



# The Spirit of Holy Trinity

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**APRIL 2015**

## **Church Staff & Leadership**

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## **Church Council**

*Bob McRee*

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*Vice-President*

*Sandra Overcash*

*Treasurer*

*Sandie Thompson*

*Financial Secretary*

*Ronda Dellinger*

*Recording Secretary*

## **Council Members at Large:**

*Colleen Pasquarella*

*Karen Beikirch*

*Laurie Nichols*

## **Board of Elders:**

*George Wilson - Chair*

*Art McKinney*

*Lee Overcash*

*Jack Dehring*

*Daryl Nichols*

*Rev. Craig Schultz*

*Interim Pastor for*

*New Hope Missions Church*

## **Pastor's Message:**

### **Love in Action**



Jesus said "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44)

To love those who love us is easy. When we know someone cares about us, we can overlook and forgive an occasional mistake – an unkind word, forgetting something important to us. But to love someone who hates us and goes to lengths to show us their hate for us is impossible. Can we love the bully who beats us up after school or the co-worker who constantly undermines our position?

But this is what Jesus did. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) Betrayed by one of His closest friends, abandoned by the rest, arrested, beaten, and painfully executed by His enemies,

He cries out "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

We were enemies of God as the Son of God willfully went to His death so that we could be reconciled to God by faith in Christ. He showed His love for His enemies with His action. In His death He took our sins upon Himself, and in His resurrection, He conquered sin and death so that we may have the gift of eternal life and the gift of His presence in this life.

And it's by His presence that we also can love our enemies. We may not like our enemies but we can choose to see them with the eyes of Christ and love them because Christ loves us and put His love into action for us.

God loves you more than you can imagine,

***Pastor Robert***



The Upper Room is a non-profit ministry. We are supported by donations of money and time. All donations are tax deductible and helps this ministry move forward.

**April Events**

Friday & Saturday nights

7-11 pm

\$2.00 at the door

\$1.00 re-entry

April 8, 2015

Food & Friends Tour  
w/ Chris Bernstorff

April 11, 2015

The Friendly Beasts  
w/Mountains and the Seas,  
Curios

April 25, 2015

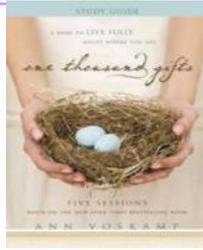
The Band Seven  
w/Selfless Sunday,  
Exonerated

Now at the Upper Room,  
Women's Bible Study  
Mondays- 7:00-9pm

*This is for women who are constantly pouring themselves out. Come be filled and refreshed. It's not just one more thing to do, it is food and water for your soul.*

**Holy Trinity Staffing Night at the UR**

**Friday, April 10th**  
6:30 pm



**“1,000 GIFTS”**

Ann Voscamp, author

**NEW Women’s Bible Study Group**

*To begin after Easter during the Sunday School hour*

Led by Karen Beikirch

*“How,” Ann muses, “Do you break the bondage of fear that has white-knuckle control on your life and instead embrace the everyday blessings that immerse you in Christ’s fullness? How can you live life with a heart overflowing with delight?”*

This 5-session, video-based small group Bible Study will encourage participants to take on the life-changing discipline of journaling God’s gifts– to find the good in life in all circumstances. It’s only in this expression of gratitude for the life we already have, that we discover the life we’ve always wanted... a life we can take, give thanks for, and use to serve others. In it, we come to feel and know the impossible right down to our core: We are wildly loved by God.

Embark on this personal, honest and fresh exploration of what it means to be deeply fulfilled, wholly happy, and fully alive.

**FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE**

<u>2015 Through February:</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget Plan</u>	<u>(Shortage) / Surplus</u>
Offerings (January):	\$ 9,246	\$ 11,400(2850X4)	\$(2,154)
Offerings(February)	\$ 9,164	\$11,400	\$(2,236)
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<b>Offerings, YTD (thru Feb)</b>	<b>\$ 18,410</b>	<b>\$ 22,800</b>	<b>\$(4,390)</b>
Per week average GF(Feb):	2,291		
<b>Rental Income, YTD (thru Feb):</b>	<b>\$ 2,930</b>	<b>\$ 2,890</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>
Per week average w/outsd income:	2,662	3,185	
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<b>Total GF Income, YTD (thru Feb):</b>	<b>\$ 21,340</b>	<b>\$ 25,690</b>	<b>\$(4,350)</b>

# Holy Trinity Council Meeting Tuesday, February 10, 2015

## Devotions:

Karen read from Lamentations 3: - 2 Timothy 1:7-and Philippians 4:- speaking on "Leadership- How Great Is Your Faithfulness"? It is not our faithfulness, it is God's faithfulness. God shows His faithfulness to us and to our Church. This is our hope.

Fear: We as a Church have power and a sound mind. We have great Leaders in our Church. Rejoice in the Lord: We do not have to be anxious. We need to wait quietly, for God gives us trust, peace, and faithfulness.

Karen ends in prayer.

## Council Minutes: The Council minutes from January 20, 2015 were approved as amended.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Robert announces that he has so much to praise God for. Because God has freed him from the chains of writing out his sermons, he now has more personal time to be filled in prayer and ministry. Pastor Robert is seeing personal and spiritual growth within the Church. We are being blessed in our ministries to reach out to people. Blessings are given and the funding is being supplied for the Peru Mission Trip. The Council members are asked to share in God's blessings and what we are thankful for: prayer, our Elder's, talented musicians, a faithful Pastor, our financial situation, our community outreach, are some of the answers given.

Pastor reports that the contract for the copy machine is running out. He will check with other companies. The work room should have no visitors during the time the contributions (offering) is counted. Too much distraction at this time.

A need for an Alternate Lay Delegate is needed for the District Convention-May 14-16, 2015. Steven Cobb volunteered for this position.

Judy Ericson has requested for the remaining memorial funds (in holding in the general funds) to be designated to one certain project.

## A motion is made and unanimously approved to accept the total remaining amount of Judy Ericson's Memorial fund to be designated to one project.

Pastor Robert announces that the acoustics in the Fellowship Hall need adjusting. We need to hang banners, signs, or add some sort of soft materials to help with the sound. A quote or idea of the price will be needed.

**Elder's Report:** George reports that Paul Thompson has agreed to be an Elder. In January, the Elder's have started to get things organized and established.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandra reports that payroll taxes

were paid in January. Art will use the \$300 donated by Dot Reep, (for playground maintenance) to upgrade the playground area.

Our loan payments are being drafted, from general funds, as requested.

Contributions of 5% instead of 4% are being paid to SED.

## A motion is made and unanimously approved to accept financial report as presented.

## Old Business:

A). A letter was given to Sandra to be submitted to SED Partnership Support Intent of our contributions of \$6,000.  
B). Discussion was made to the Nomination Committee for selection of officers for Council. The open offices to be filled are as follows: President, Two At-Large Members, Financial Secretary, and Recording Secretary. The new Recording Secretary will be appointed by the new President. In speaking with the present Council Members, one existing At-Large Member and the Financial Secretary have agreed to run for an additional two year term. If the present Vice-President agrees to assume the office of President, then a new Vice-President candidate will have to be selected.

Steven will call a meeting for the Nomination Committee to discuss the new nominees.

C). Finance Committee is established. Members are: Bob McRee (Chairman), George Wilson, Art McKinney, Sandra Overcash, and Sandie Thompson. A Finance Committee meeting is planned for March 2, 2015 -7:00 pm at Holy Trinity. A financial presentation of Holy Trinity's short-term, long-term commitment, will be given at the next Congregational Voter's meeting.

## New Business:

A). Next Congregational Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday-May 24, 2015-immediately after Worship Service.

George volunteered for devotions at next Council meeting-March 10, 2015.

Attentively Humble,

***Ronda C. Dellinger***  
Recording Secretary



## **ALTAR CARE**

A. Pickrell

## **LECTOR**

J. Dehring

## **USHERS**

5 A. McKinney/B. Chapman  
12 D. Nichols/J. Dehring  
19 L. Overcash/P. Thompson  
26 B. McRee/G. Wilson

## **COUNTERS**

J. Erickson/S. Thompson

## **CLEANERS**

**TEAM 3:** (3/28-4/18)  
H. Krumroy, Leader

**TEAM 4:** (4/25-5/16)  
S. & J. Hinrichs, Ldrs.

## **BULLETIN FOLDING**

4 Laurie  
11 Joyce  
18 Judy  
25 Casey

## **NURSERY**

5 Heather  
12 Melissa  
19 Karen  
26 Shawn

## **SOUND VIDEO**

5 David Aaron  
12 Daryl Karen  
19 David Art  
26 Bob Sharon

# APRIL

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9*

## Your prayers are needed for the following:



### *Those who are in need of healing—*

Heidi Robertson      Richard & Phyllis Lester  
Brian Beikirch      Tyler Dunlap      Cindy Henderson  
Clarence Bailey

### *Our College Students-*

Aaron Chapman      Sarah Cobb  
Emily Pasquarella      Steve Hatley  
Madison McKinney      Ben McKinney  
Joseph Cobb

Prayer for God's discernment and for peace for our

**Sermon videos are now available on the Holy Trinity Homepage—**

**[holytrinitylc.org](http://holytrinitylc.org).**

**Sermon audios for IPODS are**



## GOOD NEWS CLUB

Our year comes to a close on Monday, April 20th. We have studied God's word and teachings about the Creation, the Early Church, the Life of Jesus and Abraham. PLEASE continue to pray for these children, their families and their individual needs as we go into the summer.

Holy Trinity's Good News Club is always looking for some volunteers to help out weekly. The club meets on Mondays—3:30 pm—5:30 pm. Anyone who is interested in volunteering or finding out ways to help the club is encouraged to talk with Pastor Robert or Sharon Karriker.

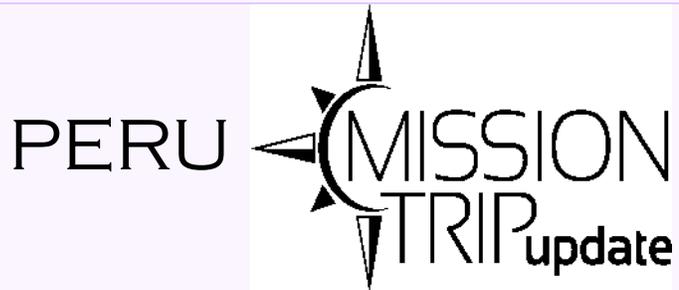


## Music Director Search continues..

The music director search committee currently has two candidates under consideration. One candidate has been to a Wednesday Lent worship and interviewed with Pastor and Judy Erickson. By the time you read this, the other will have done the same.

The next step is for the committee as a whole to interview each and then determine if either candidate should be recommended to the elders for consideration.





Jo Pocock has joined the team! That makes 10 of going to Peru. Team members are getting the paperwork together to get their passports and fund-raising activities have begun.

Above & Beyond, an organization that funds short-term missions, has pledge \$2500 towards the trip with the requirement that team members work 100 hours at local charitable organizations. We've already reached the 100hour goal and expect to receive a check within a couple of weeks.

Art Crawl at the Upper Room– Statesville's Spring Art Crawl is April 17th and a artist will be at the Upper Room and donated art will be on sale. Bryan Vanderhill, Messiah Lutheran's praise team leader, will provide music.

Yard sale at HTLC on April 18th to benefit the mission. Thanks to Karen Beikirch and Heather Krumroy for volunteering to make this happen. Team members will staff the sale. And an anonymous donor ha pledged to pay the entire cost for one of the team members!

And we created a crowdfunding site.

Check out [perumission2015.mydagsite.com](http://perumission2015.mydagsite.com).

Thanks to Don Krueger for putting together the video.

We need about \$14,000 to purchase plane tickets.



# HTLC

## Lutheran Women's Ministry League

Holy Trinity is now an official member of the LWML

In the coming months here are the projects at Holy Trinity --

Easter Sunday Candy Sale- *to benefit the Peru Mission Group*

Mite boxes available on the glass table in the foyer

Lap Quilting—each Wednesday—12:30 pm- Helen Haberern's

*If you are interested in becoming part of Holy Trinity's LWML, please contact  
Helen Haberern— 704-380-2149*

### **LWML is looking for Missions to be recognized for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2015!**

*You can find the MOQ form on our Carolinas District website at <http://carolinaslwml.webs.com/mission-grants>. If you have a mission opportunity and would like to apply for a Mission of the Quarter or for more information please contact Margaret White, Mission of the Quarter Chairman at [mwhite15@embarqmail.com](mailto:mwhite15@embarqmail.com) or call 252-456-3732 (H) or 252-430-4353 (C).*

Please remember the new deadline for MOQ money to be sent in to the financial secretary...

15 Days after the end of the quarter! We continue to pray for our MOQ projects. Thank you for supporting these mission activities and may we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need!

### **St. John's Lutheran Short Term Missions**

St. John's Lutheran Church in Conover has been leading Vacation Bible Schools in Alaska for over ten years. In 2014 they led two VBS in two different remote Alaskan villages and also helped start a teen Bible camp in Fairbanks. This year they could do even more if they are able to raise some additional funds; they would like to go to three villages and extend the Bible camp out to a longer time period. This would take place in June or July of

2015.

### **Camp Linn Haven 75th Anniversary Celebration**

On Saturday, August 29, 2015 Camp Linn Haven will be celebrating the 75th year of camp. It will be an all day celebration that is free and the public will be invited. Plans include sitting down to a delicious lunch and dinner, enjoying music from praise bands, a special worship service featuring the choirs from local Catawba County Lutheran churches, games and activities for children, and fireworks. Monies are needed to help fund this day of fun, fellowship, food and memoirs. This will be a celebration of the 75 years of ministry of Camp Linn Haven.

*For up-to-date information, visit [www.lwml.org/events-2015-des-moines](http://www.lwml.org/events-2015-des-moines)*

## WHAT'S YOUR GIFT?

Perhaps you haven't spent much time, if any, pondering that question. God has given each of us at least one gift, though, and if even one of us does not use that gift, the Body of Christ suffers. Paul, in Ephesians 4:16 writes, *"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and build itself up in love, as each part does its work."*

Christian stewards tend to have a lower opinion of themselves than they ought, denigrating their abilities and talents and even their financial capabilities. When we keep in mind that it is God Himself Who has chosen our gifts and blessed us materially, we realize that to belittle these gifts is to question God's wisdom and generosity. Again we read Paul's words, now from Romans 12:5, *". . . in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* He goes on to say that whatever our gifts are, we are to use them as effectively as we can.

Yes, it is the pastor's job to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, but we, as stewards who have received the Great Commission from Matthew 28:19-20, are to be obedient also to Jesus' command to tell the Good News to the whole world.

Yes, there are those in your congregation who seem to have more abilities and talents than you, and there may be members who have more money than you – perhaps may even be very wealthy. Does that exempt you from the responsibility to serve or to give? By no means! In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we're commanded, *"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* Each one is to give and to give cheerfully – of his time, his talents, and his treasures. God looks at the size of the heart of the giver rather than at the size of his gift. *"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have"* (2 Corinthians 8:12).

If you are not using your gifts, if you are not giving your money, if you are not sharing your time, the Body of Christ suffers. We need each other and our individual gifts in order that we might carry out our responsibilities as stewards to the end that the name of Christ might be made known.

# YARD SALE

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 12:00 noon**



*To benefit the Peru Mission Trip*

Please consider helping by: setting up on Friday, donating items, contributing a donation, staffing on Saturday or helping to clean up.

Church members may start bringing items for the sale the Sunday before. Please all items in the back corner of the fellowship hall.

There will be a sign-up sheet to list how you want to help in the foyer.

*See Karen Beikirch for more information.*