

**October
2010**



**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Saturday
5:30 PM

Sunday
8:15 AM
and
11:00 AM



Confirmation
9:30 - 10:45 AM

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

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The Trumpet

Monthly Newsletter of
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the pen of Pastor Birkholz . . .

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."

-- Romans 15:4

A few years ago, the ELCA quietly passed an initiative called Book of Faith. Basically, leaders in the church found that Lutherans did not know our Bibles very well, and if we did, we didn't know what to do with it and didn't feel right questioning the Word of God!

But the Bible is vital to us as Christians...it is a living testimony to what God has done with God's people in the world since the very beginning of time. We can read the Bible in our own languages; in contemporary language, traditional, ancient, and even in Greek or Hebrew if we have the right tools. Martin Luther would be amazed at how many of us have Bibles in our homes, cars, and even on our phones and computers!

And yet we still wonder about this book of ours...we wonder what the stories mean, what God was saying, what was happening in history at the time, and what kind of writing it is....a poem, advice column, parable, the list goes on.

This fall at Holy Trinity we have several Sunday School classes that are using the Book of Faith curricula to jump into the Bible and enter into the journey and relationship with God's word. Jump in! The Book of Faith is for all of us! The scriptures are there to give us hope, to give us comfort, and to light our path so that we can see a little further down the Way.

Peace, 

It's Time for Our Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 17, 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ Approval of the 2011 congregational budget
- ◆ Election of Church Council Members
- ◆ Look for details in the upcoming mailing



A Soup & Sandwich Supper will be served before the meeting at 5:00 in the Upper Room to benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Belize in the summer of 2011.

First Communion Class

Sunday, October 10th
2:00 - 3:30 PM | EB 15

Please sign up on the wooden table in the Fellowship Hall or in the Children's Education Hallway at the "Good News" Stand.

At least one parent must attend this class with their child(ren). Those children completing this class will commune on Sunday, Oct. 17th. This will

be a celebration of this special event in the lives of these children and their families. Certificates will be presented at the 11:00 AM service and a cake in their honor will be served during the Coffee Fellowship following the service.

Please contact Gaye Markham at the church office for more information, 770-971-4600.

God's Hands

Do you enjoy gardening at your home? Digging in the earth, planting something that will become beautiful, being productive? If so, we need YOUR help. God's house needs some sprucing up.

We ask that you meet with us Saturday morning, October 30, from 10 AM to 1 PM. We'll be planting

spring blooming bulbs, dividing day lilies and iris, and moving hostas.

Please bring your own work gloves, trowels, rakes and shovels.

We really need your help, so come for an hour, or stay for the entire event.

In case of rain, we'll publish a rain date.



JR & SR Youth Info

Jr. Youth has an exciting trip planned to the Momentum Retreat at the Athens Y Camp in Tallulah, GA. At Momentum we'll spend all weekend worshipping with a live worship band, listening to a great speaker, playing some great games, working together while we do a ropes course, and getting to know each other as well as youth from other area churches.

Youth group and LOUD continues every other Sunday evening, from 5-7:00 PM for Jr. Youth, and 6-8:00 PM for Sr. Youth. We share a dinner together at 6 PM. Parents are asked to sign up to provide the meal, and youths are asked to bring \$4 to contribute to the costs of dinner. Be sure to check out the calendars to stay up to date on all the youth events.

To view the Youth calendars, please check out their websites at:

<http://tinyurl.com/jryouth>
<http://tinyurl.com/sryouth>

Call or email Erin Chonka if you have any questions. echonka@holytrinitymarietta.org
or 770-971-4600 ext. 103

Family Camping

Family camping weekends are a 30+ year tradition at Holy Trinity, with both summer and fall outings. Our fall camping weekend is October 15-17 at McKinney Campground on Lake Allatoona. This campground is about 15 miles from the church and we are expecting great (hopefully cooler) weather and a weekend full of fellowship, food and fun.

Whether you're an experienced camper or not, or maybe just want to come up and spend the day Saturday and/or join us for our church service Sunday @ 9 AM (followed by a potluck breakfast.)

Contact Dave Lyjak
(drlyjak@comcast.net
or 770-578-4627) for
additional information.



Let the Celebration Begin!!

We are excited to have started Sunday School and be in the swing of things again. There is a new spirit of anticipation in our leadership team that is contagious. I love the time we spend together and dream about the new things God might be wanting to do in and through us. We are having so many really good topics studied and discussed in our Adult Education program on Sunday mornings. If you haven't been attending a Sunday morning group, make a decision now about which class sounds interesting to you and then commit to being there next Sunday. You will be glad you did! Here's a listing of the current opportunities being offered on Sunday at 9:30 am.

Children & Preschool Ministry

Talk about a celebration!

Our Children and Preschool Ministry is in the process of completing the construction of a new City. The City of Promiseland. It is a place for children to see the Bible come to life. It is so exciting to provide a place that looks inviting to children and their parents. In this new environment, we are having a lot of fun, but more than that we want to partner with parents in the Christian development of their child. We know that what happens at home is more important than what happens at church. You get to have them so much more than we can, and you have those wonderful family ties that will pull at their heart for a lifetime. We want to help you in building the other relationship that will last forever. Their relationship with God. We know what a privilege it is to be allowed to share in this exciting adventure with you and your child. This month we will be focusing on **Initiative**, seeing what needs to be done and doing it. We will be

looking at the life of Nehemiah as an example. Each month we have what we call the **Big Idea**, it's the focus of everything we teach that month. Each week the same Big Idea will be highlighted in Bible stories that encourage that value to begin to grow in the life of your child. We use music, skits, games, and drama to catch the attention an hopefully the heart of each child in attendance. We also have small group time where each classroom is divided into groups with an adult that has made a commitment to love and nurture your child throughout the year. Activities are prepared that also go along with the Big idea and give the children in their small groups an opportunity to discuss that topic and other things that may be on their minds. It is such a blessing to know as a parent that your child has other adults in his life that are there for him and will give the same counsel that you are giving at home. God

PromiseLand



will use this hour each week in many ways in the life of your family and especially in the life of your child.

It is never too late to start Sunday School. Each week can stand on its own, although they do build on one another and the full impact is better if they can be consistent in attending. Don't think, because circumstances have kept you from coming so far this year, that it is too late to begin. We will be ready and eager to help your child find his place and begin to feel a part of this special place called Promiseland.

I can't wait to see you there!

Gaye

Lutheran World Relief Quilts



If you were at the worship services on September 4th and 5th you would have seen the beautiful quilts that were displayed on the pews. They are beautiful because of the material given to us by members of our congregation and friends. We are so thankful for this material because it permits us to continue our projects for Lutheran World Relief. The ladies work so hard at the church on Tuesday morning and

Monday evening and also at home to complete these quilts. We are sending 56 now to be added to the 83 we sent to Haiti last March. There are lots of different jobs connected to making quilts and we invite you to come to be part of this worthwhile evangelism service. May God bless those who make them and those who use them. Thank you all!!!

The Rainbow Quilters



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge.

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 *October*

is

“Campus Ministry”

Your donation will support the local campus ministry at Georgia Tech, which includes the students of Atlanta

University Center.

The envelope is for October 2-3, but can be used anytime during the month of October.

Adult Education

Are you plugged in? There are more topics to choose from this fall than I ever remember having. Check out the groups meeting during the Sunday School hour and one group is even offered on Saturday evening as well as on Sunday morning. Select a topic of interest to you and be here this Sunday. You will be blessed by your decision. Many of us know a lot of people at Holy Trinity and have been here a long time, but a growing relationship with fellow believers doesn't happen if you only see each other in our pews. We all need time to get together and share our thoughts, ideas, blessings, fears, and even a laugh. It is time well spent when we are strengthening relationships we already have and also building new relationships in the process.

Get involved in Adult Sunday School this year and coming to church will become an even bigger blessing than it has been in the past. Just becoming a part of a small group environment will do a lot to make this the best year you have had at church in a long time. If our only involvement at church, or anywhere for that matter, is in a large group setting, it isn't long until we begin to feel like distant relatives. We want you to know that you are a loved, close family member. There is a place for you in Sunday School this fall. Come this Sunday and get connected in new ways to this special family of faith at Holy Trinity. I will be looking forward to seeing you. Blessings, Gaye

Holy Trinity is on Facebook!

That's right! In addition to our website Holy Trinity has a Facebook page. If you're a member, search Holy Trinity ELCA, Marietta, and join. If you don't have a Facebook page, consider joining Facebook. It's free and you may hide as much personal information on your own page as you wish. Once you've joined, then search for us and become a page member.

You'll be able to connect to friends and members on line, share information, ideas and discussions and get the latest information from the church without having to look for it. Our website is even linked to provide the latest updates. Lastly, our Facebook page is an easy way to share what's going on at Holy Trinity with your family and friends. Who knows who might become interested in our church family by seeing something posted to Facebook? Hope to see you on Facebook soon!

Memorials & Gifts



Gifts to Holy Trinity in Memory of Frances McCoy Lenz were received from:
Bobbie Hippensteel
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Pardue

Sacred Temple Workshop

Speaker, Antionette Johnson, leads this powerful workshop teaching God's Five Golden Principles to Vibrant Health and Wellness. She'll explore how we as Christians can reposition our bodies, our "temples", to prosper in health, God's way.

In this fast-paced world we bombard our bodies with too much sugar, fat and processed foods. But thank God there is hope! God has equipped each body with a self-healing system that can literally restore vibrant health to any broken temple.

Sponsored by W-ELCA, this "Brunch & Learn" will be on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 10:00 AM in the Upper Room.

For more info contact Mara at: marajohnson@comcast.net

Angel Food This Month

The October Angel Food orders will be taken on Sunday, October 17th from 12:30 - 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Food pick-up is on Saturday, Oct. 23rd 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Education Bldg

View menu on HT's website or order directly on the Angel Food website:

www.angelfoodministries.com

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

Children's Choir

For Grades 1-5
Sunday Rehearsals
at 12:30

This year's theme is "Back to the Stable" and we hope you'll join us for fun and games as we prepare music for worship. You'll learn anthems to sing, and become skilled at playing Orff instruments, drums, hand chimes, and other percussion instruments. You'll make friends, and most importantly, learn how to share your time and talents with the Holy Trinity Congregation.

Ms. Anne and Mr. Tim

Adult Choir

Choir rehearsals have begun for both the Matins and Chancel Choirs. Senior high youth and all adults are invited to join us Thursday nights at 7:15 PM in the Music Ministry Room. We are in need of basses and tenors in the Matins (8:15 AM) choir, and altos in the Chancel Choir. (11:00 AM)

See Anne if you're interested in joining us. We have just begun rehearsing our anthems for Reformation and All Saints, so now is the perfect time to join us!

Sunday Worship in October

October 3
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgy for the Family of God
with anthems for choirs by Anna Laura Page, Phillip Young, and Orlando Gibbons. The Children's Choirs will sing for the 11:00 service.

October 10
20th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Setting 1 with music for choirs by Mark Hayes.

October 17
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Schubert Mass with offertory anthem by composer and guest organist, Sue Mitchell Wallace.

Saturday Night Worship in October

Happy 10th Anniversary
Saturday Night Worship Service
October 28, 2000 -
October 30, 2010

Plan to attend the Saturday worship service on October 30, 2010 and join in the celebration of 10 years of worship and ministry on Saturday night.

If you have never visited our Saturday service - this would be a wonderful time to attend and join the celebration. The

All Saints - November 7th

LOOKING AHEAD TO
ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

On All Saints Day we remember the good news that even beyond this life we remain united in the body of Christ as ones who share an inheritance: "But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever," Daniel 7:18.

As part of the communion of saints, we share communion *with* all the saints, remembering again the hope to which we are called: the hope of God's kingdom of which we experience now only a foretaste. We are sent out from worship knowing that through Jesus, we too are saints as well as sinners, called and empowered to live according to God's kingdom

October 24
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Setting 2, Mimi Jones,
Soprano.

October 31
Reformation Day
ELW Festival Setting 1 with Brass Quartet and Timpani, Music for combined choirs by Alan Pote, James Chepponis, John Leavitt and choral arrangements by Hal Hopson.



pastors sermons are relevant and uplifting and Chas and the Praise Team (singers and instrumentalists) do a fantastic job with their musical leadership.

Over the years our attendance has increased as we welcomed new worshippers to our casual, praise service. Come and bring your un-churched friends and neighbors.

Watch the bulletin and weekly E-news for more details.

even now, until we participate fully in the everlasting feast.

As part of our Sunday liturgy, we remember our congregation members that have died in the last year. As a tangible way to remember these faithful saints as well as non-church member family and friends, this year we invite you to bring a framed photo of your loved one. We will provide a display in the narthex for you to place your photo, along with a book to add non-church member's names. Included will be small votive candles that you may light and place by the photo. The flame is taken from the Paschal candle, which is a reminder of our baptism into Christ, who has removed the barrier to our eternal life, while the candle smoke rises as do our prayers for those who have died.

Happy Anniversary

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Member Milestones

Happy Birthday

- October 5**
1974 - Bob & Belinda Bock
1991 - J.P. & Colleen Fowler
1985 - Michael & Karen Lind
25 yrs.
- October 6**
2001 - Michelle & Benny Buice
1978 - Mark & Mindy Garrett
1984 - Leslie & Thomas Graska
- October 9**
1982 - Skip & Karen Chonka
- October 10**
2006 - Thomas & Cathy Ballantine
- October 11**
1986 - Michelle & Raymond Barton
1997 - G.T. & Krista Brown
1975 - Russ & Kathy Krueger
35 yrs.
1969 - Jon & Carla Snyder
- October 13**
1978 - JoAnn & Jim Wallace
- October 15**
2005 - Angi & Michael Hendrix
- October 17**
1993 - Joe & Melissa Wright
- October 19**
2002 - Jesse & Mary Lou Karr
1991 - Thomas & Becky Lash
- October 20**
1999 - Ben & Erika Hink
- October 21**
1972 - David & Dainty Lovich
- October 27**
1984 - Reed & Barbara Bearden
1990 - Eric & Leigh Fish
20 yrs.
1990 - Jerry & Anita Hanley
20 yrs
- October 28**
1955 - John & Colleen Plumley
55 yrs.
- October 29**
1994 - Randy & Holly Aitken
1954 - Al & Sue Hammock
- October 30**
1965 - Jerry & Betty Gravitt
45 yrs.

- October 1**
Abby Hilton
Melissa Wright
- October 2**
Stella Blenner
Jayne Kieler
Thomas Lash
Lauren Martin
Andrew Robertson
Caitlin Robertson
Jim Schill
Nicole Winkler
- October 3**
Dee Boudreaux
Mindy Garrett
Doug Jones
Wendy McCaw
Ken Pursley
Sandy Tester
- October 4**
Joe Carone
Cole Gibbon
Chloe Scholl
Dan Vesper
- October 5**
Chris Anderson
Ryan Hanley
- October 6**
Kelley Adams
Nic Barton
Dawn Clark
Liam Langston
Margaret Miller
- October 7**
Mackenzie Gebhardt
Bess Ranger Horan
Mac Schmidt
Linda Simons
Jim Watson
- October 8**
Julie Fesefeldt
Marcie Hoffman
Gloria Hutt
Russ Krueger
- October 9**
Payton Doran
Cindy Hugh Sam
Renee Plumley
Casen Stiber
Reagan Stiber
Krystl Wood
- October 10**
Freyja Holm
William Paonessa
Eve Ann Rose
Bill Van Buskirk
- October 11**
Sarah Allen
Karen Jacoby
Warren Wright
- October 12**
James Biesecker
Walt Collier
Steve Weisbarth
- October 13**
Ellen Casbon
Blake Smith
Joe Wright
- October 14**
Steve Aikala
Carole Anderson
J.R. Goodin
Megan Janisch
Jimmy Lyle
Christopher Morra
- October 15**
Richard Hans
Jan Lee
Karen Nelson
Joy Schill
- October 16**
Erin Fesefeldt
Eric Fish
Mitchell Holden
Matt Lyjak
- October 17**
Anna Borysiak
Curt Churchill
Kyla Guenzerodt
Brandon Meza
Karen Peisel
Kasey Pursley
William Smyre
Ralph Williams
- October 18**
Caroline Casbon
Connie Kalliomaa
Elaine Limber
Terry O'Grady
- October 19**
Andy Fesefeldt
Espen Holm
Kaitlyn Lange
Amanda Moll
Jo Ann Schwantje
Jacob Smith
- October 20**
Mary Cutrone
Zachary Fors
Tyler Drury
- October 21**
Craig Bergwall
Jesse Karr
Ellyn Mikkelsen
Gina Piepmeier
Steve Stiber
Barb Witt
- October 22**
Debbie Gibbon
Jan Gijlstra
Jerry Hanley
Margrit Hendricks
Olga Noel
- October 23**
Rebecca Browne
Barbara Olson
Kathleen Smith
Gail Torchio
- October 24**
Nancy Nordland
Sally Olson
Joshua Parker
Kyle Phillips
Velma Tyson
- October 25**
Jamie Knowles
Kristen Murphy
Gary Nizzi
Miguel Talledo
- October 26**
Mara Aguirre
Leslie Graska
- October 27**
Megan Dart
Faye Martin
Gerda McCoy
Andy Totin
Bill Trethaway

- October 28**
Steven Holzapfel
Mimi Jones
Cheryl Nielsen
Jason Schill
Justin Schill
- October 29**
Elizabeth Aiken
Lana Apple
Carol Fiorenza
Channing Hans
Dan Hess
- October 30**
Karin Hetherington
Kitza Muhlhausen
- October 31**
John Benson
Caron Goin
Chris Mould
Carmen Neyra
Catherine Nichols

Important Dates Ahead: 

Sunday, Oct. 31
Reformation Day
WEAR RED

Sunday, Nov. 7
All Saints Day

Saturday, Dec. 6
Breakfast with Santa

"Fall Back"
Sunday,
Nov. 7th
Don't forget
to set your
clocks back
1 hour



W-ELCA Circles

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

EVENING PEACE CIRCLE will meet Monday, Oct 11th at 7:00 pm. We are starting a new study, *Islam, Then and Now*, which will review the culture and different factions of Islam. For more information, please call Joy Schill, 770-977-5326.

GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, October 20th at 7:00 PM in the Room 7-8. Program TBA. For more information contact Jan Pomplun, 404-422-5635.

TENDER LOVING CARE CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 19th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The hostess this month is Pat Vermeer, the program is TBA. All are welcome. For more information please call Judy Blackwell, 770-971-9079.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday, October 20th at 10:00 AM in the Library. We will continue the Bible study from the *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine led by one of our pastors. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information please call Faye Martin at, 770-427-1011.

RAINBOW QUILTERS will meet on Tuesday, October 12th from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM in Room 7-8 of the Education building. They will also meet on the 25th at 7pm. For more information contact JoAnn Moore at, 770-509-1967.

THE W-ELCA BOARD will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 5th 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

Lutheran Campus Ministries

We are going to take salads to the Georgia Tech Campus Ministry site on October 12, 2010. If you would like to donate a salad and/or go down with us, please call Ann Nizzi at (770) 971-9430. We are meeting at Holy Trinity @ 5:30 p.m.

We Recycle Empty Printer Ink Cartridges

The collection box is just inside the Fellowship Hall to the left of the entrance. Money we receive for this recycling effort is normally given to agencies in the Atlanta metro area. Please help us support these groups.

Lunch Bunch

It was cool and comfortable on the deck at Rohrbach's Lake House ... the conversation lively... the food was delicious... and it was fun once again to be together. But we always end our lunches by talking about where we will meet next time . . . Marilyn Reardon has invited us to dine at her home on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14th at 11:30AM. If you can join us, please CALL MARILYN AT 678-445-0157 BY OCTOBER 12th ... and if you are lucky, she will save you a place by the pond ... Looking forward to seeing you at the table!!

(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!!)



Ideas Wanted!

Are you interested in helping the women of Holy Trinity strategize about programs for the future? Do you have some ideas you would like to present to the board? Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Please join this dedicated group of women to see how you can get involved ~ brainstorm and share your ideas, organize one event, or run for an office.

W-ELCA Bookcase

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

Rainbow Quilters

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 YOU. 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 join us in Room 7 in the Educational Building.



Membership Class

There's a place for you here at Holy Trinity!

Twice yearly we hold a series of three Membership Classes. This fall they will begin on Sunday, October 3rd. The classes include an overview/review of the Lutheran faith, as well as information about the many programs and ministries offered at Holy Trinity. There is also an opportunity to meet staff, council members and committee leaders at the third session.

New members who complete the class will be received at the service of their choice on Saturday, Oct. 23rd or Sunday Oct. 24th.

Childcare for small children will be available. Those of school age are encouraged to attend Sunday Church School.

Call the church office if you have questions.

“Monday School”

IT'S STARTED! We are so excited to be back in “Monday School!” We meet at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays, in the Upper Room (note new location) of the Education Building. The book we are reading is "REALLY Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs.

This book can be purchased at any of the book stores or on www.Amazon.com. Why not consider joining us for this great way to start the week. We learn, share, and enjoy the fellowship. We look forward to meeting you!

For more information please call Alice Rohrbach at 770-973-7205 or JoAnn Moore at 770-509-1967.

Worship Enhancement Team

The Worship Enhancement Team seeks new members.

Do you enjoy decorating, flower arranging, sewing, or other artistic hobbies? Do you appreciate the special beauty that Christmas decorations or Easter lilies bring to our worship space? Do you love our worship space? If you've said "yes" to anything so far, we need to talk!

We're currently in need of helping hands, skilled or not, to assist with enhancing our worship space. We need folk willing to give an hour or so a couple of times over the next 10 months to help install banners, place flowers, enhance the altar area and help clean up after seasonal services. We'll help guide you if you've no skills, and honestly, most of the work takes little previous experience.

We're also looking for creative individuals to help plan and create new ideas for our worship experiences. Seasonal enhancements can go beyond Christmas and Easter. We offer fall displays, enhance liturgical services for other seasonal and festival days like All Saints, the Baptism of Christ, Lent and Pentecost but we'd like to do more. We can even plan learning classes to explore exactly what liturgical art is supposed to be. All it will take is men and women interested in giving us a hand.

Please speak to Tim Young, Denise Wise or call the church office if you're interested.

Campbell's Label & Can Tabs

Thank you all for saving the labels and the tabs. On July 15, 2010, I brought tabs to the Ronald McDonald House, totaling 9 lbs. On September 7th, I brought tabs totaling 4 lbs. and again on September 13th, I brought a large box of tabs totaling 18 lbs. These were collected in Florida. Al Schwab takes all the tabs off of the recycled cans in his Condo, and then they are given to Marv by Bill & Joyce Thomas, who are snowbirds and live in Marietta. Marv then brings them to me. Thank you so much. This money goes for the upkeep of the Ronald McDonald Houses, which helps families with sick children.

I also recently brought 200 points of labels to the ENRICH program in Mississippi, at W-ELCA's SE Synod Convention in Marietta. With these labels, they are able to get the needed supplies for the children. Thank you all again for collecting these items and please continue to bring them to the church in the library behind the door. I am still receiving the front of the label, which is not being used. Please only drop off the UPC portion with the Campbell's boy on it, or the complete label and I will cut it off. **Thanks again. Ada Junge**

Young at Hearts - Upcoming Events

The Young at Hearts welcome you to join them on the Tuesday, Oct. 12th Bus Tour to Georgia's Historic Gold Mining Town - Dahlonega, GA. Nearly 20 seats are still available on the bus! Don't miss this golden opportunity to enjoy dinner at the Smith House and the visiting of the town square to shop or just browse. The bus tour itself should also offer us lovely fall colors enroute. Cost for both the bus ride and the dinner is \$30 per person. Make check out to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church", note in "memo" - YAH Oct. Bus Tour" and mail to Marilyn Reardon at 4185 Janice Drive, Kennesaw 30144 as soon as possible. The bus tour leaves the church parking lot at 9:00 AM and returns by 4:00 PM.

Stamp Collection Program

Soon I will be able to send off the first batch of cancelled stamps to STAMPS FOR A LIVING & Deaf/REACH in Washington, D.C.; a new project that W-ELCA recently undertook.

What is done with the stamps once they reach STAMPS FOR A LIVING and Deaf/REACH? They are sorted and packaged for sale to dealers and collectors. The sorting is done through occupational therapy clinics that are offered by STAMPS FOR A LIVING BUSINESS to patients of Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, D.C. and to a lesser degree, by an organization know as Deaf/REACH. The patients/clients receive a small salary. All kinds of stamps are acceptable, including those used by mass mailers, as well as all of the various flag stamps. Foreign stamps are especially welcome.

It is very important to leave about a 1/2 inch margin around each stamp. The reason for this is to assure that the serrated edges are not damaged or cut into. Sometimes it is difficult to cut the stamps off the envelope if they are close to the upper right hand corner. Because of this, I'd be more than willing to trim the stamps in this situation. Simply cut off the right 1/3 of the entire envelope, the flap included.

I'm very excited about working with the stamp program at Holy Trinity once again and hope that this enthusiasm carries over to the members of Holy Trinity.

Thank you very much for your support. JoAnn Schwantje

Financial Status Report

Effective August 31, 2010

	Budgeted	Received	Spent
August 2010	\$80,989.00	\$86,542.00	\$73,866.00
Year-to-Date	\$659,788.00	\$614,137.00	\$651,391.00

General Fund Balance as of August 31, 2010: \$ - 45,702.00

Council President Update

Your church council has been prayerfully working very diligently since early August in developing the proposed 2011 Holy Trinity budget. After struggling throughout this year with trying to meet expenses we have taken a very realistic and pragmatic approach to our finances and programs for next year. Historically, the Holy Trinity budget had been approved annually for tens of thousands of dollars above the amount pledged by the congregation but miraculously the giving had always exceeded expenses. That was true until 2010 when we experienced an unprecedented national economic crisis which also affected our church. The good news is your giving has been steady and we made it through the summer. Once again we thank you for your prayers and your stewardship.

For the 2011 budget we have examined every line item keeping in mind the mission of Holy Trinity. We are continuing to strive to offer the best worship choices, spiritual and ministry programs for all ages which are executed through a most dedicated staff and group of lay leaders which rival any ELCA church nationally. With that in mind, we looked at what our projected giving will be through the end of 2010 and have developed next year's budget that is in line with that number. The projected giving for 2010 is between \$972,000 to \$982,000, we have therefore finalized the budget at \$983,632. This is significantly less than the original 2010 budget of almost \$1.1M. However, to reach this number we have had to make some critical choices in streamlining our

ministry programs, monies given to the church Mission Support all while continuing to have reductions in our staff's salaries and compensation.

Therefore, it is very important that you plan on attending the annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 17th at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary. The order of business will be to vote on the proposed 2011 budget, vote on our church Mission Support for 2011 and vote on a number of candidates to fill open positions on next year's council. To prepare for this momentous occasion, at 5:00PM our youth group will have prepared and will be serving dinner for you in the Upper Room as a fund raising activity for next year's annual youth gathering. So please plan on attending both the dinner

and the congregational meeting!

A packet from me has been sent in the mail this week to all church members. Be on the look out for it as it contains the proposed 2011 budget details along with the list of council candidates looking for your vote. Please remember that under the constitution you may submit absentee ballots to the office in advance for council candidates but must be present at 6:00PM on the 17th to vote on the budget and Mission Fund propositions. May God and the Holy Spirit continue to guide us as we do their work here at Holy Trinity and within the community around us.

In His service,
Bill Van Buskirk
Council President

Worship Attendance through September 25-26, 2010



"All are welcome."

Summer Schedule	5:30	10:00	LOUD Svc	Total	SCS	
8/28 - 8/29	103	308	11	422	-	
9/4 - 9/5	78	218		296	-	
	5:30	8:15	11:00	LOUD Svc	Total	SCS
9/11 - 9/12	84	110	249	21	464	130
9/18 - 9/19	93	93	184		370	89
9/25 - 9/26	74	88	210	20	392	97

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Stewardship Notes

Dear Brothers & Sisters of Holy Trinity:

As our Prosperity weekends approach in November, we often ask the question: What is a steward?

In a Christian sense, a Steward is a manager of God's affairs on earth. God is the creator and owner of all that is. We are simply stewards of God's creation.

The goal of our Stewardship Ministry at Holy Trinity is to help our congregational members grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents and finances that God has entrusted to them.

As you prayerfully consider your commitment for 2011, we encourage you to replace the old stewardship question - "How much of my money should I give to God?" - with the new stewardship question - "How much of God's money do I keep for myself?" As you pray, we ask that you keep in your heart the following stewardship principles:

Principle # 1: Respond gratefully to what God has first given you. Grateful stewards put God first.

Principle # 2: Obey responsibly to glorify God as a faithful proclamation of God's word.

Principle # 3: Sacrifice proportionately as Christ sacrificed for us.

Principle # 4: Give willingly of your time, talents & treasures as moved by the Holy Spirit.

Principle # 5: Share abundantly as you have received. Use and share your gifts for the benefit of all.

Principle # 6: Give proportionately as a way of giving in relation to your abundance. Give according to your means, not according to an income or budget.

Principle # 7: Commit intentionally by making a statement about your intent and then follow through.

Principle # 8: Contribute regularly by practicing your stewardship on a regular basis.

Principle # 9: Live genuinely by putting your faith into action with a tangible demonstration of what is sincerely in your heart.

Principle # 10: Accept the challenge to recognize the dynamic nature of your faith. As your faith grows, so will your blessings.

Please mark your calendar with these very important dates: November 13th & 14th / November 20th & 21st

Thank you again for your generosity as we walk together as stewards in God's Church.

Prayerfully Yours, Your Holy Trinity Stewardship Committee

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

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Bob and I would like to express our gratitude for the love and support shown to us and to John and Megan during the time of their wedding and accident.

Megan has been pleasantly introduced to our wonderful church family. We thank you all.

Sincerely,
Martha Manly

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you for remembering our family in your thoughts and prayers during Mother's sudden illness and death.

Your kindness and compassion is deeply appreciated.

Marcia and John Olson

Dear Friends in Christ,

In response to your recent gift of \$477.00 to The Extension, I join our Board and residents in saying, "thank you" for your generosity.

Because of your support, lives are changing by the day. We continue to be encouraged by friends of The Extension who offer tireless hours, generous donations, and caring expressions. As we enter into the second half of 2010, we are grateful that our residents are reaching goals, securing employment, re-connecting with family and overcoming addictions.

As you know, our mission is to facilitate a transformation that empowers chemically dependent men and women to become sober, accountable members of society. With your help, our mission has gone from a vision to reality.

Kindest regards,
Tyler Drive, Executive Director

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