

**June  
2010**

**SUMMER  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

One Service at  
10:00 AM

**Saturday**

5:30 PM

(no change)



The Summer Worship Schedule will be in effect from Sunday, June 6 through Sunday, Sept. 5.

We will resume two Sunday services on Sunday, September 12, the weekend following the Labor Day holiday.

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# The Trumpet

Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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

***This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country. Luke 7:17***

Our Gospel lesson for June 5-6 is the miracle story about the resurrection of a widow's only son. As Jesus was entering the city of Nain, he came upon this large funeral. Finding out it was for the only son of a widow and realizing her fate as a female without a husband or a son, he was overwhelmed with compassion. Without hesitation he exercised his authority over the grave and spoke the

simple words "Young man, I say to you, rise!" Jesus then gave the young man back to his mother.

I lack the vocabulary to properly describe how this woman must have felt about the wonderful gift of life that Jesus gave to her son. Devastation turned to celebration in just a matter of seconds.

Pentecost means that this Jesus, filled with compassion, is here for us as well. What challenges are you facing right now for which you need

help from Jesus? Jesus lives inside of every believer and he lives there to help. He is here to help us believe and he is here to help us endure whatever challenges we might face. But so often we forget that he lives in our heads and hearts. We forget that he live there to bless us and to give us joy and peace.

*Pastor B...*

## VBS 2010

*Mark your calendars . . .  
Tell your family & friends . . .  
VBS is June 14 - 18!!!*

*See Page 3 for Details*



## The Trumpet - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

### 3 In 1

#### **Brunch Fellowship!!**

Sometimes I feel like a "Methodist Circuit Rider." Even though Holy Trinity is one church, it has in reality three different congregations; Saturday Night, Sunday Morning, 8:15; and Sunday Morning, 11:00.

This summer we are going to have three "Family Reunions

The first of three will be a **Brunch Fellowship** immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, June 13th.

I hope you will come to meet your "**Holy Trinity Cousins.**" Everyone is asked to bring a "brunch type" dish to share. Coffee and juice

will be provided.

Here at Holy Trinity we are a family. Please come to our first of three Family Reunions on June 13th.

Peace,

*Pastor R...*

### Confirmation 2010

#### *Congratulations to our 2010 Confirmands.*

After completing the *Here We Stand* Confirmation Program, the following members were confirmed on Sunday, May 16th at the 8:15 service with both Pastor Grunke and Pastor Birkholz presiding.

*Dustin Breitzkreuz*

*Olivia Buck*

*Crystal Hoffman*

*Melissa Serro*

*Rachel Staggs*

### Stephen Ministry Class to Begin on August 17<sup>th</sup>

Stephen Ministry is an inter-denominational caring ministry that has been functioning and developing for over 30 years. We have had Stephen Ministry at Holy Trinity for over 24 years. Later this summer, we will begin training another class of Stephen Ministers. Might you have the gifts to be a Stephen Minister? Might God be calling you to this important ministry?

**What is Stephen Ministry?** Our congregation's Stephen Ministry program equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and in the community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

**A Stephen Minister is . . .**

- A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting.

- A congregation member with gifts for care giving, who was carefully selected to serve in this role.

- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care.

- A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports and encourages.

- Someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there's a need.

**Stephen Leaders are . . .** Trained leaders in our congregation who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister . . .

. . . Please pick up an application in the church office or print it off the

church website:

**[www.HolyTrinityMarietta.org](http://www.HolyTrinityMarietta.org)**

Return completed applications to the church office in a sealed envelope to the attention of Pastor Birkholz by June 30th. Individual interviews will follow.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister . . .

If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry . . .

**Please contact:**

**Pastor Birkholz - 770 971-4600**

**Carolyn Robinson Klein -**

**770-509-9996**

**Diane Mathis - 770-924-9214**

**Sally McTish - 770-998-4825**

**Alice Rohrbach - 770-973-7205**

**Gloria Salkin - 770-977-7055**

## Children's Ministry - It's Time for VBS!



NOVATION  
AWAITS  
SCHOOL

VBS, it's a God thing! It always is, but this year I prayed long and hard about having it. Our finances are a concern to me as they are to you, and I wanted to be a good steward. Longing to hear a word from the Lord I was leaning toward canceling. We met as a committee. How blessed I am to serve with people that have a passion for the Lord, and express it by being available to work toward having wonderful programs for children and families. We all went back and forth and logic would have said "we don't have money", Faith is an amazing thing to have as your guide in meetings. We prayed and asked God for direction and we asked the advice of those in leadership so we could work from an informed position. How grateful I am that Holy Trinity is not just a business, but that our CEO holds the world in his hands. After a long struggle we decided to move forward and have Bible School on a much reduced budget. Our goal is to have it cost almost half what we have budgeted. Everyone felt good that we were committed to having VBS, but we all left concerned that we were not wanting to lower the quality that our members and community expect.

Joy comes in the morning! Pastor Birkholz noticed that Eastminster Presbyterian, in East Cobb, is having the same "High Seas" VBS that we are planning, the week before us. She and Holy Trinity work with the Stephen Ministers from Eastminster. From this point our hope grew. Long story short, they have graciously

offered us their entire VBS set! We have given ours to several churches over the past few years while I have been here. Now at the point of our need, God is returning the blessing to us. We are thrilled as we look ahead and have a sense that we are on track with God's plan. Celebrate with us!! Come join in as we make preparation for this wonderful week. June 14-18, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, be sure to invite friends and neighbors to attend this special week. We need your help too. We will have to move and reassemble the entire set following their 11:00 am service. If you can bring a pick up truck or a van to help haul the large set, or if you can use your car to load the smaller items and then stay to help reassemble it for use the very next day, please call Gaye Markham at the church office or email me at [gayemarkham@yahoo.com](mailto:gayemarkham@yahoo.com). We raised the registration fee to \$25.00 with a family cap of \$50.00. If you can help with a scholarship that would be fantastic. In our attempt to be good stewards we don't want to have our fee keep any child from attending.

**VBS Special Event-** Wed. June 16th, while the children are in their groups, we are having the first *VBS For Moms - Savor the Moments - Chocolate*. Come to a "Sweet Event" Be refreshed and make friends. We will be relaxing, relating on pondering the rule of patience in our lives. More information will be available at VBS check-in Monday -Wednesday mornings.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

We will again be making lunches for the **MUST Summer Lunch Program**

**Wednesday, July 14th for delivery on July 15th**

Watch the Weekly E-mail & Week to Week for details

### Terrific Two's

Our Terrific Twos are ready to grab your heart!! We have at least 8 families with 2-year olds in their home. This is an amazing time of learning in the life of a child. It is a shame to miss telling them about Jesus and His love and singing *Jesus Loves Me* and so many more fun tools that bring Jesus to life for them. They are little sponges and are eager to experience new things. You do not need to be a Bible scholar but you must love children, they will certainly love you in return. It will be a special gift to serve in this area, but as always happens with the Lord you will be the one receiving the biggest blessing. If you would like to work with these children, please contact Gaye Markham at the church office or email [gayemarkham@yahoo.com](mailto:gayemarkham@yahoo.com).

### Men's Conference

An amazing opportunity is coming our way. The Gridiron Men's Conference is being held July 30-31, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Lou Holtz is one of the featured speakers, along with several other well-known men who have a commitment to Christ. This would be a super Father's Day present! This can be a gift that keeps on giving long after the event is over. Our Men's Ministry is planning to attend and would love to have you join them. You have the special opportunity to be a living example of God to your children. When they say "Our Father" in prayer, they will automatically think of you and how you treat them and love them. What a privilege that is to be an early example of God to your children. God bless you and the families you love so well. Happy Father's Day!



## Stephen Ministry

*Hurting, struggling, discouraged, stressed, confused, broken??*

Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people.

If you would like a Stephen Minister to care for you, contact Pastor Birkholz at the church office or Alice Rohrbach at 770-973-7205.



The envelope of the month for

*June*

is

**“The Center for Children and Young Adults”**

Your donation will support this shelter for abused and neglected children and also provides transitional living program for young adults. The envelope is for June 5-6, but can be used anytime during the month of June.

## Memorials

Gifts were received in Memory of George Wagner for the *Today’s Vision, Tomorrow’s Mission* program from:

Mrs. Denise Wise	Ms. Jean Fraser
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Pardue	Mr. & Mrs. Bert Blenner
Mr. & Mrs. George McCoy	Mr. & Mrs. Russ Richards
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Olson	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Hendricks
Ms. Frances Jeffords	Ms. Rachel Rutherford
Mr. & Mrs. David England	Ms. Judith Fulton
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Barnes	Catherine, David & Paul Allen
Mr. & Mrs. George Griffin	Mr. & Mrs. John Ellis
Mrs. Jim Kruk	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Wagner
Mrs. Bobbie Hippensteel	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Ernst
Mr. & Mrs. Rau Patoprsty	Mr. & Mrs. John Lundborg
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Kane	Mr. & Mrs. Monk Moore
Mrs. Dorothy Williams	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Werner
Ms. Sandra Shannon	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Luecke

Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Harris

## Angel Food This Month

The June Angel Food orders will be taken on Sunday, June 13th from 11:30 - 12 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Pick up is on Saturday, June 19th 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)

**You may now order online and pay with a debit card!**

## Women of HT

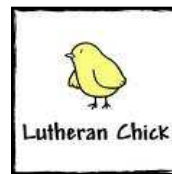
### Lutheran Chick Picnic!

Women of all ages are getting together at the pavilion behind the church on Tues., June 22 from 6:00 to . . . to ? Whenever ! For nothing more than fun and fellowship. Bring something to grill for yourself. Those with last name from **A - Q** bring a side dish to share, **R - Z** bring a dessert to share. Drinks will be provided by the W-ELCA board. Activities will include games, crafts, cooking, and just enjoying each other’s company. We’ll also be sampling two German potato salads, one of them will be chosen to sell at the upcoming Oktoberfest.

RSVP ~ Sherrill McGraw- [sherrillmcgraw@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrillmcgraw@yahoo.com)

or Nicole Winkler - [cnwinkler@juno.com](mailto:cnwinkler@juno.com)

**This would be a perfect time to bring a friend!**



## Monday School Luncheons

The “Monday School Ladies” will continue to meet during the summer months for lunch and fellowship. We will meet on Monday, June 28 at 11:30 AM at JoAnn Moore’s home, and the women with the last names starting with M - Z will be the hostesses. If you are wondering what “Monday School” is all about, please consider joining us on the 28th for food and fellowship . . . and hopefully you will realize that not only do we study, share and grow together . . . but we have fun too!!

## Children's Church

Attention parents of children 3rd grade and younger who attend Children's Church. Plans are being made to offer Children's Church every week beginning in the fall. To make this a reality we must have your participation. A schedule of dates will be available this summer in the fellowship hall, please make a commitment to share in this ministry by volunteering to help. We need 2 helpers each week, if you can work for a month at a time or every 1st Sunday of the month or whatever schedule that would fit your family, we would greatly appreciate it. You can sign up on the line by the dates that you will work or call the office and I will help you by giving more information about this new opportunity in children's worship. Contact Gaye Markham at the church office or email her at:

[gayemarkham@yahoo.com](mailto:gayemarkham@yahoo.com)

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

## Recycle



Please continue to bring your aluminum cans in for recycling. It's an easy way to make money and be kind to the earth.

## Sunday Worship in June

June 6

Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Liturgy for the Family of God* with Christian Einertson, Baritone, singing at the offertory.

June 13

Third Sunday after Pentecost *Psallite Mass*

with Jonathan Wright, Violin. Music for combined choirs by Lee Dengler and Mark Hayes.



June 20

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Schubert Mass* music for piano and organ by Handel, Lemmens and Lyon.

June 27

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*ELW Setting 2* with Nan Waters, Soprano.



## Music Notes

Congratulations to our Music Associate and Organist, Tim Young, who has been selected to serve as Sub-Dean for the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members. The Atlanta chapter has the 3rd largest membership in the nation and has a very active membership. Tim will serve a 2 year term, coordinating the monthly programming and assisting with the operation of the chapter.

## Financial Peace University (FPU)

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace classes are underway. You can still join us for the first couple of weeks after we begin. The class is meeting after the Sunday service in the Upper Room. This is a 2-hour class, one hour video and 1 hour for discussion. There are a total of 13 classes and there will be make up classes available and you also get a copy of each session in the kit for the classes. This is a life changing class that focuses on managing our money the way God planned. It is always exciting to watch as God miraculously multiplies our resources.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity! Contact Renee Plumley or Gaye Markham for more details.



## Mark Your Calendars:

On Saturday, July 31, there will be an **Ice Cream Social** following the evening's service. **More details to come . . .**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual **Taste of Habitat** will be held on September 24th

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

### Contact:

Charlene Yde 770-928-9589  
Phil Torchio 770-426-0939

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
*Member Milestones*

## Happy Birthday

### June 1

Mallory Dart  
Rudy Johnson  
Ashley Tester

### June 2

John Medrow  
Erick Mikkelson  
Nancy Sarich

### June 3

Darren Lovich  
Pat Prosch  
Marc Tester

### June 4

Liz Sears

### June 5

Bobbie Hippensteel  
Darrel Peterson

### June 7

Julie Goodin  
John Olson

### June 8

Rick LaRosa

### June 9

Sean Gibbon  
Isabelle Morra  
Adam Peterson

### June 10

Calista Hans  
Weegie Hoffman  
Josh Krzyzewski  
Kristin Schmidt  
Trent Walls

### June 11

Darlene Clott

### June 12

Bob Bock  
Howdy Hayes  
Ron Ittner

### June 13

Gerda Bartlett  
Luther Fors  
Patricia Fors  
Jack Justice  
Ben Pamperin  
Larry Rhadans

Sharyn Shields  
Chrissy Walther

### June 14

Liz Blount  
Kevin Klein  
Ryan Peisel  
Charlotte Winkler

### June 15

Evelyn Buffington  
Erin Chonka  
Jeff Ragsdale  
John Scholl  
Pam Stack

### June 16

Brenda Murphy  
Ethan Payne

### June 17

Greg Lionberger  
Chris Murphy  
Danielle Reber  
Carter Sechrest

### June 18

Heidi Boring  
Patty Carroll  
Kyle Hazlett  
Teresa Hedlund  
Maria Johnson  
Melissa Lange  
Bess Moravitz  
Yunek  
Anna Pamperin

### June 19

Patrick Boring  
Christina Fuentes  
Kevin Klucsarits  
Bonnie Troemel

### June 20

Bob Houck  
Colleen Plumley

### June 21

Riley Piepmeier

### June 22

Carol Schneider  
Robert Spratt

### June 23

Jeffrey Moore

### June 24

Angela Hendrix  
Russ Bjork  
Frank Johnston III  
Gina Marguriet  
Jon Snyder

### June 25

Kathy Krueger  
Sandy Radke  
Stephanie Dawson  
Linda Vogt

### June 26

Paul Gawryszewski  
Eric Lundhagen  
Linda Medrow  
Sydney Segers  
Philip Vesper  
Kim Wood  
Blake Wright  
Yong-Hui Yunker

### June 27

Donald Faust  
Thelma Fisher  
Katlyn Krzyzewski  
Annika Lundhagen  
Carson Lundhagen  
Kirk Lundhagen  
Nancy Moore  
Chris Winkler

### June 28

Marv Adams  
Lou Anne Drury  
Carrie Hoeckendorf

### June 29

Anton Hanson  
Christina Hess  
Patrick Schmidt  
Pam Williams

### June 30

Olga Carter  
Lee Morgans  
Bill Schmidt  
Faith Teem

## Happy Anniversary

### June 2

2007 - Gerald & Joanne Drasher  
1984 - Doug & Laurie Eyrich  
1984 - JP & Deanna O'Connor

### June 3

2000 - Jimmy & Carrie Buffington  
10 years

### June 6

1998 - Mark & Pam Patterson

### June 7

1986 - Don & Judy Hausfeld

### June 8

2002 - Harold & Irene Ballou  
1963 - Russ & Dorothy Bjork  
1974 - Deborah & Fred Shields  
1974 - Stan & Denise Wise

### June 9

1951 - Monk & JoAnn Moore

### June 10

1967 - Ron & Lana Apple  
1967 - Richard & Marlen French  
1967 - Tom & Jane Langdon  
1967 - Don & Linda Simons

### June 11

1983 - Bob & Terri Landers  
1955 - Ed & Lois Pardue  
55 years

### June 12

1976 - Travis & Susan Burch  
1998 - Marja & Josh Burney  
1948 - Daniel & Betty Lovich  
1993 - Greg & Diane Roush -

### June 13

1953 - Doris & William Clement  
1964 - Sam & Ruth Miller  
1970 - Dave & Sandy  
Schrengost - 40 years  
1998 - Steve & Stacy Stiber -

### June 14

1969 - Lynn and Sharrie Eaton -  
1980 - John & Julie Goodin  
30 years  
1975 - Mark & Trina Hinkson  
35 years

1986 - Rob & Deborah Spratt  
1963 - Al & Bonnie Troemel

### June 15

2002 - Sara & Shawn Grainger

### June 16

1984 - Jon & Jean Bayer -  
1957 - Gene & Barbara Bensch  
1995 - Donna & Patrick Doran  
15 years  
1984 - Steve & Debbie Gibbon -

### June 17

1998 - Troy & Dee Boudreaux

### June 18

1967 - Charles & Betty Bachman  
1983 - Jeff & Margaret Miller  
1963 - Vern & Donna Oleson  
1966 - James & Diane Payton

### June 20

1987 - Sabra & Walter Black  
1992 - John & Christine Einertson

### June 21

1986 - Rob & Jeanine Krenz  
1986 - Bill & Jolene Orser  
1969 - Russ & Bonnie Stricker -

### June 22

1957 - Ron & Eloise Ittner  
2001 - Mitchell & Mirna Lee

### June 24

1988 - Frank & Meike Guenzerodt

### June 25

1994 - Curt & Kelly Barringer  
1986 - Bob & Cherie Finger

### June 26

2004 - Bess & Patrick Horan

### June 27

1959 - Louie & Gail George -  
1987 - Erick & Leann Mikkelson  
1973 - Marty & Nancy Moore

### June 28

1970 - Doug & Marilyn Kanter  
40 years

### June 29

1963 - Bill & Beverly Baker  
1991 - Jared & Heather Bonneville

### June 30

2001 - Erin & Russell Gunter  
1967 - Dave & Anita Mattice  
2007 - Rebecca & Kevin Schwartz

**Please don't  
forget  
Dad  
On June 20th**

## W-ELCA

### Activities

All Women of Holy Trinity will be getting together in June for a:

## Lutheran Chick Picnic

See Page 4 for details

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, June 23rd at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue the study from the *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine, led by Pastor Grunke. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information please call Faye Martin at, 770-427-1011.

**RAINBOW QUILTERS** will meet on Tuesday, June 8th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in Room 7-8 of the Education building. They will also meet on the 28th at 7pm. For more information contact JoAnn Moore at, 770-509-1967.

**THE W-ELCA BOARD** will meet on Tuesday, June 1st at 7:00 PM in Room EB 6.

## W-ELCA News

### Please pick up an extra bar of soap when you shop next

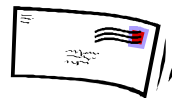
W-ELCA collects soap throughout the year for Lutheran World Relief. Please leave the soap in the Library in the W-ELCA collection box.

**FINANCES ARE TIGHT  
RIGHT NOW AND NONE  
OF US CAN AFFORD TO  
GIVE MUCH EXTRA.  
HERE ARE A COUPLE  
OF WAYS TO HELP THAT  
WON'T COST YOU  
ANY MONEY.**

### BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION

Look on the W-ELCA bulletin board in the educational building to

find what products you may already use that have box tops we can use. Clip box tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Each box-top is worth \$0.10. The box tops can be left in the library in the basket marked "BOX TOPS." See [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for more information



### STAMPS FOR A LIVING

is a stamp reprocessing business that provides the patients of three

mental health programs with an opportunity to earn a small salary through "meaningful work," a first step to be able to get back into the every day life outside the hospital. Please collect used stamps, cut away the entire envelope except for 1/2 inch of paper around the stamp.

Put the stamps in the basket marked "STAMPS" in the Library.

If you have any questions about W-ELCA please contact President, *Sherrill McGraw*, (770-971-4929), or *Nicole Winkler*, Vice-president, (770-565-6635) with any questions.

## Bridge the Gap

Life comes at us too fast sometimes. GOD is always with you and the Church family is a place to turn for help. We have set up a fund to help with those unexpected financial situations.

Do you know someone in need?

Contact

Vickie Crean at 770-974-6873 or email her at [CREANV@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:CREANV@BELLSOUTH.NET).

We are also accepting funds for this project. No amount is too small. Please write your checks to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and put social committee or Bridge the Gap in the memo section.

Bridge the Gap Guidelines are as follows:

- Must be event driven - For Example - Illness, Death, loss of job, unexpected family event.
- Not long-term assistance - 2 or 3 months maximum. Recommend MUST ministry for longer assistance
- The assistance can be in the form of food or money depending on the need.
- The assistance will be confidential with only the Pastors and Social Committee Chair having the full information.
- Each request will be handled on a case by case basis.

The committee will consist of the Pastors, Social Committee Chair and 2 other members of the social committee. The two committee members for 2010 are David Fricke and Irene Katen-Murphy.

The discussions on assistance will use redacted (names and other identifying information) procedures.

## Holy Trinity Grads



### Our Graduates . . .

#### High School

**Harrison Boring** graduated from Kell High School. He will attend Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama in the Fall.

**Sarah Fish** graduated from North Cobb High School. She will be attending Kennesaw State University.

**Macie Erin Post** graduated from Woodstock High School, she will be attending Kennesaw State University , majoring in Biology. She is the granddaughter of Faye Martin.

**Dirk Garrett Radke** graduated from Lassiter High School with a dual degree in college prep and tech. He will continue his studies at Georgia Southern University in the Fall.

**PJ Vesper** graduated from Lassiter High School. He will attend the University of Georgia.

**Andrew Winkler** graduated from Lassiter High School. He will attend Reinhardt University.

#### University

**Cheryl Blackwell** graduated from Kennesaw State University with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is the granddaughter of Judy and Neil Blackwell.

**Lindsey Collier** graduated from Kennesaw State University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Services.

**Eric Dominguez** graduated from Vanderbilt with a BA in English. He will be attending Emory Law in the Fall.

**Courteney Hinkson** graduated from Furman University in Greenville, SC. with a Bachelor s of Science in Biology.

**Mark S. Klein** graduated from Georgia Perimeter College with a degree in Business.

**Juan Bernardo Mendez** graduated on May 15 from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University with a Master of Business Administration.

**Richard Murphy** received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida.

**Damien Stewart**, son of Mark & Lea Bessey, graduated from Southern Polytechnic State University. He received a Master of Science in Information Technology.

**Katy Vesper** graduated from Georgia Tech and will attend the Medical College of Georgia Dental School.

**Charlotte Winkler** graduated from the University of South Carolina in December 2009 with a double major in Political Science and Sociology. She will attend the University of Oregon School of Law the in the Fall.

**Adam Wise** received his Juris Doctor from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University.

## Lighthouse Mission Trip

**Thank you once again for helping to  
make our Yard Sale a SUCCESS!!**

Because of your incredible donations, our wonderful Yard Sale Helpers, and your willingness to come back to SHOP . . . we raised over \$4600! And that was with having our sale inside and dodging thunder storms! With Thrivent's generous matching funds, for which we are so grateful, we will have raised over \$6000 for the Lighthouse Family Retreat. (LHFR) all of this money will aid our Mission Trip Volunteers with their financial obligations, as well as support the Lighthouse in providing unforgettable week at the beach for children with cancer and their families where they can laugh, restore family relations, and find hope in God. We will also be supporting our own **Casey Fox**, a junior at UGA, who was chosen to be an intern with the LHFR program this year. She will be attending all of the summer retreats and will be assisting with every aspect of this incredible program. Casey has been a LHFR volunteer with Holy Trinity for five years and has been an unbelievable gift to the children, families, and staff each week she served. She has an extremely compassionate heart and a willingness to give unselfishly to those who need to feel that "someone really cares."

We are proud of Casey and send her off for the summer with our prayers wrapped tightly around her . . . With our team in place, we are ready to serve at the Seaside Retreat June 6-12. And so we humbly ask once again for your prayers for each of us as we prepare physically, emotionally, and spiritually to serve and share God's love . . . as well as share the love of our congregation, for you will be serving with us in our hearts

<b>Erin Fesefeldt</b>	<b>Julie Fesefeldt</b>	<b>Casey Fox</b>
<b>Laure Herrin</b>	<b>Jake Herrin</b>	<b>Crystal Hoffman</b>
<b>Marcie Hoffman</b>	<b>Russ Stricker</b>	<b>Raymer Wilson</b>
	<b>Taylor Wilson</b>	

**Thank you again for  
your love and support . . .  
and may God Bless You,  
The Lighthouse Mission  
Trip Volunteers**



# Financial Status Report

Effective April 30, 2010

	Budgeted	Received	Spent
April 2010	\$89,396.00	\$84,778.00	\$87,245.00
Year-to-Date	\$347,890.00	\$286,405.00	\$339,731.00

General Fund Balance as of April 30, 2010: \$ -73,707.00

## Council President's Update

### Update on our Financial Crisis...

Holy Trinity is currently in an unprecedented Financial Crisis which we need to share with you and make sure all members understand our current situation.

1. For the first time in recent Holy Trinity history, our year over year giving is down. 2010 is 4% less YTD than same time in 2009.

2. With our current giving level we would end 2010 with a projected \$193,870 budget deficit.

3. With our current giving level we will run out of monies to pay our committed monthly expenses for mortgage, utilities and staff salaries by early August. The result is the church General Fund would be bankrupt.

Your Church Council has been tracking this situation since the beginning of the year and was hoping the Easter giving would get us through the summer when giving traditionally drops off. However, that is not the case. Therefore, your church council has discussed many possibilities for budget cuts and has enacted the following immediate steps to deal with

this crisis:

1. The "Today's Vision - Tomorrow's Mission Campaign" is officially closed as of 5/17/10. All future giving to "Vision" will automatically go into the General Fund to pay expenses. UNLESS you mark specifically on your envelope or check where you want to funds to be designated to: i.e.; Lutheranch or Saturday Night Worship, etc. These funds will then be put into the Dedicated Fund account and can only be used for that purpose. Therefore, the council continues to recommend you redirect the amount of monies formerly given to TVTM to the General Fund for the time being to help this budget crisis.

2. During 2009 we held several Called Congregational Meetings to approve the call of Pastor Birkholz and 3 other full or part time staff positions. At that time the Congregation approved the positions and raised their hands committing to increased giving for these positions. Well, that has never occurred. Therefore, Effective June 1st, all staff compensation which includes salaries, insurance, medical, pension benefits, etc. will be reduced by 10%. This cut includes all staff and pastors.

Also, please keep in mind there were no salary increases this year. These were difficult decisions but needed to be made to deal with the crisis.

3. Reluctantly the council voted to temporarily suspend our monthly Benevolence Payments to the Southeastern Synod. This amounts to 10% of our annual budget which comes to almost \$10,000 per month. Hopefully giving will increase and we will be able to make up all our payments before the end of the year. This is a temporary suspension and does not currently change our percentage commitment to the Synod. That would have to be approved by you in a future Called Congregational Meeting under the laws of the Church Constitution. As the third largest ELCA Congregation in the Southeastern Synod we are embarrassed to have to do this.

4. Effective immediately, our Church Committees have reduced their program budgets by \$31,400.00 This will affect many programs and events for the remainder of the year including the cancellation of the annual Christmas Pageant, Breakfast with Santa, our Youth Mission Trip plus others.

Even with all these cuts we are still -\$50,000 short of our revised budget.

How can you help?

Please increase your giving to the Lord and our church so we can continue our programs and not have to cut staff which will be our next step.

B. Please volunteer your time and funding for some of our programs for the remainder of the year such as the Christmas Pageant and other annual activities.

C. Sign up for the Simply Giving Program so you won't have to worry about payments during the summer while you're away on vacation. The payments will be automatically deducted from your bank account at whatever interval you decide.

Unfortunately these are just the first steps we will have to take if our giving does not increase quickly.

Thank you for your prayers, your concern, your giving and with God's help we will get through this crisis.

*In His Service,  
Bill Van Buskirk,  
Congregational  
President*



"All are welcome."

### Worship Attendance through May 22-23, 2010

	5:30	8:15	11:00	Total	SCS	
5/1 - 5/2	95	106	216	LOUD Svc 14	431	125
5/8 - 5/9	110	123	232		465	93
5/15 - 5/16	91	128	214	LOUD Svc 16	449	124
5/22 - 5/23	103	88	164	Family Camping 42	397	/

### Simply Giving



As summer draws near and vacations are being planned, I felt this might be a good time to reintroduce the **Simply Giving Program**. Through Simply Giving, your gifts or contributions are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You are able to choose the frequency of your automatic gift. Thrivent Financial offers Simply Giving as part of their mission of serving Lutheran congregations and institutions. It is as simple as completing a form and attaching a voided check or savings deposit slip and returning it to the Church office. Many of you know the convenience and ease of having

your payroll check direct deposited at work.

So while you and your family are on vacation you can still be giving to your home Church for all the wonderful programs and staff that Holy Trinity has to offer. Please take a moment and prayerfully consider the many benefits of Simply Giving to Holy Trinity.

God bless you all and have a wonderful summer.

Sheila Zeigler,  
Chairperson- of the  
Stewardship Committee

### Lunch Bunch

The tables in the sunroom, dining room, and the kitchen at JoAnn Moore's home were full of women eating, talking, and laughing . . . and the wonderful thing is that we will be repeating all of this at **Marilyn Reardon's home on Thursday, June 10th at 11:30 AM. Just call Marilyn at 678-445-0157 by June 8th to**

**tell her you want to join us that day . . . we would love to have you join us!!**

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

### "LET'S DO LUNCH BUNCH"

For All Women of the Church

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

To Pastor Grunke & members of the congregation,  
We are grateful for your recent gift of \$400.00. Your generosity helps us to transform the lives of vulnerable children and adults in Georgia through our mission to bring hope to people in need.

Sincerely,  
Lorraine Dorough  
Lutheran Services of GA

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Your commitment to monthly contributions to MUST Ministries allows us to budget wisely and help more people. On behalf of all those who have found help and hope at MUST, thank you.

Sincerely,  
Rev. John Moeller  
Executive Director

Dear Friends in Christ,  
My heartfelt thanks to each of you, for remembering George with memorials, cards and calls. Also for the fabulous luncheon that was served following his memorial service. For all you've done, we say thanks and we love you for it.

God bless you all,  
Rita Wagner, George Wagner,  
and Jamie Knowles

Dear Friends in Christ,  
Thank you very much for your donation of \$390 in support of Lutheridge and Lutherock Ministries. Please let me know how we can best serve your congregation. We hope to see you in the near future.

Sincerely in Christ,  
The Rev. Mike Ward, VP of Advancement

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## The Trumpet - June 2010

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### *Young Families Munch Bunch*

The June Munch Bunch will be hosted  
by the Kalliomaa family on  
Sunday, June 27th from  
12 - 4:00 PM.

**Location:** At their home,  
3425 Old Suttons Way, Marietta, 30062  
It will be outside by the pool, so  
bring your swimsuits, towels,  
pool toys and sunscreen!!

Look for the sign-up  
sheet on the wooden table  
in the Fellowship Hall.

*Hope to see you there!!*



### **The Wired Word**



*This is a discussion of current events with a hopeful  
look from a Christian perspective. If you are old  
enough to have an opinion on topics of this type, you  
are welcome to attend. Families with teens may enjoy  
coming together. Karin Storla is the facilitator.*

*No book purchase is required,  
you can join any time as each weekly  
discussion stands on its own.*

**The *Wired Word* Class will meet on  
Saturday nights and Sunday mornings in  
the Library following the services.  
It will continue through the month of June.**