

Women of Trinity Newsletter

Summer 2011

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Women
of the
**EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA**

Our Mission

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

There Is A Place For You

This is such a busy and exciting time of year. Groups like Women of Trinity are finalizing program plans for the year; children are excited about starting a new year in school; parents are shopping for school clothes and supplies; and teachers are trying to get in one last vacation day.

This is also a time for us women to think about our own bodies, faith, talents, and sharing our gifts with other women.

If you are attending Trinity, you are automatically a member of Women of Trinity. Our board has been busy preparing a year full of ways to engage your mind and body with exciting programs and projects. Our circles (*which will be studying the Book of Ruth*), prayer groups, sewing and knitting groups, exercise class, book blog, and all our other projects/programs are waiting for you.

Blessing Boxes

The YWCA of Greater Harrisburg's domestic violence shelter will be this year's blessing box recipient.

"YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom

and dignity for all".

Their mission statement says it, and the organization lives by it.

Last year, 231 women and 109 children were given emergency shelter at the domestic violence shelter.

Please look over this newsletter to see what is happening with the Women of Trinity, the Women of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, the Women of the ELCA, and the Church Women United of Greater Harrisburg.

Our Lori Anne McBride was appointed Secretary of the Women of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Their two-day convention will now be held on alternate years.

You will find a survey enclosed. Please complete and return our survey. This helps the board to know your wants and allows us to offer the projects at times best suited for you.

With the help of the Lord all things are possible.

Peace and love,

Ruth Bertovich,
President

The shelter also has an emergency hotline that is open 24-7 for 365 days a year. Domestic violence victims are not only given 30 days shelter, but also assigned a case manager who assists them in gaining

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Women of Trinity Board 2011-2012

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Women of Trinity is an affiliate of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, the Women's Organization of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, the West Shore Cluster of the synodical organization, and Church Women United of Greater Harrisburg.

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financial freedom and stability once again. The YWCA also assists in legal matters for domestic violence victims, helping them to obtain protection from abuse orders and with other court procedures.

In addition to providing protection to domestic abuse victims, the YWCA has several programs to fulfill its mission statement.

Programs include:

- ⇒ Childcare centers on the East and West shores
- ⇒ Camp for children
- ⇒ Shelter for homeless women and children
- ⇒ Single room housing (Section 8)
- ⇒ Homeless veterans reintegration program
- ⇒ Employment programs and life skill classes for the unemployed
- ⇒ Computer resource center for employment searching

Volunteering opportunities include:

- Tutoring for school
- Life skills training (*teaching others to cook and sew and create a household budget*)
- Employment skills (*teaching others how to interview and where to find employment*)

We are excited about the opportunity to help YWCA's domestic violence program this year through blessing boxes giving. You are encouraged to stage your blessing box somewhere in your home, and each time you are able to use your own stove, or television, or laundry facility, think of how blessed you are to be living in a stable environment with such amenities, and contribute a coin or two to your blessing box. Blessing boxes will be distributed in September and collected at our annual General meeting.

Robin Fero

Book Blog

Don't have time to come for a meeting at church? Try blogging with a group of women who enjoy reading from your home! The Women of Trinity Book Blog will be reading *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy* by Donald Kraybill, Steven Nolt and David Weaver-Zercher this fall. We will "live" blog at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, October 13 (Part 1), November 10 (Part 2) and December 1 (Part 3) to discuss the book. The web address is: <http://wotbookblog.blogspot.com>. Join in the discussion! For more information, please contact Kim Shindle at: kimstamps@comcast.net.

School Kits

The Women of Trinity are again collecting school kit supplies for Lutheran World Relief. The following items are needed for each school kit and should be new and in good condition:

- ◆ Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 1/2" x 11" totaling 150 to 200 sheets (do not include loose leaf paper)
- ◆ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ◆ One pencil sharpener
- ◆ One 30-centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ◆ 12 pages of construction paper
- ◆ One eraser, approximately 2 1/2" long
- ◆ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ◆ Five pencils

These items may be brought to the Gathering Space collection closet and placed in the box marked "SCHOOL KITS" no later than August 28. Cash donations will also be accepted and will be used to cover the shipping and handling costs to forward these kits overseas. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and put "School Kits" on the memo line. Thank you again for your continued support.

New WOT Activity

Stretch & Pray
Beginning Monday, October 3, 2011
8:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

From the Treasurer

Summer Giving Envelope

The Summer Giving Envelope is included in this newsletter as a way for you to support the various projects performed by Women of Trinity. It helps to fund our general budget that includes funding for all of our projects and our giving to our mother organization, the Women of the ELCA which in turn supports other churchwide projects.

Please return this envelope by placing it in an offering plate at one of the services, to the church office, or bring it to the General Meeting on September 14. You can make a check out to either Women of Trinity or to Trinity Lutheran Church notating WOT on the memo line. We greatly appreciate your support!

Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization 22nd Annual Camp Hebron Fall Retreat Friday-Sunday, October 28-30, 2011

Theme: "So You Want to Go Back to Egypt?"

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say Rejoice!"

Philippians 4:4

Scripture for the 8th Triennial Gathering.

Our leader for the Camp Hebron Retreat this year is Jan Davis. Jan is an Associate in Ministry and has served as the Minister of Christian Education at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hanover for eight years.

Registration forms may be found at the Receptionist Desk in the Gathering Space or on the synod website. Go to: www.lss-elca.org. See Council/Committees and then down the list to W/ELCA. For more information, you may contact Ruth Bertovich at 728-3073. Checks and registration forms must be postmarked by September 17th.

Thank You

Dear Sisters in Christ,

WELCA graces us when I least expect it! Thank you for the gift of \$800 for Health Ministries. Your Blessing Box offerings surely bless us as we are blessed to turn around and distribute them carefully on behalf of our neighbors in need.

You said in your letter that you hoped the funds would, "...help you in your ongoing ministry." They absolutely will. We have discovered that we needed to hire a dental assistant for the new dental clinic. The dentists who rotate through as volunteers needed predictability as to the location of our supplies, rather than each team putting things away where they thought best. Too, I was afraid to lose them if they had to spend too much time in non-dental tasks. Hiring Cheryl was a necessary, but unbudgeted expense. Because she cuts us a deep discount on her services, your gift will cover her time for seven clinical days. Since that clinic is bi-weekly, your Blessing Box gift will take care of almost four months of care!

Thank you for being partners in mission with us to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Jody Silliker,
Christ Lutheran Church, Harrisburg

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Our Purpose

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



WOT Circle Book

"Trusting That God Will Provide: A Study on Ruth"
The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

The author of our 2011-12 circle study, Janet Kobobel Grant, believes that the biblical story of Ruth describes a woman with a big heart and an even bigger faith. Ruth (one of only two women in the Bible to have a book named after them) will teach us about loyalty, commitment, love for family, honoring others, generosity, and, above all, trusting God in every circumstance. As we study her story, we will be encouraged to walk our own faith walk into the future with hope and confidence, trusting ultimately in God's continued presence, provision, and guidance.

WOT Circle Meetings

Esther	Monday, October 3,	7:00 p.m.
Deborah	Tuesday, October 4,	9:30 a.m.
Elizabeth/Ruth	Tuesday, October 4,	1:00 p.m.
Sarah	Sunday, October 9,	9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 14, 6:00 p.m.	Fall General Meeting in Fellowship Hall Speaker: Vicar Peter Roy <i>Bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. Members of the congregation are invited to attend. Friends are welcome too!</i>
December 3, 12:00 noon	Christmas Luncheon
May 9, 6:00 p.m.	General Meeting and Covered Dish Dinner with Installation of Officers

Library	1 st Monday of each month
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Room 126	2 nd Sunday of each month