

**March  
2010**

**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 - 10:45 AM

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# The Trumpet

Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**From the pen of Pastor Grunke...**

*God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13*

Really? I certainly agree with Paul that God is faithful. I also agree that in the face of temptation God will provide a way out so that we may be able to endure it. Yet the middle part of this verse is a real challenge to understand.

In the very beginning of life itself someone allowed the serpent to wander freely in the Garden of Eden. And where was God and all of this strength to resist when the serpent was having his way with Adam and Eve. It took only a minute or two and a few choice words for Satan to tempt Eve beyond her strength to resist, and

probably less time for her to tempt Adam to go along. Wasn't it also Paul who said in Romans 7:19, "When I want to do good, I don't. And when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway." So Paul, what are you trying to say?

If God indeed does not allow us to be tempted beyond our ability to resist then why do we keep messing up? Every Sunday our service begins with the confession, "We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed." So Paul, if God won't allow us to be tempted beyond our ability to resist, why do we keep falling short?

This debate could go on forever, so let's get to the part of this verse that does

make sense to us sinners. Paul says that God "will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." Absolutely, we do know the way out. In John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

During the season of Lent we are reminded of our weakness in the face of temptation. We also remember our Lord's strength as he remained faithful in the face of every temptation the devil could muster up. Then, on Easter morning, we sing our hearts out as we praise God for giving us "the way out" of our mortal predicament, His own son, Jesus, the Christ!

*Pastor G...*

## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

**March 3 ~ 7:00 PM**  
*An Order for Night Prayer*

**March 10 ~ 7:00 PM**  
*Compline*

**March 17 ~ 7:00 PM**  
*Celtic Prayer Service*

**March 24 ~ 7:00 PM**  
*Holden Evening Prayer*

**Wednesday  
Lenten Suppers  
6:00 PM**  
Adults - \$6.00  
Children under 10 - \$3.75  
Children under 3 - Free



## 2010 SE Synod Assembly

The 2010 ELCA-Southeastern Synod Assembly will be held June 4-6, 2010 at the Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN.

### What is the Synod Assembly and who can attend?

According to our Synod Constitution, "This synod shall have a Synod Assembly, which shall be its highest legislative authority." (S7.01.) Anyone can attend the Synod Assembly as a visitor. Our Synod Constitution outlines that Lay Voting Members should be elected from each congregation and, of course, all Ordained Ministers, Associates in Ministry, Deaconesses and Diaconal Ministers under call on the roster of this synod should attend.

Congregations with:

- 1-499 baptized members elect two lay voting members (one male, one female)
- 500-999 baptized members elect one additional lay voting member (either male or female)
- 1000 + baptized members elect one additional lay voting member (to balance).

Youth and young adult voting members are also welcome!

On-line registration is now available on-line at [www.elca-ses.org/Assembly.html](http://www.elca-ses.org/Assembly.html)

## The Passion Play of Oberammergau

Tickets are still available for our trip to the Passion Play,  
September 15-25, 2010.

For how much longer, no one knows. If you are interested,  
please let us know. *Pastor G and Ginger*



## 2010 Guide Book & Directory

### UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFO

Does our church database have your family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory.

*Has your phone number or email address changed? Have you moved or are you preparing to move?*

It's time to update our database with any changes that have occurred over the last year. If you have not already done so, please notify the church office so that the information in the 2010 Guide Book & Directory is correct.

3 Ways to tell us of your changes: 1) Call the church office at 770.971.4600 2) Write the updated information on your weekly Member Worship card 3) Send an email to [nwinkler@holyltrinitymarietta.org](mailto:nwinkler@holyltrinitymarietta.org)

### BUSINESS ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for our congregation. This book will be the Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of our Church. This book is being provided at no charge to our church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book.

What better place to publicize your service or product than to the community in which you worship and are already recognized. To find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office at 770-971-4600.

## Children, Adult and Family Ministry

*Spring is energizing and so uplifting.* You can feel the wonderful changes taking place in our world. God is working His seasonal miracles of bringing life to everything around us. The trees, flowers, baby animals and the birds begin once again in their yearly migration north. Catch Spring Fever and join us as plans are getting underway for some very "lively" events!

*Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th from 10:00 to 11:30.* This is a community outreach event as well as a special time for our church family. The Easter bunny will be here and we will have free photos available for all the children in attendance. There will be crafts, snacks and a huge egg hunt. Invite young fami-

lies from your neighborhood, in your extended family or the ones ahead of you in the checkout line at the grocery store or pharmacy. We never know when this might be an opportunity that God arranged for a family that doesn't have a church home. A donation of plastic eggs and non-chocolate candy is needed. Drop-off boxes will be available this

month in the Fellowship Hall as well as in our children's hallway. Krista Brown is coordinating this event and needs help with decorating and stuffing the eggs.

*See you at church,  
Gaye*



### *First* Communion Class

**The Spring 2010 class will be on Sunday, April 25, 2:00-3:30PM. This class is informative and helps children understand the reason we take communion and why it is important. All ages are welcome, it will be held in the Library. Sign up sheets will be in the Children's hallway of the Educational building as well as on the wooden table in the Fellowship Hall. The class will take its first communion on May 2. There will be a fellowship following the 11AM service in honor of this special day in the lives of each child and the church family of Holy Trinity.**



### Adult Sunday School

We currently have 3 Adult Sunday School Opportunities:

- (1) **Faith of Our Fathers** meets in the Library and is a study of the presidents and leaders of our country throughout history. The focus is on their spiritual background and what impact they had on our constitution and American legacy. Leaders are Dewey Staggs and Norma Hornack.
- (2) **The Parenting Class** meets in Room 9 and is for the parents of children birth

### Vacation Bible School

Guess what? Believe it or not VBS is just around the corner! The dates this year are June 14 thru 18. Sign up sheets will be at a ministry table in the fellowship hall beginning the last 2 weeks of April and all during the month of May. Vacation Bible School is one of our largest events of the year and we will need your help to make it all it can be. Decorating will begin May 17th and we will need painters, decorators, movers, leaders, workers for attendance and information tables, buyers, snack helpers and hostesses for our teacher snack room. It's not too early to begin inviting children you know

through 5th grade. Shelia and Marvin Ziegler are class facilitators encouraging many in the class to take a week and focus on some area of parenting. This is a mixture of video studies, book studies and discussion groups.

(3) **Acts of the Apostles** meets in Room 6. This Bible study will be very informative with background and historical facts as well as a study of the book as a tool God wants to use to direct our lives. Facilitators are Stacey and Jeff Schutte.

to this special event. It is a wonderful week where God is the focus of all that is done. It is fun and builds memories that remind each child in attendance that God is present, loving and caring for each one of them, every minute of every day. The week will include fun music, crafts, drama, snacks, a mission project and games. Children 3 years through completed 5th grade are invited. Childcare is provided for workers' children under 3 years old. This event requires a huge staff of youth and adults. Sign up early. God will use YOU in the life of a child.



### Stephen Ministry

A friend in need . . .  
In times of trouble we look to caring Christian friends to listen to us as we sort through our feelings.

If you feel the need for this kind of care, or know someone who does, contact Pastor Birkholz at the church office or Alice Rohrbach at 770-973-7205



The envelope of the

month for *March* is “Right in the Community”

(Formerly Assc. for Retarded Citizens) is a Cobb County organization that offers education & support to people with mental retardation.

The envelope is for March 6-7, but can be used anytime during the month of March.

**It's Not Too Late To Go GREEN**

If you haven't started viewing The Trumpet on line . . .  
. . . it's not too late.

Help us save paper, postage and energy by contacting the church office and letting us know you'll be reading The Trumpet on line!!

Call the church office or send a message to our dedicated email address:

TheTrumpet@HolyTrinityMarietta.org

### Saturday Night Praise Service

#### Saturday Lenten Services

March 6 ~ Lent III  
*The Wonderful Cross*

March 13 ~ Lent IV  
*In Christ Alone*

March 20 ~ Lent V  
*Mighty to Save*

March 27 ~ The Passion  
*Sing to the King*

#### Holy Week Saturday Service

April 3 ~ Easter Eve  
*All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises*

*For the Saturday, April 3rd service, families are asked to bring a fresh-cut flower to place on the cross, which will be located in the Narthex.*

Need more info on Saturday Night's service? Contact Chas at the church office or email him at: [chazsongs@gmail.com](mailto:chazsongs@gmail.com)

### Campbell's Labels & Can Tabs

#### Save Campbell's Labels & All Can Tabs

On February 10, 2010, I sent a package of Campbell Soup Points totaling to 425 points. Thanks to all of you who made this possible.

I will also be taking a box of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. I currently have just 2 lbs. and would like to give more. Please consider saving the tabs and bringing them into the church. Thank you to those of you who collected these and brought them in to the church.

Why Pop Tabs? According to Mimsy Shuck, executive Director of Columbus, Ohio, the aluminum can is valuable, but the can's tab is made of more pure, high grade aluminum. The money they get for the tabs goes for the upkeep of the Ronald McDonald Houses, which helps families with sick children.

Thank you again for collecting these items and please continue to bring them to the church in the Library on the book shelf behind the door. Ada Junge

### Running Bible Study

Pastor Birkholz would like to congratulate all those who participated in the New Year's Resolution Bible/Book Study! It was a blessing to be with you these past nine weeks. We will conclude our study on March 27 at the Atlanta Women's 5K in Candler Park (please email Pastor Birkholz for details if you haven't already), and everyone is welcome to join us (or cheer us on!).

### Angel Food News

The March Angel Food orders will be taken on Sunday, March 14th from 12:30 - 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Pick up is on Saturday, March 20th 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Education Bldg.

View menu or order directly on the Angel Food website: [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com)



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March 24 - 7:00 PM  
*Holden Evening Prayer*

### Lenten Suppers

Every Wednesday  
6:00 PM

Reservations must be  
received by noon on  
the Monday before  
the dinner

Hosted by W-ELCA  
\$6.00 for Adults,  
\$3.75 for Children  
under 10

Free for Children 3 and under

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### Holy Week Schedule

**Maunder Thursday**  
April 1 - 7:30 PM

Music by Combined Choirs,  
*Holy Communion,*  
*Stripping of the Altar*

**Good Friday**  
April 2 - 8:00 PM  
*Tenebrae Service of*  
*Scripture & Music*

**Easter Day**  
April 4 - 8:15 & 11:00 AM  
Combined Adult Choirs  
with Brass Quintet  
& Timpani

Families are asked to bring  
a fresh-cut flower to  
place on the cross, which will  
be located in the Narthex

### Sunday Worship in March

**March 7**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
*ELW Setting 1*, the anthem  
at the offering by Martin  
Nystrom with Matt  
Mattice, Saxophone.

**March 14**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
*ELW Setting 2*, with music for choirs  
by Gabriel Faure.

**March 21**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
*Schubert Mass* with Jean Kavanagh,  
Oboe, joining the choirs with music  
by John Leavitt.

**March 28**  
**Palm Sunday/  
Sunday of the Passion**  
*ELW Setting 1*, with  
the offertory anthem  
by Joseph Martin.



### Lenoir-Rhyne University A Cappella Choir in Concert

The Lenoir-Rhyne University A Cappella Choir and College Singers, with Paul D. Weber, Director, will perform at Holy Trinity on Sunday, March 14 at 7:30 PM. The theme for this year's tour, "Fear Not, You Are Mine," will be featured at the beginning and end of the concert in compositions by Knut Nystedt and Weber's "When You Pass Through the Waters." Accompanying the choir will be Jeana Neal Borman, Lenoir-Rhyne collaborative artist, and Kenneth Miller, senior sacred music organ major.

Repertoire sung by the choir will include "Heilig" by Felix Mendelssohn, "Sicut cervus" by Palestrina, "Arise, Shine" by Paul Weber, "Nunc dimittis" by Gustav Holst, and selected movements of the Mozart Requiem.

The concert will conclude with "O Day Full of Grace" by F. Melius Christiansen and "Let the Same Mind" by Weber. The College Singers, a select vocal ensemble from the A Cappella Choir, will also appear on the program and perform selections from: "Warum" by Johannes Brahms, "O nata lux" by Guy Forbes, "Wondrous Love" by William Duckworth, "Elijah Rock" by Moses Horgan, and "Beautiful River" by William Hawley.

Established in 1891, Lenoir-Rhyne University is a private, coeducational university located in Hickory, N.C. It is affiliated with the N.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

### Memorial Gifts

A gift was received in memory  
of Alan Hook for The Sunday  
Music Ministry from:

*Mr. and Mrs. Hans Schwantje*

### New Members Class Change

The third class has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 13 at 6:30 PM, immediately following the Saturday Night Service. A reception and Ministry Fair will be held in the Upper Room for our new members to become acquainted with the programs available at Holy Trinity. They will also have an opportunity to meet some of our council leaders and staff at this time.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
*Member Milestones*

## Happy Birthday

### March 1

Dawn Cantelmo  
Branden Eskew  
Ron Jacoby  
Mary Martin  
Kathryn Marvinny

### March 2

Avery Blenner  
Tara Borysiak  
Dan Grohs  
Luke Nelson  
Chelsea Pursley

### March 3

Christine Einertson  
Ansley Provost  
Meghan Schmidt

### March 4

Tom Hinkson  
Deanna O'Connor  
Lauren Serro  
Katy Vesper

### March 5

Denise Hazlett  
Tyler Ryan

### March 6

Bill Hetherington  
Gregg Limber  
Alexis Moore  
Deborah Spratt  
Erik Storla

### March 7

Reed Bearden  
Caitlin Plumley

### March 8

Sean Allen  
Donna Formato  
Jacob Lash  
Dainty Lovich  
Kurt Nemeck  
Jan Schaffrick

### March 9

Cameron Benefield  
Andrew Fennell  
J.P. Fowler  
Rusty Krueger  
Connor Plumley  
David Rajecki

### March 10

Judi Clos  
Allison Hagan  
Chris Morra

### March 11

Rick Brandt  
Allison Crenshaw  
Rosalind Howe  
Jodi Martin Post  
Steve Topp

### March 12

Jay Coe  
Mark Garrett  
Keldan Holm  
Marna Iverson

### March 13

Jan Berkholtz  
Jillian Carroll  
Kathie Jorden  
Kurt Kalliomaa  
Lydia Parsons  
Kristen Schutte  
Andy Vesper  
Jim Wood  
Susie Wood

### March 14

David Lovich  
Carlos Meza

### March 15

Michael DePeder  
Diane Mathis

### March 16

Doug Carroll  
Tim Hoon  
Alexandra Ingram  
Kristi Knapp  
Terri Landers  
Karen Van Buskirk  
Angelica Marie Webb

### March 17

Jerry Harris  
Olivia Mould  
Hans Schwantje  
Ethan Ziegler

### March 18

Brynne Carlbom  
Tim Dart  
Michelle Lorenz  
Amy Payne

### March 19

Louise Harris  
Austin Nielsen  
Pat Vermeer

### March 20

Tom Langdon  
Kristen Reynolds  
Russ Stricker  
Rebecca Zavorski

### March 21

Lisa Krzyzewski  
Ashleigh Martin  
Ted Maxwell  
Al Roach  
Chase Schwartz  
Jim Zavorski

### March 22

Corrie Howard  
Annette Rhadans  
Cortney Whitehouse

### March 23

Renee Martin

### March 24

Judy Blackwell  
John Hagan  
David Stoffer

### March 25

Randy Aitken  
Dustin Bergman  
Linda Cosler  
Christopher Dart  
Jack Moore  
Diane Roush  
Earl Tyson

### March 27

Amanda Diederich  
Jim Whitehouse  
Adam Wise

### March 28

Alexandra Mould  
Brian Van Buskirk

### March 29

Christian Boudreaux  
Liz Cleaton  
Sally McTish  
Chris Teem  
Jennifer Trethaway

### March 30

Isabella Hess  
Matt Mattice  
Betty Molitoris  
Sarah Oakley  
Bill Pomplun  
Laura Segers  
Craig Stack

### March 31

Pala Balasubramanian  
Louie George  
Katie Gregory  
Madison Hackler  
Sydney Piecuch  
Richard Radke  
Dylan Rhadans  
Charlene Yde

## Happy Anniversary

### March 3

1979 - Phil & Kim Roenitz

### March 4

1989 - Andy & Julie Fesefeldt

### March 5

1966 - Jim & Joy Schill

### March 10

1990 - Paul & Nancy Gawryszewski  
20 years

1990 - Chris & Cindy Hugh Sam  
20 years

1956 - George & Rita Wagner

### March 15

1952 - John & Pat Lundborg  
1980 - Dave & Leigh Lyjak  
30 years

### March 20

1964 - Bill & Pat Vermeer

### March 21

1992 - Dan & Christina Hess  
1998 - Joe & Amanda Masters  
1998 - Scott & Karen Stephan

### March 22

2003 - Heather & John Michno

### March 22

1975 - Scott & Annette Ranger  
35 years

### March 23

1985 - Tom & Diane Mathis  
25 years

### March 24

1990 - Briant & Janine Holden  
20 years

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The next Trumpet deadline is *Monday, March 15*.  
Please email your articles to Nicole Winkler at [nwinkler@holyltrinitymarietta.org](mailto:nwinkler@holyltrinitymarietta.org)

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## W-ELCA Circles

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

**EVENING PEACE CIRCLE** will meet Monday, March 8th at 7:00 pm, in the Library. Norma Hornack will continue discussion of important women in history with Eleanor Roosevelt. For more information, please call Joy Schill, 770-977-5326.

**GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE** will not meet in March due to Wednesday Lenten Worship. They are starting a book study titled Giving God Your All by Thomas Nelson.

For more information contact Jan Pomplun, 404-422-5635.

**TENDER LOVING CARE CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, March 16th at 7p.m. Kathy Seraphine will host the evening and Mary Lou Fish will provide the program.

For more information please call Judy Blackwell, 770-971-9079.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, March 17th at 10:00 AM in the Library. We will continue the Romans study from the *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine, led by Pastor Birkholz. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information please call Faye Martin at, 770-427-1011.

**RAINBOW QUILTERS** will meet on Tuesday, March 9th from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM in Room 7/8 of the Education building. They will also meet on the 22nd at 7pm. For more information contact JoAnn Moore at, 770-509-1967.

**THE W-ELCA BOARD** will meet on **Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 in Room EB 6.**

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

## W-ELCA News

### Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - Thank You

A big "Thank You" for supporting Holy Trinity's W-ELCA by attending the annual Ash Wednesday Dinner. With over 100 people enjoying sixteen varieties of homemade soup, over \$600 was made. This will fund our Women's Scholarship Program.



## Lighthouse Mission Trip Update



Several volunteers are once AGAIN committing to serve at a Lighthouse Family Retreat this summer ... and we are thrilled. Our team is not yet complete, but hearts are being called and Holy Trinity will once more be represented through the love that our volunteers will be sharing with these special children and their families. Watch for the names of our team members in the April Trumpet.

### W-ELCA Area is in the Library

The W-ELCA bookcase and collection site is located in the Library. Come see our new, updated area for W-ELCA info and to drop off your Soap, Soup Labels, Pop Top Tabs, and Secret Prayer Sister gifts at this location.

### Ink Cartridge Recycling

The collection box is just inside the Fellowship Hall to the left of the entrance. Money we receive for this recycling effort will go towards our 2010 Scholarship program. Please help us support this worthy cause.



### Can you cut in a straight line? Do you have an artistic flair? Do you enjoy sewing?

If you can do any of these things, we need your help! The quilters meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us in Room 7-8 of the Educational Building.

### The Fifth Annual Yard Sale

This yard sale supports our Lighthouse Mission Trip. It will be on Saturday, April 24th in the church parking lot ... please save your stuff for us ... as it will add much to the treasures we plan to sell that day. More info re: The Yard Sale to come in the April Trumpet.

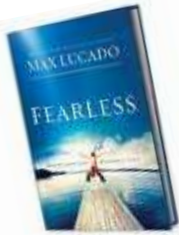
And once again Julie Fesefeldt has been asked to be "Family Partner Coordinator" (Coordinator of the Volunteers) for Retreat, which will be held June 6-12 at Seaside, FL.

A few volunteers from Holy Trinity will be serving that week, and will be grateful to be working with her as they share God's Love. Julie's deep commitment to the Lighthouse Mission Statement ... her love of children ... her ability to organize and nurture at the same time ... and her love of God make it both a privilege and a joy to serve beside her.

Thank you for your prayers of support and love . . . and may God bless you.

Alice Rohrbach

### Women's Monday Morning Book Study



Monday School Women's Book Study continues with the study of Max Lucado's new book entitled, "Fearless ~ Imagine Your Life Without Fear". It is a

great study and we invite all the ladies of the church to join us. We meet in Room 7-8 of the Educational Building on Mondays at 9:30 AM. So just

bring your coffee cup, your book and your Bible. We promise it will be a very inspirational start to your week. See you then!

### 2010 Family Camping



Family camping weekends are a 30-year tradition at Holy Trinity, with both summer and fall outings. Our summer camping weekend is May 21-23 at McKinney Campground on Lake Allatoona. This campground is about 15

miles from the church and we have already put in our reservation for great weather and a weekend full of fellowship, food and fun for all ages. Whether you're an experienced camper, newbie, or maybe just want to dip

your toe in the water and come up for the day on Saturday or Sunday service and breakfast, contact Dave Lyjak (dryljak@comcast.net or 770-578-4627) for additional info.

**It's NOT just for families!! Singles and those without kids are welcome too.**

### Habitat for Humanity

Look for the Ministry Station in March to sign up to work and/or get more information about the build and Habitat for Humanity. Or contact: Charlene Yde 770-928-9589 cbyde@yahoo.com or Phil Torchio 770-426-0939 torchio@weoga.com

We started our 20<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity build on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. This year our build is an Ecumenical Build. The churches of the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat, of which Holy Trinity is a member, will provide volunteer labor for 4-5 days of the 10 day build. We are building for the Berry Family, a family of six including three children and a grandmother. We hope to see lots of new participants this year along with all of our "Habitat regulars."

The home is located at 5460 Blackhawk Drive in Acworth.

- Take Highway 92 West
- After passing the intersection for I-575, go 3.9 miles and turn left onto Seminole Way
- Turn left onto Cascade Dr.
- Turn right onto Blackhawk Dr and 5460 will be on left.
- Please park on the street.

A NEW way to support Habitat! Contribute with your financial support by purchasing Tupperware products (catalogs at the Ministry Station) 40% of Tupperware sales will go to our Habitat Build!

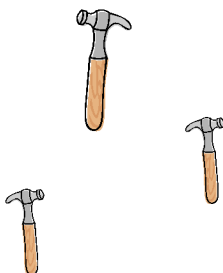


Volunteer needed to provide sweat equity--in other words, pound a hammer! No special skills needed--Habitat Supervisors direct, teach and coach you on every part of the build. Our scheduled Saturdays at this time are:

**March 20 - Noon - 4PM - Siding & Drywall**

**May 1 - 8AM - Noon - Painting**

**May 15 - Time TBD - Youth Landscape Day**



# Financial Status Report

Effective January 31, 2010

|              | Budgeted    | Received    | Spent       |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| January 2010 | \$74,317.00 | \$70,608.00 | \$86,691.00 |
| Year-to-Date | \$74,317.00 | \$70,608.00 | \$86,691.00 |

General Fund Balance as of January 31, 2010 - \$ -36,408.00

## President's Update

### How do we grow Holy Trinity?

Last month I participated in the Southeastern Synod's annual "Catch-the-Spirit" program for church leaders. This was my 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of attending and it had always been an uplifting and joyful experience. However, this year was different and sobering as the topic was "Reversing the Arrow" or dealing with the continuing decline in church attendance and membership and the challenges with bringing more people to Christ. This topic is not new as Protestant Churches of all denominations have seen steadily dropping participation since the 1960's. The question is how does this affect Holy Trinity?

The good news is we are the third largest ELCA congregation in the Synod with many exciting and rewarding program offerings and worship experiences for everyone from infants to seniors. Because of this and other factors, Holy Trinity has evolved into a Regional Church with members coming from many areas of Cobb, Cherokee and even Fulton Counties. The problem is we have reached a plateau in our membership and participation. For many years we basically gain as many members each year as we lose. Our membership is consistently hovering around 1300 members with the average weekend worship at the 3 services of around 500. Therefore, I lay in bed at night pondering a number of questions about this:

- 1) Where are the other 800 members who belong to this church and this body of Christ?
- 2) What are they doing instead of attending worship?
- 3) What can we do to get them to attend and participate more often?
- 4) Why do we have over 1100 participants in Christmas Eve and Easter services but not on other important occasions (Ash Wednesday, Lent & Advent Services and Reformation Sunday)
- 5) What can we do to attract new visitors and members from the large community we serve.
- 6) How can we best share the good news of Christ with our visitors, members and the community?
- 7) Has being a member of a church in our society evolved into just a label, like being a member of a particular political party and voting once or twice a year? Is saying I'm a Lutheran a similar label to saying I'm a Democrat or Republican?

To answer these, and other questions and start to determine where Holy Trinity heads in the future, our Council and Staff will be participating in a workshop retreat on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to determine the top three things as a team and as a church we can do positively to bring more people to Christ and hopefully growing Holy Trinity along the way.

I will discuss our results in next month's Trumpet so stay tuned . . .

In His Service,  
Bill Van Buskirk  
Congregational President

### Worship Statistics through February 13-14, 2010

|             | 5:30 | 8:15 | 11:00 | Total              | SCS |
|-------------|------|------|-------|--------------------|-----|
| 1/16 - 1/17 | 118  | 85   | 224   | 427                | 96  |
| 1/23 - 1/24 | 108  | 105  | 232   | 445                | 135 |
| 1/30 - 1/31 | 106  | 116  | 196   | Loud Svc 18<br>436 | 131 |
| 2/6 - 2/7   | 105  | 129  | 269   | 503                | 106 |
| 2/13 - 2/14 | 58   | 105  | 217   | Loud Svc 20<br>400 | 113 |



*"All are welcome."*



**“LET’S DO LUNCH BUNCH”**

For All Women of the Church

**Lunch Bunch**

Wish you could have been at Lana’s house to enjoy the delicious Taco Salad and dessert ... you could have laughed with us as well, as we had fun just being together. So ... why

don’t you join us at **Ada Junge’s home on Thursday, March 11th at 11:30 a.m. Just call Ada at 770-992-7372 March 9th and ask her to save you a seat at the table.**

We really look forward to “lunching” with you! (Eat out with the Lunch Bunch!” the second Thursday of every month...mark your calendar...now so you won’t miss the food, fun, and fellowship!!!!)

**Lutheridge & Lutherock Summer Camps**

Children today need summer camp more than ever! Sixty per cent of ELCA Pastors say outdoor ministry was significant to their call to ministry. With the demands on our children’s time today, why don’t you consider investing in faith camps for your kids? At Lutheridge and Lutherock, we have two wonderful outdoor ministry facilities with a staff full of Christian spirit and a safe program. The camps are for 1st graders through 12th graders. A special Outdoor Adventure Program has been developed to attract middle and high school youth. Activities include:

rock-climbing, whitewater rafting, caving, backpacking, canoeing, high ropes courses, and more!

There are two ways to register: by phone at 828-684-2361 or on-line at [www.LLMI.net](http://www.LLMI.net)

**Lutheridge and Lutherock have scholarship money available, so don’t skip camp just because of the cost!**

Brochures are also available on the wooden table in the Fellowship Hall, feel free to pick one up!



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

To my Holy Trinity Family,  
Thank you so much for all the lovely cards and great food that we received after breaking my right arm which needed surgery. All the prayers and kind words of concern continue to be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to getting back to my normal routine. Words can never express how it feels to have such a loving church family.

love,  
Judy Blackwell

Dear Pastor Grunke, Pastor Birkholz and Holy Trinity Family,  
Thank you both for visiting me in the hospital and the emergency room. I am very grateful to you both for your kindness. The congregation of Holy Trinity has humbled me with their many cards, calls, visits, flowers, soups and offers to visit and help. The people who came to the house to stay and prepare meals were wonderful and I am so grateful for the caring kindness of this congregation.

In Christ-like love and gratitude, Norma Hornack

Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for your gift of \$265. The impact of your gift is immeasurable. When kids awake to a bag of presents on Christmas morning, they realize that someone *does* care. And if on person can recognize that, perhaps these children will then see the worth in themselves.

Sincerely,  
Merrill Autry, Development Manager  
The Center for Children & Young Adults

To Pastor Grunke and congregation members,  
Thank you so much for your gift of \$400. Your support of the missions of Lutheran Services of Georgia have given children and families hope, healing and strength for the future.

Sincerely,  
Lorraine Dorough  
VP of Agency Advancement

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## March 2010 - The Trumpet

### Young at Hearts

Go back in time on a visit to the  
Strand Theater on the  
Marietta Square  
Monday, March 8 at 10 AM

*We will tour the site and hear the great sounds of a theater organ. We'll stop in at the adjacent ice cream parlor (at your own expense). It will all start with a breakfast buffet hosted by the YAH committee.*

We will pool rides from the church to the theater.

A parking garage is conveniently located across the street.

Cost is \$10.00 / For more information or to sign up,  
contact Gene & Barb Bensch  
at 770-640-0078

### Groove - for Young Adults

(20's & 30's, without children)

Chris and Kristen Murphy are facilitators for this group. They are meeting every other week following the 11:00 worship service. So far they have had a pizza party planning meeting, gone out to eat together after church and had a game night playing numerous board games. A Bible study is in the planning stage as well as a beach retreat and a trip to the mountains. Invite anyone and everyone you know in this stage of life. The more the merrier!

Watch the Week to Week or check our on-line calendar at: <http://tinyurl.com/hyoungadults> for information about upcoming events.

**Daylight Savings Time Reminder . . . Spring Forward**  
Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>