



**May
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 G . . .

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd!

Acts:2-14

What a difference the Spirit can make! Is this the same Peter who was so afraid of being beaten like Jesus for insurrection that he denied three times that he even knew Jesus? Is this the same Peter who after the Resurrection resigned his commission as a disciple and returned to his career as a fisherman?

No! This isn't the same Peter! There is the Peter before the onset of the Holy Spirit and the Peter after. Before Pentecost Peter was at times ready to grab a sword and defend Jesus at any cost. Yet, when Jesus was being tortured and mocked, and eventually crucified, Peter was nowhere to be found. And when someone did notice him standing around he denied knowing who Jesus was.

After the onset of the Holy Spirit, he became the great evangelist to the Jews in Jerusalem. From fickle fisherman to fearless public speaker and defender of the Gospel, his transformation was amazing.

The change in Peter is a visible witness to what can happen to those infused with and infected by the Holy Spirit of Pentecost. The power of the Gospel is immeasurable. Therefore, we, as the new disciples in this new age, should be diligent in exposing ourselves to Word and Sacrament. As God so changed and empowered Peter, he will do the same to you and me. He will equip us with the knowledge and the courage we need to carry the Gospel to the world so all can know that Jesus is Lord and that He has risen indeed!

Peace!

Pastor G . . .

VBS 2011

*Mark your calendars . . .
Tell your family & friends . . .
It's almost time for VBS!!!*

See Page 3 for Details



2011 SE Synod Assembly

The 2011 ELCA-Southeastern Synod Assembly will be held June 3-5, 2011 at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta.

"Listen to Your Children Praying"

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.

On-line registration for the 2011 Southeastern Synod Assembly will be open until May 15, 2011. All attendees, including voting members, visitors, volunteers and ministry exhibitors should register using the on-line form. If you have questions regarding registration, please call the synod office at 404-589-1977. Here is the link to register on-line:

<http://www.elca-ses.org/Assembly.html#Registration>

We NEED 2 more Adults
to represent
Holy Trinity
at the 2011
SE Synod Assembly.
Please contact the
church office if you'd
like to attend as our Rep

New Oktoberfest Fundraiser

Oktoberfest is starting a NEW restaurant fundraiser . . .
Buffalo Wild Wings!

"Eat Wings. Raise Funds. It Pays."

We'll now meet once a month to have wings & play trivia at Buffalo Wild Wings. (of course they also have burgers, salads, sandwiches and even a Kid's Menu) Your visits will earn funds to support our annual Oktoberfest.



Join us the second Wednesday of each month. Our first dinner will be on: WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH - Starting at 7:00 PM

Don't forget your yellow "Ticket" to make sure we get credit for your visit. Pick one up at our Ministry Station on May 7/8, or pick up your ticket on the wooden table in the Fellowship Hall.

Buffalo Wild Wings is located about 15 minutes from church at: 125 Barrett Parkway, Marietta, 30066 / 678-354-9464

in Barrett Creek Shopping Center (right behind the QT) *SEE YOU THERE!!!*

"Meet the Author" at Holy Trinity, Cathy Lee Phillips

Georgia born, 2009 Author of the Year, Cathy Lee Phillips will talk about *Renewing Your Heart* on Saturday, June 4th at Holy Trinity. Author and speaker, her heartfelt, and sometimes humorous words regarding her Christian beliefs and faith will become evident as Cathy shares her life stories with us.

We will meet in the Upper Room at 10:00 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Ladies, bring a friend and spend a couple of hours with this renowned author and speaker.



Children, Adult & Family Ministry



Vacation Bible School is June 6th-10th with a special family finale' on Saturday the 11th during the 5:30 worship service. This year is going to be a wonderful time in the life of our church. The theme is öPandaMania, where God is wild about you!ö We are so excited to see what God does in the lives of the children, youth and adults that are involved this year. I have been working in Bible School for over 40 years and I still get excited when I think about VBS approaching. It is always good and it reminds me that God is close and just waiting for us to be available, commit to being involved and just watch to see what He can do!

We are working hard at getting things ready. If you have some spare time there are a multitude of things needing to be done. We are painting sets, gathering supplies and props, working on details for individual stations, making phone calls, organizing what we have on hand, working on Preschool set up, learning songs, finding costumes, moving large quantities of items to areas of use, co-coordinating VBS for moms, and soooo much more! Email me @ gayemarkham@gmail.com or call the church office and let me know when you are available. You will enjoy yourself and be a real blessing to others at the same time. Looking forward to hearing from you, Gaye.

Wonderful memories... as the Sunday School year comes to an end, I want to thank the amazing Team that has made it possible this year! It was a fantastic year with some events that we will all never forget. Remember the truth chair? The time your teachers had their faces covered in whip cream and you had to squirt them in the face with a water bottle until it was clean? the chin people? the cat and the litter box? You will have to admit your teachers and the Up-Street Team have been willing to do whatever it takes to tell all of us about Jesus and how much He loves us. Parents, I want to thank you for making the commitment to get up early on Sunday so your child could be part of this year's events. I believe it has been life-changing for many of us. It is a privilege to be part of a team that has at its heart a desire to love children and help each of them as they go forward living a life for Christ. Our teachers do a great job of living that example before us. I am grateful for each one on our team. We come wearing the black tee-shirts, ready to get down on our knees and up to our elbows into whatever will be helpful in making God's word come to life for the children that are present.

One of the hardest things about this year coming to an end is that it also marks the end of our time with the Boudreaux family. They are planning to stay and serve in one last VBS and then head to California. I know, and they know that God has good things in store for them, but we also know we will all miss being together. What a wonderful journey we have been on together over the past few years. They, along with many of you, have put their heart into Holy Trinity's Children's Ministry and it has evolved over time to be one of the best Sunday School programs around. God is blessing us and at the same time He is pruning us. That is never the fun part, but he promises us we will all be stronger for it. I say all this to encourage you to tell all our Children and Preschool team how much you appreciate all they do during the year and give a special thank you and hug to the Boudreaux Family, Troy, Dee, Linda (English), and Christian. Some church in California has no idea how God is about to bless their ministry! Many thanks to each of you, your life makes a difference for the Lord.

Blessings,
Gaye



**Sunday
Church
School
Notes
and . . .
Good Byes**



Stephen Ministry

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

Psalm 55:22a

“I Get By With a Little Help From My Friends.” Remember that Beatle’s song? We all could use help during a difficult time. A Stephen Minister could be there for you, to listen and to care.

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



The envelope of the month for *May* is

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This offering supports our church camps in Georgia & North Carolina. This envelope is for May 7-8, but can be used anytime during the month of May.

The Trumpet - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Saturday Worship for You

Are Sundays tough for you? Is it your “sleep in” day? Is the weather calling you to the outdoors? Do you have to work?

NO PROBLEM! Come get the “good feeling” that Jesus offers for Saturday evening worship.

Between our budget, dedicated funds, and SCRIP monies we are about halfway to our goal of \$9000 for much needed musical equipment purchases. The intent is to dramatically improve our sound quality to you, the worshipper, all the while helping our musicians and singers have a better “ear” for what’s being projected to you. This is a long overdue endeavor for our Saturday worship experience. Any dedicated funds from the congregation for this sole purpose will help us get there faster. THANK YOU to those that have already given funds! It is greatly appreciated.

Look for our special children’s VBS service in June. We are continually looking for singers and AV Techs too.

Have you Reached Up, Reached Out, and Reached In?

Come join us on Saturday evenings at 5:30. All Are Welcome!!



Angel Food This Month



The May Angel Food orders will be taken on Sunday, May 8th from 12:30 - 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Food pick-up is on Saturday, May 21st 8:45 - 9:30 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.

Memorials & Gifts to Holy Trinity

Gifts in Memory of Mina Olson (mother of Julie Stoffer) for the Saturday Music Ministry were received from:
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Stoffer



Gifts in Memory of Marliese Freyling (Friends of the Stoffers) for the Saturday Music Ministry were received from:
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Stoffer

Gifts in Honor of the marriage of Norma Hornack & Bob Houck for the Holy Trinity Love Gift were received from:
Mr. & Mrs. John Plumley
Mrs. Martha Lovich
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Murphy

Holy Week and Easter "Thank You"

A heartfelt thanks to those who aided in Holy Week & Easter preparations. Your extra efforts made our celebration even more lovely:

- Robert Stone, for assisting with annual flower planting & Chris Murphy for ensuring our grounds were well manicured.

- Paulette Gebhardt, Denise Wise and all their volunteers for helping with seasonal enhancements & worship preparations.

- Marilyn Reardon for sewing our Easter butterfly banners.

From, Tim Young

Empty Medicine Bottles Needed



The SE Synod W-ELCA organization is collecting these bottles so they can be reused in other countries. Please place your empty medicine bottles in the collection bin in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your support of this new program!

Sunday Worship in May

May 1

Second Sunday of Easter

Now the Feast and Celebration with the offertory anthem by Bradley Ellingboe.

May 8

Third Sunday of Easter

ELW Setting 2 with anthems for choirs arranged by Mary Haugen.

May 15

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Schubert Mass with the Children's Choir singing for the 11:00 Service.

May 22

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ELW Setting 1 with confirmation at 8:15 with music for choirs by Matthew Armstrong.

May 29

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hymn Mass with the anthem at the offertory by Mark Patterson.

Adult Ministry News

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

The mission of The Adult Education Ministry at Holy Trinity is to create disciples. **It is to educate, engage and empower Holy Trinity to know God and reach out to the world in God's name.** We propose to do this by providing classes and events that aid people in growing in their relationship with God and their relationships with each other.



Sunday School – not just for kids! Ever wonder what God thinks about the issues we face everyday in our own lives and the world? We will be presenting **The Lutheran Course** this summer. We will be looking at the fundamentals of Lutheranism and find out how we can improve our relationship with God through our faith. We will view DVD presentations with top-notch theologians and then discuss the ideas with depth and humor. Classes will begin in June and be right after the 10:00 service.

Great for non Lutherans, new Lutherans, old Lutherans, and anyone in between. Saints and sinners welcome.

Summer Sunday School – The Wired Word will be continuing throughout the summer. The Saturday night class will be at the usual time, 6:40 pm after the service. The Sunday class will meet **BEFORE** the 10:00 am at 8:40 am. The class pulls stories from the headlines and examines them in view of scripture. Topics are far ranging as immigration; family relationships, earthquakes, terrorism and NASCAR are addressed.

Couples Night Out – Friday, May 6th, 6:30 pm, Upper Room – You drop the kids off at child care. We have a short rally time where we'll talk about money in your marriage. Then you'll head out for a dinner date with each other. After dinner, we will complete the evening back in the Upper Room for fellowship and dessert.

VBS for Parents – June 6-10 - We are expanding on our VBS for Moms program from last year. We will have a parent's lounge during VBS for parents who'd like to take a break or spend some time with other parents. On Wednesday and Thursday, we will be learning to knit and examining how knitting is a good metaphor for God's creative and intimate relationship with us.

Becoming and Caring For Aging Parents – Wednesday evenings in July. If you are beginning to deal with the health and security of your aging parents, or will be an aging adult yourself at some time, this series is for you. Speakers will be provided to address relevant issues. We will be looking at levels of care and costs and the legal aspects of Power of Attorney and end of life decisions. In addition, we will discuss how to prepare ourselves for this stage of life to minimize the impact on our children.

Coming in the Fall – Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace University; Dance Lessons; Couples Night Out; New Adult Sunday school classes.

Want to see us do something? Contact Gaye Markham, Karin Storla or Shelia Ziegler.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Member Milestones

Happy Birthday

May 1
Karin Storla
Jessica Wood

May 2
Will Hays
Stephanie Kieler
Sheri Parker
Bill Yde
Jenni Zavorski

May 3
Sue Ball
Joey Depheteros
Elly Provost

May 4
Emily Grainger

May 5
Joseph Moravitz
Kim Roenitz

May 6
Heinz Behling
Richard French
Marcia Pedersen

May 7
Krista Brown
Kathy Jenkins
Chelsea Krzyzewski
Paige Post
Alma Reber

May 8
Dale Anderson
Barb Bensch
Jayne Hebert

May 9
Luke Bonneville
Gabiella Formato
Gerald Oberholtzer

May 10
Caitlin Noble
Christa Noble

May 11
Kathie Lown
Stacey Sandifer

May 12
Julia Brandt
Dick Nelson

May 13
Mike Clott
Chuck Dressler

May 14
Eric Dominguez
Lesley Hanley
Rick Nemeck

May 16
Doris Beatty
Brad Murphy
Joe Vrtis

May 17
Scott Gros
Ginger Grunke
Sam Miller
Michael Payne

May 18
Ann Nizzi
Ron Olson
Dirk Radke

May 20
Catherine Graska
Michael Medrow
Kathy Stone
Deborah Shields
Steven Vetromile

May 21
Jody Aiken
Faye Navarrete

May 22
Louise Hook

May 23
Shelby Parker
Darrell Skildum

May 24
Rene Machen
Dalton Rhadans

May 25
Monk Moore
Jan Parrish
Joey Weigel

May 26
Lea Bessey
Nina Eyrich
David Hutt
Josh Weigel

May 27
Jessica Feldman
Janet Richardson

May 28
Lindsey Collier
Jeanne Tichich

May 29
Ryan Ernestes
Melissa Krueger

May 30
Clay Crockett
Eric John
Nancy Vonderohe

May 31
Malik Bruce
Matthew Casbon
Beth Hudson
Taylor Moreno

May Anniversaries

May 3
1957 - Judy & Neil Blackwell
1992 - Denise & Scott Hazlet
1997 - Rick & Deana Rhadans

May 5
2001 - Ron & Barbara Olson
10 years

May 9
1975 - John & Debbie Benson
2009 - Liz & Sam Sears

May 11
1982 - Elizabeth & Neil Cleaton

May 13
1967 - Barry & Diana Hall
1967 - David & Gloria Hutt
1989 - Jeff & Renee Plumley

May 14
1960 - Vivian & Dale Hanson
1977 - Ben & Mary Moravitz

May 15
2000 - Jerry & Barbara Harris

May 16
1987 - Angela & John Buck
1981 - Tony & Mandy Finger
30 years
1992 - Dianne & Gregory Piecuch

May 17
1997 - Matt & Susan Bomeisl
1953 - Frank & Mary Lou Eisele
1991 - Lance & Barbara LoRusso
20 years
1975 - Bill & Kim Schmidt

May 18
1985 - Rick Brandt and Carmen Neyra

May 19
1973 - Dale & Carole Anderson

May 20
2000 - Jeff & Amy Dougherty
2000 - Kurt & Connie Kalliomaa
1979 - Mark & Patti Ritter

May 21
1960 - George & Jan Clos
1972 - Howdy & Judy Hays
1989 - Carter & Jill Sechrest

May 22
1982 - Gary & Ann Nizzi
2004 - Olga & David Noel

May 23
1963 - Darryl & Rose Carlbon
1964 - Lee & Barb Witt

May 24
1952 - Carl & Ruth Berkobin
1986 - Mike & Paula Bode
25 years
1986 - Tony & Lisa Krzyzewski
25 years
1975 - Scott & Alma Reber

May 25
1991 - Joe & Sue Crenshaw
20 years
2002 - Robert & Katherine Schoenecker

May 26
1985 - Jeff & Nancy Fischer
1990 - Steven & Susan Holzapfel

May 28
1988 - Eric & Kendra Lundhagen

May 29
1994 - Jim & Jeanne Ryan

**Summer
Worship
Schedule**

Starting Sunday, June 5 - One Service at 10:00 AM
Sunday, August 21 - Return to two services, 8:15 & 11:00 AM
Please note: No change to Saturday Worship, it remains at 5:30 PM



W-ELCA Circles

Women of Holy Trinity are invited to visit and join our circles and to attend our activities and events

EVENING PEACE CIRCLE will meet next on Monday, May 9 at 7PM in the Library. For more information on this circle, please call Joy Schill, 770-977-5326.

GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE will meet next on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 PM in room EB 7-8. Call Jan Pomplun for more information at 404-422-5635.

TENDER LOVING CARE CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, May 17th at 7PM in Room 6, Kathy Seraphine will lead the program and Eloise Ittner will be the hostess . For more information please call Judy Blackwell, 770-971-9079.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will continue their study from "Lutheran Woman Today" on Wednesday, May 18th at 10:00 AM in the Library. This month will be their Salad Luncheon. For more information please call Faye Martin at, 770-427-1011.

RAINBOW QUILTERS will have their two monthly meetings on Tuesday, May 10th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and on Monday, May 23rd at 7 PM in Room 7-8 of the Education building. Call JoAnn Moore for more information at 770-509-1967.

THE W-ELCA BOARD will meet next on Tuesday, May 3 at 7PM in EB6.

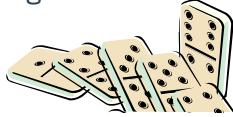
*Please contact
President, Sherrill McGraw,
(770-971-4929) , or
Nicole Winkler, Vice-president,
(770-565-6635) for information.*

W-ELCA News

Upcoming Events . . .

June 4
"Meet the Author"
Cathy Lee Phillips at
Holy Trinity (details on page 2)

June 21
Game Night, for all
women of Holy Trinity.
Bring a friend!!



Ladies: Want to have fun? Come to June Game Night!

Let's get together on June 21 @ 7:00 p.m at the church for **Girls Game Night**. Please stay tuned to church communications to find out how you can get involved.

May Lunch Bunch

"LET'S DO LUNCH BUNCH" FOR ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Salad and sandwiches . . . perfect for a Spring day in April . . . chatter and laughing heard on the deck, in the kitchen, an in the dining room at Alice's home . . . the "Lunch Bunch" had gathered once more! Please join us on **Thursday, May 12th, 11:30 AM at Cullene Harper's home** when we will meet again. Just call Cullene at 770-421-0555 by May 10th, say that you will be there and there will be a place saved just for you . . and you can even be first in line for the food!!!

(Dine with the Lunch Bunch the second Thursday of every month...please mark your calendar now so you won't miss the fun, fellowship, and food!!!)

Save Campbell's Labels & All Can Tabs

Thank you all for saving the labels and the tabs. I was surprised to see all the tabs that were collected. On March 31, 2011, I brought 3 boxes of tabs, totaling 25 lbs.

Thank you so much. This money goes for the upkeep of the Ronald McDonald Houses, which helps families with sick children.

I also mailed 1320 points of labels to the ENRICH program in Mississippi. ENRICH is a 4 week summer camp for at risk youth, instilling character values and life changing values through creative instruction. With these labels, they are able to get the needed supplies for the children.

Thank you again for collecting these items and please continue to bring them to the church in the library behind the door. I am still receiving some fronts only, of the label, which is not being used. Please only give me the UPC portion on it, or the complete label and I will cut it off. Thanks again. Ada Junge

Thrivent Choice Dollar\$

Eligible Thrivent benefit members are able to help direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations, including Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. This gets more Thrivent members involved in determining how Thrivent Financial directs its charitable dollars, allows members to support non-profit organizations that are important to them, and helps highlight Thrivent Financial's uniqueness as a fraternal benefit society by seeking member input to distribute charitable dollars in an effective way. Donations to Holy Trinity, as voted by the council, go into the Holy Trinity General Fund.

Georgia Tech Campus Ministry

Seven ladies furnished a meal for the young people at Georgia Tech Campus Ministries on 4/12. They are so inspiring and their pastors/mentors know how to get thru to people of that age. Please see Karen Lind if you or a group you are part of are interested in taking a meal down to them in the fall.

Prayer Shawl Collection

Get out your knitting needles & crochet hooks, and create a prayer shawl. This is a great opportunity for all

women, whether attend in the triennial gathering or not. The shawls will be given to ministries in our host synod, the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod. For patterns, check out www.shawlministry.com or any of the many books on the topic available in your local library. Shawls can be brought to the triennial gathering or mailed between June 1 and July 1, 2011 to:

TG11 Prayer Shawls,
Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod; 314 S. Spruce Street; Suite A; Spokane, WA 99201-5823

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Habitat for Humanity

Our 20th Habitat for Humanity build is well underway, but it's not too late to participate. The home is located in Woodstock at 405 Village Way.

How can you participate?

- Volunteer to provide food for the build volunteers.

The next time Holy Trinity is scheduled to provide lunch is on May 7th.

- We welcome your financial support to continue building homes through Habitat for Humanity.

Look for more information at the Ministry Station or contact:

Charlene Yde 770-928-9589 cbyde@yahoo.com

Phil Torchio 770-426-0939 ptorchio@weoga.com

2011 Habitat Build Schedule:

Upcoming work days are the following Saturdays:

May 7	Noon - 4 pm	Painting
May 14	9am	Pre-Landscape HT Provides Lunch 5/14
May 21	8am - till finished	Youth Landscape
June 11	TBA	Dedication

AND BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

For the 7th ANNUAL TASTE OF HABITAT:
Friday, September 23rd

We will be looking for Chefs, Sponsors & Donations for the Silent Auction.



An Opportunity to HELP! Helping Refugee Families Start Over . . . Again.

On March 22, disaster struck on I-75. A group of 15 men who came to Atlanta as refugees were commuting from their homes in DeKalb County to work at a chicken processing plant in Perry, GA. They make this trip five days a week to rebuild the lives of their families torn apart by war and other atrocities. A tire blew out, their van hit the guardrail, flipped, and 15 lives were again torn apart. Two of the men were killed instantly; the rest hospitalized with injuries ranging from broken bones to spinal and traumatic brain injuries. Fifteen families relied on these breadwinners, for many their sole source of income. The wives, children and parents they supported face a very uncertain future. Immediate assistance is needed for rent payments, medical expenses and counseling. Lutheran Services of Georgia is actively involved with our refugee community to help these families during this time of tragedy.

If you would like to make a donation, you can send funds payable to: Lutheran Services of Georgia, 1330 West Peachtree St, Ste 300, Atlanta, GA, 30309 / Thrivent Financial will be supplementing donations up to \$5,000. For more information, contact: Alyson Coffman, 678-686-9602, acoffman@lsga.org, or Lorraine Dorough, 678-686-9613, ldorough@lsga.org

SCRIP Gift Cards

Spring/May is the end of the school year. That means the purchase of graduation and teacher thank you gifts are probably on your "to-do" list. Need food for that Memorial Day picnic/party? Use a SCRIP card to purchase your food/supplies.

Also, now is the time to plan ahead for the summer. Kids have probably outgrown their last year's bathing suit - not to mention most of their summer play clothes - purchase SCRIP for that shopping trip. Don't forget June events such as - weddings, vacations and Father's Day.

Go to HT's website (www.holytrinitymarietta.org), click on the SCRIP link on the right hand side of the home page to view the SCRIP page. Once on the SCRIP page, click on www.glscrip.com and select "Order Scrip" or "Retailer List" to view a list of participating vendors and card amounts. Note the % amounts next to each card amount indicate the revenue Holy Trinity will receive from your purchase. You receive the full value of the card. There is also a link to a blank order form if you would prefer to have your order form prepared ahead of time. As always, vendor lists and order forms will be available at the Ministry Station on May 7 & 8. Proceeds benefit Social Ministry "Bridge the Gap" Fund and Saturday Worship Equipment Fund.

Desserts Needed!!

We need your help providing desserts for the 8th grade Confirmation Banquet to be held on May 21st. If you are able to help by donating a dessert, please send an email to Janine Holden at "jlsholden@gmail.com" with a description of your donation (or call me at 678-644-5448). We will need your email address so that we can send you a reminder closer to the date of the event.

All donations are to be dropped off in the Upper Room kitchen by noon on May 21st.

"Thank you for your generous contributions!"



Financial Status Report

Effective March 31, 2011

	Budgeted	Received	Spent
March 2011	\$88,723.00	\$98,264.00	\$79,097.00
Year-to-Date	\$232,652.00	\$239,175.00	\$244,374.00

General Fund Balance as of March 31, 2011: \$ - 16,836.00

Worship Attendance through April 23-24, 2011



	<u>5:30</u>	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>LOUD Svc</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>SCS</u>
3/26 - 3/27	62	87	227		376	123
4/2 - 4/3	102	87	178		367	51
4/9 - 4/10	82	100	211	10	403	57
4/16 - 4/17	85	171	274		530	127
4/23 - 4/24	200	361	417		978	-

Council President's Update

In March I stood in front of the congregation to make an appeal for financial assistance to overcome our lingering shortfall from 2010. Your church council recognized a \$30,000 deficit from 2010 that we have carried into 2011 and we certainly need to put this behind us. As of April 16th we had received \$12,861 in Love Gifts toward the retiring of our 2010 shortfall; which is just under 50% of what we need to retire the debt once and for all. Giving for 2011 is keeping pace with budget and there are a number of great things happening in our congregation. At this time I am reminded of 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything; you may have an abundance for every good deed.”

I have found this to be an absolute truth in life, the more you give of yourself and your treasures so too will your joy and treasures increase exponentially.

As we head into the summer months I encourage you to remain engaged with everything going on here in our congregation. There are mission trips and small groups meeting, and Vacation Bible School is sure to be another tremendous success. There are great opportunities to worship and enjoy close fellowship with other members of our congregation. Be sure to check in to the website and stay tuned for the abundant opportunities to participate and share the message of God's Grace.

In His service,
Jeff Plumley - Council President

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Guatemala Service Trip

There are Lutherans in Guatemala! Yes, that's right....Guatemalan Lutherans. What a privilege to work and learn alongside them on our spring break trip the teachers in the school with some wonderful (and well-behaved!) children, the pastors and workers who were readying the Lutheran Center for its 20th anniversary in late April, and the church people who were worshipping Jesus in the season of Lent, just like in Marietta. We learned so much and hope this is the beginning of a beautiful relationship between Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Marietta and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (and the other churches) in Guatemala City. Highlights included a visit with a single mother and her children and being served a snack in their simple home, talking with Pastors Amanda, Horatios Jr. and Sr., singing hymns with the churches, playing with and teaching the children in the Lutheran school, and touring the beautiful town of Antigua, Guatemala during Lent.

We will be sharing pictures and talking about our trip very soon, date TBA.

Thanks for your prayers and support of this amazing trip!

- Pastor Birkholz, Karen, Scott, Brooke, and Casey Stephan, Leigh Lyjak and Gaye Markham



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

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

To the world, you may be one person -- but to one person, you may be the world. ~ Anonymous

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your contribution to the McClesky/Northeast Cobb Family YMCAs in the amount of \$100 for the 2011 *Partner with Youth* annual fund.

For more than 160 years the Y has relied on the kindness of donors to fulfill its great mission. Thank you for helping our most precious citizens and our greatest asset for the future: our kids. You understand the need in our community is great, and we truly thank you for your support.

Thank you for sharing our vision,

Becky Shipley, Executive Director, YMCA, Piedmont Road & Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, GA

Dear Friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,242 to support Terri Landers while preparing for ministry at Luther Seminary! Many of our students would not be here without the partnership of supporters like you. Your support helps ease the financial burden of attending seminary, allowing Terri to respond to the call of the Holy Spirit. Not only do your generous gifts make a significant financial difference in the lives of our students, but they also help affirm and encourage students in their call.

Your prayers and your ongoing financial gifts make ministry possible. Thank you for your important investment in the future leadership of our church! Please continue to keep Terri Landers and all the students of Luther Seminary in your prayers. Sincerely, Katherine Steffen, Associate Director of Development, Luther Seminary.

A note of thanks . . .

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the wonderful people of Holy Trinity. Thank you for your prayers, and your kind offers of help. They are deeply appreciated.

Belva Walker

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Thank you for your congregation's financial support of Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) at Georgia Tech in 2010. The board, Pastor Matt, and our students join me in expressing appreciation for your generosity. Your support enables LCM to provide students at Georgia Tech, Georgia State and Agnes Scott a place to deepen their faith through weekly worship, bible study, and exposure to a caring supportive, Christian Community. We're still making improvements to the LCM facility, having recently begun renovations to double the size of finished space that can be used for activities. We would like to begin work on a back deck that would accommodate outdoor meals and vespers for our growing number of students involved in the ministry. Thank you again for believing in our ministry!

David L. Patrick, LCM Board of Directors, Treasurer

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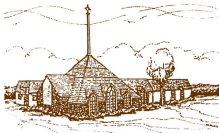
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The Trumpet - May 2011

Young at Hearts This Month

Monday, May 9
10:00 A.M.
Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$7.00



We will round out the YAH's 2010-11 Season with a fun time back in the Fellowship Hall featuring "You!"

Yep, we want you to bring a "pre-teen photo" of yourself to share.. Jan Schaffrick and Faye Martin will turn these photos into an ideal "Birthday Month" program when we count on a lovely birthday treat from the Tender Loving Care Circle of Holy Trinity. For our luncheon we will have the famous Chick-fil-A sandwich, with coleslaw and chips. And, yes, a dessert treat fitting for the day - *a birthday cake.*

Young at Hearts Trip to Tennessee



A good time was had by all on the April 12th trip thanks to Young at Hearts coordinators, Marilyn R., Gene B. and Barb B.!!!



Some of the folks out of *over 50* that attended.