



**January
2011**

**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Saturday
5:30 PM

Sunday
8:15 AM
AND
11:00 AM



Confirmation
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

**Sunday Church
School**
9:40 AM - 10:40 AM

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The Trumpet

Monthly Newsletter of
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the pen of Pastor Birkholz . . .

***“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.”***

John 1:5

I love reading this verse both at Christmastime and during the season of Epiphany, the season during the coldest time of the year when the light is starting to return to the earth. One of the translations is “the darkness has not *understood* it.” While I am comforted to know that the darkness has not overcome the light, it’s interesting to think about the darkness not *understanding* the light, either. Sometimes we don’t understand the light that’s right in front of us, and sometimes it’s frustrating when other people or institutions don’t seem to understand that beautiful light that we see. The darkness has not *understood* it, but it still exists, and shines for us even during these sometimes gloomy days of January.

Jesus is that light, as the gospel of John will lay out, and even during his most gloomy days when no one understood him, he still shone with God’s light and truth.

May we look for the light in our own lives, seek to understand it, and know that with Jesus, the gloomy dark days will NEVER overcome His light!

Peace,





Learn more about Holy Trinity's Committees, and join in!

New Council Orientation/All Committee Night

For those new to our Church Council, an orientation will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2011 in room EB 6.

Following that we'll have the annual *All Committee Night* at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you'd like to learn more about Holy Trinity's committees and where you can fit in, please plan to join us as we kick-off the 2011 Committee year.

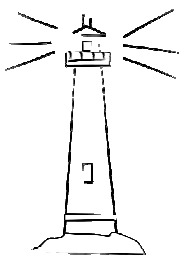
Lighthouse Informational Meeting

A meeting will be held Sunday, January 16th at 9:30 AM in the workroom of the church office for everyone interested in knowing more about the joy of volunteering at THE LIGHTHOUSE in the summer of 2011. We invite those who would like to be a part of the planning and organizing of our annual YARD SALE to join us that morning as well. The YARD SALE raises money for the children and their families who will be attending retreats during 2011.

This will be the seventh year that Holy Trinity has been involved with this ministry which was established in 1999 to serve families caring for a child with cancer. Its founding statement says "Our mission is to serve children with cancer and their families at a seaside retreat and help them to laugh, restore family relations, and find hope in God". These week-long retreats are held in Florida with approximately 12

families attending each session. Volunteers are needed at each retreat to host these families . . . to serve them with compassion and kindness, and to assure that each family has an opportunity to refresh and restore their spirits. This is a beautiful way for each of us to share our gifts of love as well as to learn lessons about bravery from children who are fighting incredibly difficult battles.

If you are considering joining us this summer, please attend our Mission Trip informational meeting on January 16th. If you are interested, but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Julie Fesefeldt (678-469-9874) or Alice Rohrbach (770-973-7205) immediately. It is essential that you apply as soon as possible as we hope to have our team in place by the first of March. We look forward to seeing you on January 16th !!



JR & SR Youth Info

January Calendar:

- 1/9 - Confirmation, HS SCS, Jr & Sr Youth Movie Night 5:00-7:00pm in Youth Room
- 1/16 - confirmation, HS SCS, Winter Jam Concert, \$10 + lunch & dinner \$\$ @ Phillips arena 12pm - midnight
- 1/17 - Bible Study Jr & Sr Youth 5-6:30pm in Youth Room
- 1/20-24 - Youth Extravaganza conference @ Kansas City
- 1/23 - Confirmation, HS SCS
- 1/28-29 - Revolve Tour, 4:00pm Fri-8pm Sat
- 1/30 - Confirmation (Acolyte Training), HS SCS, Jr Youth 5-7pm, LOUD 6:30-7pm, Sr Youth 6-8pm

Middle and High school youth will be attending the Winter Jam Concert 2011 which is on Sunday, January 16th. The concert is a multi-band and speaker event that will be held at Philips Arena this year because of last year's HUGE turnout at the Gwinnett Arena. Cost for the concert is \$10, plus money for lunch and dinner as we'll be getting there plenty early to get in line for good seats! Bands this year include: Newsboys, David Crowder Band, Kutless, Newsong, Red, Francesca Battistelli and more!

Looking ahead, the Valentine's Day Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Saturday February 12th at 7pm. The youth will once again turn the upper room into a romantic restaurant where you'll enjoy a 3 course meal. Look for more information, and sign up for your reservation at our Ministry Station starting the Middle of January!

Call or email Erin Brown if you have any questions.
770-971-4600 ext. 103, echonka@holyltrinitymarietta.org

Children, Adult & Family Ministry

Miracle on Sandy Plains Road! You are familiar with the Christmas movie, "Miracle on 34th Street," well, as a member of Holy Trinity, you were part of two miracles this Christmas season! We had to cut our budget back in the summer and that meant some of our favorite things were not included in the funding. **Breakfast with Santa** and **The Annual Christmas Pageant** were among those things. However, you began to rise to the occasion! It was remarkable to watch as the dream began to grow. During the week of Vacation Bible School, one of our families came to me and said, "what will it take to be able to have both of these events?"

The response was amazing, "Not a problem!" In the week that followed they gave a \$500.00 gift toward whatever we needed. It got my attention and as time went on I had people asking if different groups could sponsor one of the events and other families offering to help with other costs. Then we thought about the possibility of fund raiser and created a T-shirt to sell, with profits going to these programs and then the Pie Lady, Sandra Williams, donated all her profits from the sale of her pies this Christmas! That was another \$260.00. W-ELCA had their fall meeting and joined in with a donation of \$500.00 as well. It has been overwhelming to see our family here at Holy Trinity come together and make these events a reality! We had cookie dough donated by Dick DeHart, and our office staff took the baking of these cookies on as their donation. It was more than 15 dozen cookies; the baking was a huge gift, as was the cookie dough. We had an outpouring of offers to bring food, our families that had children involved all brought food, as well as members with no children in the program. Our Senior adults were wonderful, as usual. They baked and came and offered gift wrap and decorations. We had so many helping with our practices and costume organization, casting. Our youth pitched in to help kick off our celebration by decorating the sanctuary and then assisting our younger "cast members" in getting to and from their places. The Saturday Praise Team joined us, and was here to reset the sanctuary for our morning services; it was unbelievable to see it come together. Anne Murphy said she was planning to come and watch the children and would be here to help us put the Sanctuary back together for Sunday morning services. People crossed over normal lines of responsibilities and tried to make the evening perfect, and as far as I could tell, it was! Pastor Grunke, as usual, was eager to help, by doing our introduction and blessing. Pastor Birkholz was recovering from surgery, but was available to come to our aid when needed, and we were so grateful that she was able to attend the pageant. What a special quality Chas and the Praise Team added to the program. "Mary, Did You Know?" was a beautiful part of our worship experience.

Breakfast with Santa was a similar situation, this year Santa was "under the weather" and our photographer was out of town. Chris and Kristen Murphy were able to "fix" these situations and it was the special event our children have come to expect. IHOP restaurant had donated 50 lbs of pancake mix and we had Santa's elves offering to purchase and sometimes donate many of the items we needed. God is so good; I am flying high this week after having a sense that we have been the recipient of 2 miracles in the past two weeks. I hope you will be blessed by the way these things came about this year, and if you were part of making it happen, **THANK YOU!** You were miracle workers in a very real sense this Christmas season. Whether you were decorators or chefs or cleaner uppers you were in a very real way used by God to bring about these Christmas miracles. May I be among the first to wish you a Happy New Year! I am praying for God's blessings to continue to be evident in your life. *With love, Gaye*

REMINDER: Children's Sunday Church School starts up in the New Year on January 9th and 9:40 AM

Adult Opportunities for the New Year begin Sunday, January 9, 2011

The "**Wired Word**" will continue on Saturday and Sunday meeting in the Library. Karin and Chuck Storla will be facilitators. This material is new each week and you can jump into this group at anytime during the year. Notes on what will be studied are emailed to class participants, but not necessary for you to be able to join the discussion of current events.

"**Boundaries**" will continue into the new year, there will be an additional emphasis on boundaries in marriage. It's a great time to join this very practical study. It will meet in room #7 in the children's hallway. 9:40 Sunday morning

The study of the **Book of John** will continue in Room 6 at 9:40 Sunday mornings. It is facilitated by Stacey and Jeff Schutte. This is an in depth study of the book of John and the book of First John. You are welcome to join at anytime. The material will build on each previous week, but you can begin where they are and go from there.

The study on the **Book of Faith** is continuing with Guy Gebhardt and Rob Krenz. It will meet in the Chapel. This also is a study that does build on information given weekly, but at any point you can join in this study and get valuable information. This Bible study starts at 9:40 Sunday mornings.



Stephen Ministry

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6

"Experiencing difficulties?"

Wondering what to do? Talk about it in confidence with someone who cares.

Contact Pastor Birkholz at the church office or Alice Rohrbach at 770-973-7205.



The envelope of the month for

January

is

"Seminary Student Support Fund"

This benefits the members of Holy Trinity attending seminary.

The envelope is for January 1-2, but can be used anytime during the month of January.

Saturday Worship

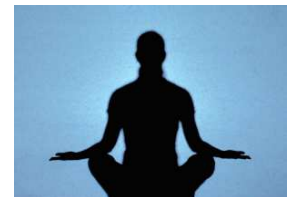
Make your New Year's Resolution to attend one of our Saturday Praise Services soon. "Come as you are" means jeans, sweatshirts, or whatever your definition of "casual" might be.

The words of the songs are printed in the bulletin as well as projected on the drop-down screens. Announcements are also shown on the screen prior to the service. Chas Childers is the worship leader, accompanied by 6-8 Praise Team members using keyboard, guitars, drums, saxophone and vocals. Holy Communion is available at the services.

The Weisbarth's also manage/oversee a great Coffee Fellowship each week featuring lots of good eats. **Hope to see you there!**

Yoga Class Ended

We are sad to announce that our Yoga instructor, Ashlee Gray, will be moving and no longer able to lead our weekly Yoga class.



Angel Food This Month

The January Angel Food orders will be taken on Sunday, January 16th from 12:30 - 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Food pick-up is on Saturday, Jan. 22nd 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Education Bldg
View menu on HT's website or order directly on the Angel Food website:

www.angelfoodministries.com

You may order online and pay with a debit card.

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MINISTRIES



Memorials & Gifts to Holy Trinity

A gift in Memory of Mina Olsen (Julie Stoffer's mother) for the Children's Ministry was received from:

Mr. & Mrs. Monk Moore

A gift in Memory of Mina Olsen (Julie Stoffer's mother) for the Saturday Music Ministry was received from:

Mr. & Mrs. George Clos

A gift in Memory of Gwen Lee for Sunday Music Ministry was received from:

Ms. Amanda George



Inclement Weather Policy

We will not cancel services for weather reasons.

Since our congregation is so spread out, the weather may be bad in one area and not a problem at all in other areas.

Therefore, it is up to each individual to make the decision for themselves on whether to drive to church.

The church will be open and a pastor will be here, prepared to lead the scheduled service each week.

Our Monthly Newsletter

The deadline for the February Trumpet is *Monday, January 17th.*

Please bring your articles to the church office or email your articles to: nwinkler@holytrinitymarietta.org

Sunday Worship in January

January 2
Second Sunday of Christmas
ELW Setting 1 with Brass Quartet.

January 9
The Baptism of Our Lord
ELW Setting 2 with the music for choirs by David Cherwien and Hal Hopson.



Choir in the New Year

Children's Choir for grades 1-5 will resume their rehearsals on Sunday, January 9th at 12:30 in the Music Ministry Room.

Adult Choir starts back up on Thursday, January 6th at 7:15. Please join us!

Parenting Class - Focus on Marriage

Research has shown that over 50% of Marriages are ending in divorce. That is why we've partnered with Pastor Chip Ingram of Living on the Edge Radio Program, financial guru Dave Ramsey and Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner to tackle the common issues couples are facing in their marriages today.

Marriage: Built to Last isn't your typical marriage study. Throughout the series, you'll watch 24 real life couples from across the country share candidly about their struggles in communication, finances, sexual intimacy, expectations, and more.

In the study, you will hear the story of Dave Ramsey and his wife Sharon as they recovered from financial stress and hardship. You will hear the story of Kurt Warner and his wife Brenda share candidly about expectations, trust issues, and adjusting to a blended family.

Marriage: Built to Last includes Biblical and practical teaching from Chip Ingram on critical topics such as: Resolving Conflict, Learning to Communicate Clearly, and Adjusting to Expectations.

Class starts Sun., 1/9 at 9:40 in Room 8.

January 16
Third Sunday after Epiphany
ELW Setting 3 with offertory by Lynn Trapp.

January 23
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Schubert Mass with music at the offertory arranged by Alice Parker.

January 30
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
ELW Setting 4 with music at the offertory by John Ness Beck.

Scrip Gift Card Program

THANK YOU for your awesome response to SCRIP. The proceeds will help Social Ministry with their "Bridge the Gap" program and Saturday Worship will use their proceeds to purchase much-needed sound equipment for the Praise Band.

Are you already planning your after-Christmas sale shopping? Remember, the end of December and the entire month of January is still a strong time for retailing, thanks to aggressive post-holiday clearance sales - using SCRIP gift cards is a great way to speed up check-out.

PLAY BALL!!!! The Super Bowl will be here soon (Sunday, February 6). You will probably be planning your Super Bowl Party in January. Don't forget to purchase your party supplies and food for this popular home entertaining event with a SCRIP gift card (be sure to purchase in January).

Early winter is also a great time to use SCRIP for home interior decorating and renovation projects that you put off until "after the holidays".

If you are super-organized, don't forget to use SCRIP to treat that special Valentine.

We will have a Ministry Station to sell SCRIP Gift Cards on January 8 & 9, with delivery on January 15 & 16. Our February dates are Feb. 5 & 6 to purchase SCRIP and February 12 & 13 for delivery.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Member Milestones

Happy Anniversary

January 1
1981 - Sharyn & James Trucks

January 2
1972 - Gary & Dawn Cantelmo

January 3
1953 - Charley & Belva Walker

January 4
1992 - Richard & Calista Hans

January 5
1990 - Rick & Ann Nemeck

January 9
1982 - Joe & Gail Carone

January 10
1998 - Shawn & Alexis Carter

January 13
1979 - Carl & Kathie Jorden

January 14
1956 - John & Elaine Luthy
55 years

January 15
1972 - Vernon & Gisela Khail

January 19
1986 - Warren & Cindy Tingle
25 years

January 20
1996 - Luther & Patricia Fors
15 years

January 23
1957 - Jerome & Mary Smith

January 24
1976 - Mark & Pattie Burwick
35 years
1998 - Michael & Amy Payne

January 29
2000 - Blake & Kathleen Smith
1973 - William & Barbara Smyre

January 1
Ben Lee
Dewey Staggs

January 2
Marge Boley
Janet Nichols

January 3
Tim Boring
Matthew Hedlund
Patrick Hendrix
Doug Kanter
George McCoy
Angela Mendez
Elisabeth Vogt

January 4
Jim Ryan

January 5
Alexis Carter
Nicolas Casbon
Alan Machen
Greg Roush
Nancy Stoepplerwerth

January 6
Julie Cleaton
Alyssa Hetherington
Lou Ann Keel

January 7
Christine Carpenter
Bonnie Garrett
Melody Schmidt
Tara Welch

January 8
Jill Perez
Brandy Feldman
Monica Fritsch
Chuck Hippensteel
Stefani Jacoby

January 9
Jared Bonneville
Matthew DePeder
Erin Sapp Gunter
Amanda Hanie

January 10
Grant Benson
Elaine Carlton
Diane Clancy
Mary Lou Eisele

January 11
Doug Johnson
Idamae O'Grady
Angela Torchio

January 12
Crystal Eyrich
Marilyn Paulo
Sherry Wright

January 13
Bert Blenner
Matt Bomeisl
Barry Hall
Megan Landers
Allen Perez

January 14
Michelle Buice

January 15
Charles Bachman
Marilyn Kanter
David McGraw
Deanna Schuelke
Mary Wilson

January 16
John Manly
Dorothy Miley

January 17
Charis Miller
JP O'Connor
Elena Phillips

January 18
Bob Stratton
Leah Wickham

January 19
Cory Ballenger
Ursula Higgins
Dianne Piecuch
Laura Pinkham
Austin Spratt
Julie Walls
Stan Wise

Happy Birthday

January 20
Marlene Nikoukary

January 21
Dee Martin-Hughes
Lauri Vesper

January 22
Bob Finger

January 23
Amy Dougherty
Terris Hagan
Sue Leuck
Judy Stoops

January 24
Melisa Johnson
Matthew Lorenz
Melissa Miller

January 25
Mike Allison
Travis Burch
Michael Michno

January 26
Mandy Finger
Dorothy Johnson
Stephen King
Stacey Schutte

January 27
Sharon Bost
Jamie Coe

January 28
Shawn Carter
Erik Gijlstra
Kayla Hetherington
Priscilla Scragg

January 29
Roger Amidon
John Muhlhausen
Ian Ritter

January 30
Aaron Grunke

January 31
John Plumley
Stacy Stiber

W-ELCA Circles

*Women of Holy Trinity
are invited to visit
& join our circles &
to attend our activities*

EVENING PEACE CIRCLE will meet Monday, Jan. 10th at 7:00 pm in the Library. They will continue their study of other religions and their relationship to Lutheranism. For more information, please call Joy Schill, 770-977-5326.

GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE - On Sunday, January 9th at 12:30pm, they will get together for their Epiphany Brunch at Aspens. The next circle meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 19th at 7PM in EB 7-8, where they will continue their book study, "Giving God Your All". For more information contact Jan Pomplun, 404-422-5635.

TENDER LOVING CARE CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, January 18th at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information please call Judy Blackwell, 770-971-9079.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will continue their study from "Lutheran Woman" today on Wednesday, January 19th at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information please call Faye Martin at, 770-427-1011.

RAINBOW QUILTERS will meet on Tuesday, January 11th from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM and on Monday, January 24th at 7 PM in Room 7-8 of the Education building.

THE W-ELCA BOARD will meet next on Tuesday, January 4 at 7PM in EB6.

Please contact
President, Sherrill McGraw,
(770-971-4929), or
Nicole Winkler, Vice-president,
(770-565-6635)
with any questions.

W-ELCA News

Many "Thank You's" This Month. . .

Christ Child Shower

Thank you very much for participating in the December Christ Child Shower. Thank you also to Chas Childers for the wonderful musical program. All the ladies joined in the sing fest. The proceeds of \$375 from our silent auction were used to purchase gifts for the MUST Toyshop. Donations of toys, gloves, hats and other wonderful gifts also went to the MUST Toyshop. Gift cards (one gift card was given anonymously for \$500!) amounting to \$545 were given directly to the MUST Toyshop coordinators to spend as they saw fit. Ladies, we donated over \$1,000 to MUST! God is using us for great things! Please keep this very important ministry in your

Lunch Bunch

The Stricker's home was a Christmas Delight, and Santa's presence was felt by everyone . . . and the food was outstanding with happy chatter heard everywhere. So . . . mark your calendar now for our first Lunch Bunch gathering of the year at Sandra William's home on THURSDAY, JANUARY 13th at 11:30AM. Just CALL Sandra at 770-977-0680 BY JANUARY 11th ... and she will reserve a place for you at her large dining room table. Please join us as we would love to begin the New Year "Lunching" with you!!

(Dine with the Lunch Bunch the second Thursday of every month, mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on the delicious food or the fun time we have just by being together.)

prayers. Here is their website address if you would like more information:
www.mustministries.org.

Thank you to our Outgoing Treasurer

"Thank you" to Pat Vermeer for being our W-ELCA Treasurer for the past two years. Pat did a great job keeping track of our finances for the programs we sponsored. We hate to see her give up this post, but thankfully she will still be around Holy Trinity to work on other projects.

Annual Cookie/Candy Sale

Thank you for contributing to our annual cookie/candy sale. Some of the programs we supported this year were: Oktoberfest, the national W-ELCA organization, Lutheran Disaster Relief,

Redeemer Food Ministry, Georgia Tech Campus Ministry, Church Women United, the Holy Trinity kitchen, and gifts to our Confirmands.

What Should We Do?

Each year our W-ELCA Board meets to decide what programs to support in the coming year. It takes hours of prayer and discussion. We always wonder if we are doing the right thing. This year, coincidentally, both the SE Synod W-ELCA and our board chose to support children and youth in 2011!! Thanks be to God!!

REMINDER:
Early registration deadline for the W-ELCA Triennial Convention in July 2011 is Jan. 7th. Contact Judy Blackwell for more info.

Meals to Go

*During a difficult time,
we can all use extra help!*

We have a list of volunteers who are willing to contribute meals. In order to avoid duplicating meals, Marilyn and Doris will coordinate the appropriate dates.

Please do not hesitate to call either Marilyn Reardon at 678-445-0157 or Doris Clement at 770-973-4402 if you need help with a meal or two.

If anyone wishes to be added to this list of volunteers, please call either Marilyn or Doris.

Thank you so very much!!

Sunday Worship Family Needs Your Help

For everyone reading this, please take a moment and look at the January Worship Servant schedule that is part of this newsletter. There are over 20 servants listed for both the 8:15 and 11:00 service each Sunday. And this does not include pastors and children's worship and music program participants.

There are 5 ushers, 3 greeters, 2 lay readers and a communion server needed at each regular service and 5 altar guild volunteers needed per Sunday. On Sunday, January 9, and February 16, the Sunday Worship and Music Committee will host a ministry station after both services. Members of the committee will be available to answer questions about what it takes to be an usher, an altar guild member, a greeter and at what age and how your children can begin their church service. Please plan to stop by and sign up in at least one category to assist with your Sunday worship service.

Monday School

Please join us at Monday School. The Monday School Ladies invite you to join them as they begin meeting again on **Monday, January 10th**, in the Upper Room. The book chosen for this session is "**KALEIDOSCOPE**" by Patsy Clairmont, and can be purchased at any of the local Christian bookstores or on Amazon.. Monday School is a wonderful way to begin the week... so...bring your coffee mug, your book, and a heart for learning, growing, and sharing together...and you will be a perfect addition to our class!!! We hope to see you on the 10th! If you have any questions, please call: Alice Rohrbach at 770-973-7205 or JoAnn Moore at 770-509-1967.

ELCA - Suicide Prevention Ministry

Bear one another's burdens and
so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

The ELCA Suicide Prevention Ministry was created to serve as a resource for individuals who have been affected by suicide. Whether you are a survivor of suicide, have a family member who has attempted or completed suicide, or are just interested in learning more about how to prevent suicide in the home, school, church, or workplace, the ELCA Suicide Prevention Ministry can provide you with the information and resources you need to address, respond to, and recover from a crisis.

Their Goals

To raise awareness that suicide is, in most cases, preventable. Motivate people to act to help those at risk for suicide, and those whose lives they touch.

Action

Talk openly, honestly and with love about suicide. Define the problem in the ELCA and take appropriate action.

If you have questions, or would like information about this ministry contact: info@elcaspn.org

If you or anyone you know has thoughts of ending a life, help is available. Please call the National Suicide Lifeline 1-800-TALK (1-800-8255) or 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2344)

Young at Hearts - January Event

Monday, January 10th
at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

BINGO is it's name and a lot of fun it can be when played at **Young at Hearts**. No cutthroat calls; only a good time with fun "giftees." Get set to play and get ready to eat some delicious turkey wraps, potato salad, homemade cranberry salads, with something else to sweeten your day.

Cost is \$7

Contact Gene & Barb Bench
@ 770-640-0078

Career Crossroads

For people of faith who:

- want guidance in how to find work that fits their gifts and missions in life.
- want clarity about discerning God's call in their lives and work
- lack a sense of purpose in life
- are unsure of their God-given gifts and how to use them faithfully

March 4 - 6, 2011
Lutheran Theological
Southern Seminary
Columbia, SC



Registration Deadline:
2/4/11

For further information contact Region 9,
803-461-3263 // Tiffany Pieters at tpieters@lts.edu

Financial Status Report

Effective November 30, 2010

	Budgeted	Received	Spent
November 2010	\$77,758.00	\$60,048.00	\$77,402.00
Year-to-Date	\$888,753.00	\$857,655.00	\$902,545.00

General Fund Balance as of November 30, 2010: \$ - 45,424.00

Council President Update

January is a month of new beginnings and this is of course true for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. But, as we begin anew in 2011, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on success stories from our congregation. HTLC Youth have established a history of leadership in campus ministries here in the Southeast. Our own Director of Youth Ministries, Erin Chonka, held the position of Gulf-Atlantic Lutheran Student Movement Regional Representative. In this role Erin represented Lutheran Campus Ministries in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida on the National Campus Ministries council. In October 2010 Justin Plumley, yes I'm a proud father, was elected

to the same position and is carrying on a proud tradition of HTLC leadership in college ministries. Linsey Chonka also held leadership positions in LSM. In his youth, Adam Bost worked in the office of the Presiding Bishop in Chicago, and most of you know Michael Stoops, who is now an Assistant Pastor in Las Vegas. We can be proud of the men and women who grew up in our congregation and we should continue to encourage our current youth to lead within the church.

2010 was a financially challenging year for HTLC; your church council and staff had to spend too much time focusing on where our congregation was finan-

cially on a weekly basis and making ends meet. In the coming year, we want to concentrate more on sowing seeds of ministry within our congregation and in broader national and international communities.

As we head into 2011 I am honored to serve as your council president. Erick Mikkelsen has been elected as your new Council Vice President. We are joined by new council members Marcie Hoffman, leading our Evangelism committee, Mike Cicero, heading up Stewardship, and Dave Tester, leading our Saturday Worship Committee. We are very excited to also be adding a new Adult Ministry

Committee, headed by Sheila Zeigler, to focus on the rapidly growing Adult Education program at Holy Trinity. Please join us on Sunday, January 9th at 5:00 PM for "Committee Kick-Off Night." We will be setting our goals and formulating our plans for 2011. Your congregation needs you and your important input for each of our committees as we continue God's work and plant the seeds of faith and ministry.

Thank you for your continued support as we grow into 2011.

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Plumley
Congregational
President

Worship Attendance through December 11-12, 2010



	<u>5:30</u>	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>LOUD Svc</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>SCS</u>
11/20 - 11/21	104	99	213		416	92
11/27 - 11/28	67	91	257	17	432	-
12/4 - 12/5	100	151	261		512	103
12/11 - 12/12	262	119	258		639	90

Shall We Dance?



A new addition to Holy Trinity’s Adult Ministry offerings may be a Ballroom Dance class. We are looking at the possibility of having a series of 5-6 classes for couples on Sunday afternoons in our very own Upper Room. “Meet and Eat” time will also be included as part of this class. We hope to start up in mid February. Time and fees have yet to be determined.

If you have always wanted learn to dance, or you just want to sharpen your current dance skills, keep watching the Week to Week and Weekly E-mail for more information!

Next Supper Club



The Supper Club sign up for Spring 2011 will be available in the Fellowship Hall at their Ministry Station on January 8th & 9th and January 15th & 16th.

The next series of months is February, March, April and May. We hope you’ll join us in this fun activity that gives you the opportunity to get to know the members of your church family.

Questions ?

Please contact Colleen Plumley

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- Thank You -- Merci -- Gracias -- Dankeschön -- Grazie -- Thank You -

Dear Church Friends,

Your thoughts, prayers and cards were greatly appreciated in the passing of our sister Allene Landderfelt.

Sincerely,
Jerry and Betty Gravitt

Once again our Holy Trinity Church Family came to our rescue. I want to thank all those who lifted us in prayer, sent cards, phoned, brought food. I was told not to drive for three weeks following my total knee replacement surgery and once again, church friends came to our aid and drove Hans to his doctor appointments and took him grocery shopping.

God took care of us for we have been so blessed by all of you!

In Christian love,
Jo Ann and Hans Schwantje

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to me and my family this year! "I always thank my God when I remember you..."

Love and peace,
Pastor Birkholz

Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

Thank you all so very much for the generous LOVE gift! As Ginger and I celebrate our eighteenth Christmas with the wonderful and faithful members of the Holy Trinity Family we can still say without reservation that this is our most favorite church family of all. I hope you all have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Always In Christ,
Pastor G

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Top Row: Claire C., Lily J., Justin J., Amanda A., Garrison B.

Second Row: Jacob J., Hannah N., Emily M., Joss S., Patrick B.

Photo courtesy of Dick DeHart

Holy Trinity Youth Supports Our Children's Ministry at December's Breakfast with Santa!

An amazing morning with Santa and soooo many of his helpers! Thank you to Erin Brown for helping spread the word and enlisting our youth for this fun event. The service was exceptional as our young people took on waiting tables, serving drinks and helping with crafts and photos. They are always a wonderful addition to the festive spirit of this yearly event.

. Thanks again to each of you that put on a Christmas apron and a Santa hat and helped make it the best Breakfast with Santa yet!

Looking forward to next year and doing it all again!

Blessings, Gaye