereof. We learned details about the Bay of Pigs incident and the Cuban missile crisis that we could not glean from books. We were given insight into the lives of Cubans today, about their economic plight, how the recent hurricanes devastated their country, how our trade and travel embargo really effects that nation and its people. And we made close friends in a relatively short period of time.

The sermons I preached were all based on the scriptures and the theme of neighbor. I preached a sermon on a text from Genesis and the story of Cain and Abel. I drew on stories from the Christian New Testament and the parables of Jesus; the story of the Good Samaritan, the persistent neighbor, the questioning of Jesus by the Pharisees about which commandment was the greatest, and the touching story about a group of friends who loved their companion so much that they were willing to dig through the roof of Jesus' home to get help for their friend. I did (hopefully) a credible job of integrating what I learned that week into my preaching and we have published the set for you to take home. You should find copies in the narthexes of the church and chapel. You can also find them online at our website, www.holytrinitybuffalo.org. Chautauqua also has them available for download as an audio file (recordings of the sermons as I delivered them at Chautauqua). There is a small fee to do this. Simply go to the Great Lecture Library at the Chautauqua web site, www.ciweb.org. You can also pin me down some day and I would be glad to talk to you.

Sincerely yours,

Pastor Charles D. Bang



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Swine Flu (H1N1)

I have been at my computer for several hours researching this topic. I know this article is long, but I wanted to present the facts about this flu so you will be an educated consumer. I have researched the National Institute of Health, The World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control, and the National Vaccine Information Center, a non for profit organization that is the watchdog for vaccinations.

Swine Flu (H1N1) is a respiratory infection caused by a virus. It is transmitted by coughing, sneezing, and/or touching an object that has been touched by someone who has the flu. It can be spread by air and enters your body through your nose or mouth and also by hand to nose or mouth. It is imperative you avoid touching your nose or mouth and wash, wash, wash, your hands as often as possible. It is suggested you wash your hands with soap and water while singing Happy Birthday twice. You can also use an alcohol based antibacterial hand wash solution. You can buy these in small containers at the dollar store, grocery store or drug store. I carry one in my purse and one in my car.

The vaccine is egg based, so if you are allergic to eggs you do not want to receive the vaccine.

Symptoms include chills, fever, cough, headache, body aches, sore throat, and runny nose; all similar to the regular flu.

An antiviral treatment can be given to treat or prevent the spreading of the Swine Flu.

It can be given to one who just became sick (within 2 days)

It can be given to one who is already ill, thus decreasing the sick time and decreasing the symptoms

It can be given to a well person who has been in contact with a sick person

Receiving the treatment doesn't prevent the flu if you have been in contact with a sick person, but it decreases your chance of catching the flu and decreases the chance of passing it on to others

Testing of a vaccine by the National Institute of Health began in July and manufacturers of the vaccine also have been testing the vaccine. Adults and the elderly have been tested as well as children 6 months -17 years. It seems that they tested the adults and elderly first. Then when that was favorable and safe, they approved the testing of children. The components of the vaccine are very controversial. Of the sites I researched, some say the vaccine is safe, while others were concerned about the safety and the side effects of the vaccine. You will have to discuss this with your doctor and weigh the risks vs. benefits.

There are 5 groups who will receive the vaccine first if they so choose:

1. Health care and emergency workers.
2. Pregnant women
3. Children and young adults ages 6 months to 24 years.

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4. Parents and caretakers of babies under 6 months.
 5. Adults 25-64 with chronic conditions. i.e. lung disease, asthma, heart disease and diabetes, etc.

A further note on vaccines. In 2005 congress took away liability for experimental drugs and vaccines that are released for public use under emergency use authorization whenever a national public health emergency is declared. There has been no funding of a compensation project for children or adults injured or killed by vaccines or drugs used under emergency use authorization.

What you have to do now is become informed about this flu. Read what you can, ask your doctor questions about this vaccine and if it is something you should receive. Each case is different and you and your doctor must decide what is best for you and your family. If you have access to a computer contact the following sites: www.CDC (Center for Disease Control), www.flu.gov, www.WHO, (World Health Organization), www.NVIC.org (National Vaccine Information Center), www.NIH (National Institute of Health), and in New York State H1N1 hotline (24/7) 1-800-808-1987. In NYS Governor Patterson has declared that your insurance company must cover the cost of the vaccine with no co-pay, no co-insurance and no annual deductible.

So now this is what we have to do:

1. Stay informed. Be an educated consumer and weigh the risks vs. benefits.
2. Avoid touching your nose and mouth.
3. Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
4. Wash your hands with soap and water and sing Happy Birthday times 2 or use alcohol based hand wash. Carry antibacterial alcohol hand wash in your car and purse.
5. Decrease time spent in crowded situations.
6. Practice good health. i.e. adequate sleep, eat nutritional foods, keep physically fit.
7. Talk with your MD. You and he/she will keep you and your loved ones healthy.

If you have any questions, call me 684-9165. I may not know the answer but I will sure do my best to find the answer.

God's Peace and Health

Pat Mehr

Your Parish Nurse



News from the Men's Group

On August 12, we had a large group attend the Buffalo Bison's baseball game. Many thanks to Clyde Terry for making this free day at the ballpark possible!

On Monday, September 14, we were able to play the "Beat the Pastors" golf outing. Many thanks to Barbara and Craig for hosting this event at Tan Tara Golf Course.

We had 35 golfers and we were able to raise over \$300 for Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center water treatment.

Congratulations to our winners:*

Pastor Bang, Pastor Olsen, Mary Salomon, Joe Kryszczuk, Craig Johnson

*5-some



HOLY TRINITY CONCERT SERIES 2009 - 2010

Wednesday, September 9, 2009 *Lyra Vocal Ensemble*

8:00 P.M. Music of the Russian Orthodox Church
Russian Folk Songs performed in costume

Saturday, October 17, 2009 *Vocalis Chamber Choir*

8:00 P.M. *“If Music be the Food of Love”*

James Burritt, director

Founded in September of 2002 by its director, James Burritt, the Vocalis Chamber Choir is a select ensemble of dedicated professionals based in Western New York. Vocalis is committed to performing great a cappella music of all eras, and to cultivating an awareness of the art of choral singing. Consisting of 18 voices, the choir strives to inspire, educate, and enlighten their audiences through an intimate and moving concert experience. Currently in its ninth season, Vocalis has quickly established itself as one of the finest ensembles in Western New York.

Saturday, October 24, 2009 *The Feast of the Reformation*

8:00 P.M. Western New York Chamber Orchestra, Glen Cortese, conductor

Holy Trinity Concert Choir, James Bigham, director

J. S. Bach, *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3* BWV 1048

J. S. Bach, *Cantata 80*, Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott

(A Mighty Fortress is our God) BWV 80,

Mary Kay Atlas, soprano – Melissa Thorburn, alto

Boris Van Druff, tenor – Brian Zunner, baritone

J. S. Bach, *E Major Violin Concerto* BWV 1042, Neil Dufallo, violin

Sunday, November 22, 2009 *VIVA VIVALDI!*

6:30 P.M. *Vivaldi and Vicarious Visionaries*

Ars Nova Chamber Orchestra

Marylouise Nanna, conductor

Dixit Dominus of Prague, RV 595 (an area premiere)

Holy Trinity Concert Choir

James Bigham, director

Sunday, January 17, 2010 *Houghton College Choir*

4:00 P.M. Brandon P. Johnson, conductor

EARTH TO HEAVEN, HEAVEN TO EARTH

Works by: Eric Whitacre, John Tavener, Brad Holmes,

Williametta Spencer, J.S. Bach, Serge Rachmaninoff,

Ralph Vaughan Williams, Alice Parker, Se Enkhbayar,

Hyo-Won Woo and Andre Thomas.

Sunday, January 24, 2010 *Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus*

4:00 P.M. Winter Concert

“Cultures Through Song”

Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus

John Fleischman, Founder/Conductor

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 *James Bigham*

8:00 P.M. *in CONCERT with Brian Zunner, baritone*

Works of Cesar Franck:

The Three Chorals

Featuring the Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ

Lee Hoiby’s stunning setting of Martin Luther King’s moving speech

“*I Have a Dream*” for baritone and organ

Sunday, March 7, 2010 *Amherst Bel Canto Choir*

3:00 P.M. Sue Fay Allen, director

Saturday, March 20, 2010 *Harmonia Chamber Singers*

7:00 P.M. Robert Pacillo, director

A concert of Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter music from across the ages
featuring “Requiem” by Herbert Howells

Saturday, March 27, 2010 *SUNY, Fredonia Opera Department*

8:00 P.M. presents

Benjamin Britten’s

The Turn of the Screw

Western New York Chamber Orchestra

Glen Cortese, conductor

Monday, May 3, 2010 *Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra*

8:00 P.M. Dennis Lell, conductor

Sunday, May 16, 2010 *Western New York Chamber Orchestra*

4:00 P.M. Glen Cortese, conductor

Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus

John Fleischman, Founder/Conductor

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Concert Choir

***This concert to be rescheduled for
Fall of 2010***

James Bigham, director

Joseph Michael Haydn, *Double Concerto in C* for Organ and Viola

Mozart *Requiem* (the radical new Levin Edition)

Take no thought for the morrow by Glen Cortese

The World Premiere;

Commissioned by the Kelly Anne Ryan Fund and Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 23, 2010 *Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus*

4:00 P.M.

Spring Concert

“Cultures Through Song”

John Fleischman, Founder/Conductor



Choir Recruitment

We would like for you to consider joining either the Chancel Choir or the Chapel Choir of Holy Trinity Church. Both are devoted, tightly knit groups that have worship at a level of worthy-as-possible as their credo. As with anything worthwhile and beneficial, it involves commitment and a striving for constant improvement. This is only meet for the church’s first mission: worship of our Lord and Savior.

Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. The call on Sunday morning is 9:30, with the service at 10:30. This hard working ensemble is unexampled in our area. It has proved to be a powerful and effective witness for Christ and His church, not only through the worship that they lead, but through their countless public appearances.

Chapel Choir is designed to be a “low pressure” group for folks who don’t have the time to commit to the work of the Chancel Choir. It “normally” rehearses on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and sings at the 8:30 a.m. service on the fourth Sunday. It also, upon occasion, sings the 10:30 a.m. service and also joins the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. This wonderful group contributes immeasurably to the worship life of our parish.

Those whose musical skills are not honed to a “fair thee well” should not feel intimidated by either of those choirs. There are leads in both groups whose purpose is to help everyone learn the music and feel comfortable and confident in singing it.

Come join us. We need you and want you to help lead our worship. Contact Jimmy Bigham at 886-2400, or speak to one of the pastors.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2009-2010 CONCERT SERIES OCTOBER 2009

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 J. S. Bach, **Cantata 80**, Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott (BWV 80)
 Mary Kay Atlas, soprano – Melissa Thorburn, alto
 Boris Van Druff, tenor – Brian Zunner, baritone

J. S. Bach, **E Major Violin Concerto** (BWV 1042)

Neil Dufallo, violin



Tickets are available at the door or call the Holy Trinity office (886-2400).
Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for Students and Children under age 12 are Free!

This Concert is repeated at SUNY, Fredonia's King Hall on Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 4 o'clock P.M.

Women of ELCA

"Be Mutually Encouraged" Bible study will continue on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 5:30. BYOD (bring your own dinner) and share the words of wisdom of Paul's words and the wisdom and fellowship of the group!

Holy Trinity Needlers will meet at 7:00pm on the same evening. The goal of creating shawls for the nursing home ministry is coming to fruition! With almost 50 shawls, we will be able to deliver them sometime in October or November to one of the homes. If you would like to be a part of that event, please let the church office, Millie Nikischer or Barb Wozniak know.

Also, we have received a large donation of yarn, so if you are able to create some shawls for our next group and need a supply of yarn ... just ask!

Council Corner — October 2009

Council's first meeting of the new program year was Wednesday, September 23rd, followed by the Council picnic, at the Bauchle's.

The Executive Meeting, acting on behalf of Council, authorized the church to enter into a potential lease with AIDS Family Services, for the property at 1092 Main Street. Details of the deal will be available once the lease is finalized. Ken Kellner, chair of the Property Committee will provide an updated report at our next meeting.

Council will be sponsoring our first fundraising event – a Yankee Candle sale. Beginning Sunday, October 4th and running through Sunday, October 25th. Tables will be setup after each of the services. At 8:30 – outside the doors; at 10:30 – in Redeemer Hall, coinciding with the coffee hour. All goods will be received in time for Christmas! All of the proceeds will be used towards this year's Confirmands and help to offset the cost of their Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center "camperships." These camperships, in the past, have been subsidized by Holy Trinity. Our goal is to hold two fundraising events per year. The next event should be in the spring of 2010.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Bauchle

Congregation President

Godly Play.....

Our Godly Play Sunday School curriculum began on September 13th with a wonderful Rally Day celebration. Following the story of the church calendar, our youngest members went outside and enjoyed a picnic lunch complete with ice cream, music, dancing, a bounce house, face painting, and crafts. I am grateful to all those who helped to make the day a great success. Despite having been up the previous night at their sleep-over, Jeremiah Smith and the LYO joyfully spent the day helping out in Sunday school, Crib Room, and assisting the young children with all the Rally Day activities. Their help was invaluable.

Thank you also to Celeste Chase, who provided a wealth of fun craft activities as well as the helium tank for balloons; to Guy Huber who prepared a delicious lunch and Billy Roesch who supplied the ice cream sundaes. Dave Brace handed out sandwiches and dished up ice cream. Martha Kryszczuk brought us a great sound system. Dave Schmidt graciously supervised the delivery of the bounce house and kept a watchful eye on the back lot during the church service. Chuck, Patrick, and John helped set things up and take them down and, as always, made sure everything in between ran smoothly. I am also very grateful to Pastors Bang, Burke, and Olsen for giving me the opportunity to share God's story with the children. It is an amazing blessing.


Door keepers and craft helpers are needed each week. I also need a few people to become Godly Play story tellers. It doesn't require a huge commitment; you may volunteer for one Sunday or many. The training is easy and the experience is immensely rewarding. If you are interested, or want more information please contact me directly or call the church office and leave a message for me.

Susan Bundt

Pecans Sale

Once again we will be selling the one pound bags of pecans for \$8.50 a bag. These are great for baking and gift giving. Buy one extra bag to keep in the freezer. Please place orders with Herta Wittkugel, tel 837-3304 or see me in church. The pecans will arrive the first week in November.

OCTOBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Sunday School /Nursery 10:30 Holy Communion w/baptism 11:45 Coffee Hour 12:00 Confirmation Meeting w/lunch/LYO 12:00 Estonians</p>	<p>4 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>5 4:30 BNYC 5:00 Lectio Divina 6:30 Healing Together 7:30 Yoga</p>	<p>6 12:00 Trinity Lunch Bunch 5:30 WELCA 6:00 BNYC 6:00 Pastor's Dinner</p>	<p>7 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Christian Action 6:00 Chapel Choir 6:30 Dortmund 7:00 ChanceI Choir 7:00 AA / AL-ANON</p>	<p>8 6:00 Wedding rehearsal 7:00 AA / AL-ANON</p>	<p>9 2:00 Maskulinski/ Essig Wedding</p>
<p>19th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Communion 8:30 – 12:30 Flu shots 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Sunday School /Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>11 Columbus Day- Observed CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>12 4:30 BNYC 5:00 Lectio Divina 6:30 Healing Together 7:30 Yoga</p>	<p>13 12:00 Trinity Lunch Bunch 4:00 Organ tour 6:00 BNYC 7:00 Social Ministries</p>	<p>14 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Wedding rehearsal 7:00 ChanceI Choir 7:00 AA / AL-ANON</p>	<p>15 10/16 – 10/18 LCLC Family Retreat</p>	<p>16 8:30 Men's Group Meeting at Family Tree 2:30 Kester/Brown Wedding 8:00 Vocalis Concert</p>
<p>20th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Sunday School /Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>18 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>19 4:30 BNYC 5:00 Lectio Divina 6:30 Healing Together 7:00 New Member dessert/coffee hour 7:30 Yoga</p>	<p>20 12:00 Trinity Lunch Bunch 6:00 BNYC 7:00 Worship Committee</p>	<p>21 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Christian Action 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 Chapel Choir 7:00 ChanceI Choir 7:00 AA / AL-ANON</p>	<p>22 3:00 Cowley/Lesure Wedding 8:00 Concert: WNY Chamber Orchestra /HT Concert Choir</p>	<p>23 3:00 Cowley/Lesure Wedding 8:00 Concert: WNY Chamber Orchestra /HT Concert Choir</p>
<p>Reformation Sunday 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Holy Communion/New Members Received 10:30 Sunday School /Nursery 12:00 Oktoberfest</p>	<p>25 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>26 4:30 BNYC 5:00 Lectio 6:30 Healing Together 7:30 Yoga</p>	<p>27 12:00 Trinity Lunch Bunch 6:00 BNYC 6:00 Council</p>	<p>28 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 ChanceI Choir 7:00 AA / AL-ANON</p>	<p>29 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 ChanceI Choir 7:00 AA / AL-ANON</p>	<p>30 Happy Halloween Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>

Habitat BBQ A Huge Success

On Sunday, September 13th, the annual Chicken BBQ to benefit Habitat for Humanity/ Buffalo was held at Holy Trinity.

Our thanks go out to everyone who supported this event which raises money for this wonderful, worthwhile cause that our church has greatly been involved with since its inception in Buffalo.

We would also like to thank the many people who volunteered in so many ways. Without such great support, we could never sponsor this dinner.

In addition, we would like to thank Thrivent Financial who donated \$1,500 to Habitat to offset our expenses, therefore greatly increasing our profits.

The success of this event results from so many people working together. We hope that those who attended enjoyed the fellowship as that is an important part of this event and we look forward to continuing this annual celebration.

Mary Botsford, Chuck Rojek & Carol Weil



Holy Trinity Concert Season

The iconic “birthday” of the Lutheran faith is the Feast of the Reformation, which we always observe on the last Sunday of October: this year, Sunday, October 25. This time, we are truly “doing it up” appropriately. The Western New York Chamber Orchestra, Glen Cortese conducting, the Concert Choir of Holy Trinity Church; the elite choruses of Amherst Central High School, Justin Pomietlarz, director; and Mary Kay Atlas, soprano; Melissa Thorburn, alto; Boris Van Druff, tenor; and Brian Zunner, bass, will be performing the “Reformation Cantata” *Cantata 80*, of Sebastian Bach at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, October 24 at 8:00 p.m., and Reformation Sunday, October 25, at 4:00 p.m. at King Conce at S.U.N.Y. Fredonia. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and free for age 12 and below.

Cantata 80 of J.S. Bach has to be one of the most spectacularly imposing works ever composed by the great Lutheran writer. Every movement contains the “national anthem” of Lutheranism, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” There will be audience participation in the simple, but sublime peroration of the final movement.

Also on this fabulous all Bach program is the Brandenburg Concerto Number 3 and the E Major Violin Concerto. The soloist is Neil Dufallo.

Support a rare performance of our unique, glorious heritage; support our own hard working “troops;” and support our reconstituted concert series. Tickets are available by calling the church office, 886-2400 or after church on Sundays, beginning October 4.

Heavenly Music

In a Magnificent Space

October, 2009

Dear Friend,

Because of the many generous contributions to the Friends of Music, Holy Trinity Church has been enabled to present to the Western New York community superb music making from all periods and styles, with an emphasis on attractive programming performed by excellent individuals and ensembles. This has immeasurably improved the quality of life of the Buffalo metropolitan area: a mission that has traditionally been a priority of the parish.

Last season over 7,000 people attended performances of the Holy Trinity Concert Choir in collaboration with the Western New York Chamber Orchestra, the Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra, the Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus, Harmonia and Vocalis Chamber Choirs and the Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has also been a supporter of and host to the Ramsi P. Tick Memorial Concert Series.

Many of these events have been funded entirely by

FRIENDS OF MUSIC!

Without your continued financial support Holy Trinity's outreach program will not be possible.

BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO FRIENDS OF MUSIC, YOU WILL ENSURE THE VITALITY OF OUR MUSIC MINISTRY AND THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF PROGRAMMING.

Your generosity also assures that the public can attend many of these events free of charge. The gift of music is indeed a blessing of beauty, transcendence, and healing. We ask you to share in the ministry by supporting Friends of Music at Holy Trinity Church. Please remember that contributions are tax-deductible and may be made as memorial gifts.

On behalf of the Concert Committee and the many other adults and children involved in the Church's music program, we thank you for your continued support and interest.

With all best wishes,

Pastor Charles Bang

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Bang

Heavenly Music In a Magnificent Space

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Please include my name on the list as a Friend of Music for the 2009 – 2010 concert season and use my contribution to ensure the continuation of this magnificent ministry of music at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cherubim | \$500 and above | <input type="checkbox"/> | Benefactor | \$100-\$149 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Angel | \$250-\$499 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Grand Patron | \$50-\$99 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cantor | \$150-\$249 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Patron | \$25-\$49 |

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Roll Over up to \$100,000 From an IRA to Charities Without Paying Taxes!

Over the past thirty years, IRAs have encouraged American workers to save for retirement. But IRAs that grow tax-deferred are eventually heavily taxed, and the IRS may take up to 65% of the IRAs value. However, naming a charity such as Holy Trinity Lutheran Church as a beneficiary of your IRA will put the full amount to work, making a difference in people's lives today.

As part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, the IRA Charitable Rollover has been extended through the calendar year 2009. If you are 70½ or older, this extension permits you to roll over funds from an IRA directly to a qualifying charity such as Holy Trinity Lutheran Church without paying taxes on your distributions.

The term "qualified charitable distribution" describes a rollover to an eligible charitable organization from an IRA. An individual may exclude up to \$100,000 from his/her gross income for such distributions. Because this provision applies to every individual IRA holder, a husband and wife who both meet the minimum age threshold of 70½ could effectively move \$200,000 out of their taxable estate in 2009.

Generally, the IRA rollover transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you receive the benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions. You may split up the donation among several charities if you don't want to gift \$100,000 to just one organization.

This extended provision is time limited, and expires on December 31, 2009, so please act quickly to take advantage of this opportunity.

All transfers must come directly from traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs to the charity. If you have retirement funds in a 401(k), 403(b), etc., you must first roll those funds into an IRA, and then direct the IRA administrator to transfer funds from the IRA directly to the charity. Distribution may not be used to fund a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, or to obtain goods or services.

To initiate an IRA charitable rollover, simply contact your IRA administrator and direct them to make the contribution directly. Please make sure that you also let Holy Trinity Lutheran Church know when to expect your gift and how you would like it designated.

As with any decision involving your financial or estate plans, we urge you to seek the advice of professional counsel when considering a gift.



Altar Guild Members Needed

We are currently looking for individuals to join our very important ministry of the church: the Altar Guilds. New recruits will be paired up with those who are more experienced. Please call the church office or Sue Spindler at 681-2136 to sign up or if you have any questions.



Honoring Our Military

We would like to honor all those who have served in the military, past and present. We would like to put a list together to honor those individuals for Veterans' Day. If you would like to be included, please fill out the information below and send to the church office or e-mail the information to the church office at htlcofelca@aol.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Length of duty _____

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Presented by the Men's Group of Holy Trinity



Sunday, October 25th

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

In Redeemer Hall

Music by the Frankfurters
 plenty of food, beverages and fun!!

Cost:

\$40 family • \$15 single

Limited to 175 people

Please call Chuck Rojek at 886-2400 for reservations

THE PASSION PLAY OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY

September 8 – 15, 2010

Pastor John and Jill Buerk will be hosting a trip to Germany featuring the Passion Play which is held every 10 years in Oberammergau.

The trip will also include visits to Luther's Wittenberg, Dresden with its newly completed Cathedral, Leipzig – home of J. S. Bach, Eisenach, and the famous medieval town of Rothenburg

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