

THE TRUMPET

NOVEMBER 2009



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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From the pen of Pastor Birkholz . . .



"We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring."

1Thessalonians 1:3-4

Persecutions? Afflictions? Well, sure. Some of us have lost our jobs this year; some of us have had pay cuts; some of us have lost loved ones; some of our streets, houses, and basements flooded. It's been kind of a tough year. And yet....we have so much for which to be thankful. Our wonderful education minister, Gaye Markham, lost her 39 year old daughter, Gigi, to cancer, and at her funeral, a song was sung which has been playing in my head. It's called "Praise you in This Storm," and it's about how God is God, even when we are suffering, and how when we still praise God in the midst of seemingly impossible things, God is still there for us in the middle of whichever storm we are going through.

It seems nearly impossible as well to talk about giving to the church in the midst of our financial storms this year. But we are so blessed, and I speak from experience when I say that even in the midst of financial stress and strain, giving to God can be a joy and a privilege. Our giving to Holy Trinity supports not only the programs of this church, but also the wider church, including MUST ministries for those without food, homes, or the supplies for daily life. It also includes ministries in the global church, helping to provide clean water to those in Africa who live with contamination; those in Guatemala, learning basic hygiene to lessen infant mortality; fledgling churches who are struggling to spread the gospel where no one has yet heard. We are SO blessed here in East Cobb, Cherokee, and North Fulton counties; how can we help but give out of our abundance and our faith that God will use our (super)powers for good?

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Thanksgiving, and ask that you consider out of your God-given prosperity (and when we think on a global scale, we are all truly prosperous!) what portion not what you can afford to give, but what you can afford to keep. All we have and all we are is God's, and I do thank God every time I remember Holy Trinity and the astounding generosity that you have already shown.

Peace and joy,

Pastor Birkholz

Looking Ahead to Advent

First Sunday In Advent ~ Sunday, November 29th
 Second Sunday In Advent ~ Sunday, December 6th
 Third Sunday In Advent ~ Sunday, December 13th
 Fourth Sunday In Advent ~ Sunday, December 20th

We are waiting . . .



Christmas Angel Trees



This year Holy Trinity will again have the Christmas Angel Tree. This will benefit the Cobb County Children in Foster Care. This tree will have gift opportunities for various prices.

Gifts for the Foster Children should not be wrapped [gift bags are fine]. The tree will be set up in time for Saturday service, on November 21, and will remain up until Sunday, December 6. All gifts must be returned by that time for delivery to DFCS during the week of December 7.

**For questions about the gifts for the children in foster care,
please call David Fricke at 404-219-0993.**

Thank you so much for your support as we make this Christmas a special time for some of our local children.

OBERAMMERGAU PRAGUE BUDAPEST VIENNA



As of September 1, we have signed up twenty-one travelers to attend "The Passion of Christ" play in Oberammergau, Germany. We will also visit the beautiful cities of Prague, Budapest and Vienna. Mr. Nawas has also agreed to prearrange attendance at a concert in Vienna. In order to have our own bus we will need to sign up at least seventeen more travelers. So get the word out to your friends and lets do all we can to reach our goal for this fantastic, once-in-a lifetime trip.

Please call us if you have any questions.

Pastor G and Ginger

Thank you for going *GREENER !!!* 

**MORE THAN 150 FAMILIES HAVE STOPPED THE MAILING
OF THEIR COPY OF THE TRUMPET**

**WE'RE PRINTING FEWER COPIES - THAT MEANS LESS PAPER, INK AND
ENERGY USED TO PRODUCE IT.**

**WE'RE MAILING FEWER COPIES - THAT MEANS LOWER POSTAL FEES
AND ENERGY SAVINGS BY USING LESS FUEL.**

It's not too late for you to get in on the program. In order for this to be a success, we'll need to know to stop printing and mailing **your copy** of The Trumpet. Please let the office know that you no longer want *The Trumpet* mailed to you by emailing the office at this special email address:

TheTrumpet@HolyTrinityMarietta.org (Please include name & address)

Once you notify the church office to stop the mailed version, you simply go to our website to view **The Trumpet ANY TIME DAY OR NIGHT** [www.HolyTrinityMarietta.org], simply click on "The Trumpet" on the right side of our home page and you will be able to select an edition. Print out only the pages with items of interest to you, no need to print the entire newsletter. Each time the latest version is placed on the website (around the first of the month), we'll put a notice in the **Weekly E-newsletter** and the **Week to Week**.



Children's Ministry

Fall is here! Crisp air. Clear blue skies. Sunday school is back in full swing! And oh my, the energy in our classrooms this year is unbelievable! Our new curriculum is awesome! A GREAT BIG thank you to all who are involved from our greeters, attendance people, small group leaders, worship team, host, storytellers and preschool teachers. We have the most unbelievable team! What a blessing you all are. Last spring Gaye and I visited a church using this curriculum and the director there told us that there was a waiting list for volunteers. We looked at each other like “What? Are you serious? Well, now I can see why. Being a part of this fabulous team is such a blessing in my life that I cannot imagine not being a part of it. I pray that all of you that are involved feel as blessed as I do.

Christmas is just around the corner. Can you believe it? As I write this article there are less than 60 shopping days left! Growing up, Christmas was such a magical time in my life. But as I reflect, the things that left an imprint on me are not anything that I unwrapped under the tree. I hardly remember anything that I received. Well, okay I do remember that shiny yellow bike with the banana seat and flower basket. But what I remember most is the smell of the Christmas tree and the shiny tinsel that hung from it. I remember the Christmas Pageant at my church and the joy it brought to the congregation. I can remember them sitting there with the biggest smiles on their faces as the other children and I walked up the aisle dressed as Mary and Joseph, little lambs and angels. Those are the memories that are stamped on my heart forever. This year at Holy Trinity we are gearing up for our Christmas activities. Please contact Gaye Markham if you would like to be a part of the planning. Help us to stamp the hearts of our children with memories from Holy Trinity that will be with them for the rest of their lives!

First Communion class will be on November 1st. This class is open to all ages. You can sign up at the Sunday School check in or on the wooden table in the Fellowship Hall. If your child has not been baptized, please see Pastor Birkholz so that you can coordinate the baptism and communion.

Gaye Markham is the sweetest most loving woman I have ever met. She pours out her love onto our children and this ministry every day. I ask that you all pour out your love for her by praying for her and her beautiful family as they are in the midst of the most difficult time of their lives.

Dee Boudreaux
Children and Family Ministry

W-ELCA NEWS

All ladies of Holy Trinity are cordially invited to visit and/or join the church circles listed below.

EVENING PEACE CIRCLE will meet Monday, November 9th at 7:00 pm, in the Library. Norma Hornack will lead a discussion of famous women. For more information, please call Joy Schill, 770-977-5326.

GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 PM in Room 7/8. We will continue the Romans study from the *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine, led by Sherrill McGraw. For more information contact Jan Pomplun, 404-422-5635.

TENDER LOVING CARE CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Faye Martin will host the evening and Annette Rhadans will provide the program. For more information please call Judy Blackwell, 770-971-9079.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday, November 18th at 10:00 AM in the Library. We will continue the Romans study from the *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine, led by Pastor Grunke. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information please call Faye Martin, 770-427-1011.

RAINBOW QUILTERS will meet on Tuesday, November 10th from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM in Room 7/8 of the Education building. Rainbow Quilters will also meet the 23rd at 7pm. For more information contact JoAnn Moore at, 770-509-1967.

THE W-ELCA BOARD will retreat at Lake Burton, November 7-8 for our annual planning session for 2010. This will include the November & December Board Meetings.

Please contact Kathy Seraphine, President, (770-419-7914), or Sherrill McGraw, Vice-president, (770-971-4929) with any questions.



The charity for the
Tuesday, December 8th
Christ Child Shower
this year is -
“It’s My Very Own”

It is a faith based non-profit organization committed to working with communities to provide for the immediate needs of children being removed from their homes by local child protective services.

It’s My Very Own seeks to make each child’s life a little brighter by providing *Bags of Love*. Each hand-made bag contains a handmade quilt, new toys, a special stuffed animal, and personal care items. We will be collecting items such as soft cuddly toys, coloring books & crayons, and personal care items for this program. Please drop off your items at our Ministry Station in late November and early December. For more info about **It’s My Very Own** please visit their website: www.imvo.org

“Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans; be fair to the needy and the helpless. Rescue them from the power of evil men.” Psalm 82:3-4

Annual Cookie/Candy Sale

The event we have all been waiting for:

The **ANNUAL COOKIE/CANDY SALE**, will be December 5th & 6th after each service.

\$10.00/box. Those baking cookies should bring them to the church by Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. If you bake anything with nuts, please include a note saying “with nuts”.



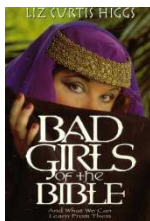
W-ELCA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

We presented two scholarship awards this year: one to Terri Landers and one to Charlotte Winkler. Terri is in her second year at Candler School of Theology. She has been accepted into the ELCA Candidacy Program and is up for Endorsement this fall. Charlotte Winkler attends the University of South Carolina and is receiving a Bachelors Degree in Political Science and Sociology. She is interested in Human Rights Law. When you see these two young ladies around the church, please congratulate them for their commitment to education in such honorable professions.

2010 Board Members:

President: Sherrill McGraw; Vice President: Nicole Winkler; Secretary: Mara Aguirre; Treasurer: Pat Vermeer.

Women's Monday Morning Book Study



Hi Ladies! The book we are reading in "Monday School" Book Study is Bad Girls of the Bible, written by Liz Curtis Higgs.

This book can be purchased at Sweet Spirit Christian Book Store, Lifeway Christian Book Store, etc. Or you may choose to order it on-line.

It is a great way to start your week and we urge and welcome all ladies to join us. If you have any questions please call Alice Rohrbach at 770-973-7205 or JoAnn Moore at 770-509-1967.

We will meet each Monday at 9:30 AM in Room 7-8 of the Education Building.

*We look forward to seeing you then!!
Don't forget your coffee!*

Jr. and Sr. Youth November NEWS!



As October flew by, the youth enjoyed themselves with many activities such as youth group, working at Oktoberfest as well as Trick-or-Canning. The youth look forward to November as it brings fun fall activities like the Corn Maze. It also brings some service projects getting ready for Christmas such as MUST Stockings - which is being organized by our very own Jr. Youth.

On-line Calendars:

Jr. Youth: <http://tinyurl.com/jryouth>

Sr. Youth: <http://tinyurl.com/sryouth>

"LET'S DO LUNCH BUNCH" For All Women of the Church



The weather was beautiful and the food was delicious... and the tables were full as we chatted, laughed, and shared... The conversations were all different, whether we were on the porch, in the dining room, or at the kitchen table... and no one seemed to want to leave JoAnn's home that afternoon. So... why don't you "Do Lunch" with us on November 12th at 11:30 AM and see how delightful a Thursday afternoon can be! We will be at Cullene Harper's home that day, so please **CALL CULLENE AT 770-421-0555 BY NOVEMBER 10TH**, to tell her you would like to join us.

(Our "Lunch Bunch" is meant to be a special time for all of us to be together...so mark your calendar for the second Thursday of every month... and then join us on November 12... we would really like to sit at your table.)

Remember when. . .
you were 20 and away from home?
Remember home-cooked meals were
"rare" even when they were well-cooked?

You don't have to be a chef to feed hungry students at Georgia Tech (and visiting ones from Agnes Scott and Georgia State)! We gather for dinner every Tuesday evening at the Lutheran Campus Center, and we need soft-hearted souls to bring food and join us in fellowship. Can you volunteer for one Tuesday night? You can cook anything you want. Or you can pick something up from the store and just bring it on!! We usually plan for 16. (Got more money than time? Pastor Deb will go food shopping with your check!) You can be the hands and face of Christ to these kids!

**Call Pastor Deb Halter at
404-580-5703 for more info.**

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH



The envelope of the month for **November** is “Thanksgiving Offering / World Hunger”

Supports ELCA programs to help eliminate hunger in the world.

The envelope is for November 7-8, but can be used anytime during the month of November.

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Stephen Ministry

Going through a spiritual crisis?
Let a Stephen Minister stand by you with confidential, Christian care.

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. -Matthew 18:20



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

“In One Spirit” W-ELCA SE Synod Convention Highlights

It may have rained in Marietta and surroundings on the weekend of Sept. 18-20, but sixteen women from Holy Trinity were out and about in the nice weather in Savannah. Our weekend began with a trolley trip to tour historic churches. Many of us think that if we go again on a Sunday, we will probably go worship at the First African Baptist Church downtown. What a history they have to offer and a very welcoming invite to come back!



The business sessions started on Friday afternoon. The newest thing on Friday was the announcement and meeting of the new clusters or conferences that were necessary to stay in line with the Synod restructuring voted in during the June Synod Convention. The meetings were over early enough for us to go out to eat and walk around Friday night on our own. It was a lovely night so one group even had dinner at a rooftop restaurant.

The Saturday sessions started with words from our Bishop, Julian Gordy. He talked about cuts in budgets due to fund shortages, the restructuring of conferences, and the recent national Synod Convention decisions. Probably the thing that we should focus on now is that we Lutherans are in full communion with the United Methodist Church.

Workshops were held in the morning and afternoon at Ascension Lutheran Church, started in the 1700s with some of the first colonists arriving in Georgia. There was a wonderful luncheon served by the ladies of Ascension, but catered by Paula Dean's restaurant, Lady and Sons. Our own Kathy Seraphine was reelected Secretary for the Synod W-ELCA.

Saturday evening was held at Ascension's marsh retreat center. The trolleys were loaded at the hotel for travel to the river. We had cool breezes, a Low Country Boil, and entertainment by the Ben Tucker Trio. What a fabulous night.

By Sunday morning, we had a total attendance of 264, a record high in most people's memory. We heard more about the coming Triennial in Spokane, Washington and had collected over \$6000 in offerings. Holy Trinity's own Pastor Birkholz led worship services and gave a truly inspirational sermon to all in attendance (including her grandmother!) If you missed it, you should try hard to make the Convention next year. It will be here in Marietta and I don't know how we can do as well as Savannah! BUT, with the help of all of you Women of the ELCA, we can work hard and try to make next year just as memorable and fun for everyone.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in Memory of Luther Reber for Sunday Music Ministry from:

*Richard and Helen Ott
John and Barbara Hanna
John and Pat Lundborg
Joyce and Roger Miller*

Gifts were received in Memory of Richard Cochran for the Today's Vision, Tomorrow's Mission program from:

*Marv Adams
Ed and Lois Pardue*



Sunday Worship in November

November 1

All Saints A Celebration of Remembrance.

Schubert Mass with music for choirs by Lee Dengler, Thomas Pavlecho and Earlene Rentz. Joining the choirs is Jonathan Wright, violin.



November 15

Hymn Mass with music for hand bells by Cathy Moklebust and Arnold Sherman.



November 22

Christ the King

ELW Festival Setting 1 at the offertory by Gerald Near.



November 8

Liturgy for the Family of God

with the offertory anthem by Mark Hayes. The Children's Choirs and Youth Ensemble will sing and play for the 8:15 AM Service.



November 29

Advent 1

Advent Lessons and Carols

with anthem for choirs by G.F. Handel.

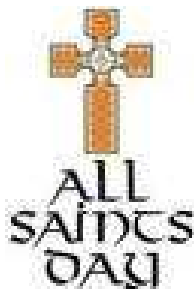


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Honors Loved Ones On All Saints Day, November 1st

Sunday, November the 1st is All Saints Day, at which time we honor the memory and witness of those members who have died during the last year - since All Saints Day 2008. They are:

	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>
<i>Arnold Junge</i>	9/3/1937	1/26/2009
<i>Allan Rosenberger</i>	11/26/1933	2/22/2009
<i>Paula Weigel</i>	8/5/1948	3/11/2009
<i>Alex Shute</i>	5/25/1984	5/27/2009
<i>Joan Adams</i>	5/12/1937	6/8/2009
<i>Edward Rutter</i>	10/30/1916	8/18/2009
<i>Luther Reber</i>	4/27/1928	9/25/2009
<i>Glynnda Kalscheuer</i>	8/13/1918	10/8/2009

In addition to honoring the names of those listed, the opportunity will be offered to praise God and give thanks for our own loved ones who have died.





Happy Birthday



November 1

Kim Schmidt
David Schrecengost

November 2

Linda Moll
Rebecca Schwartz

November 3

Leann Mikkelson
Courtney Schwartz

November 4

Mimi Birmingham
Anita Hanley
James Hendricks
Becky Hoffman
Liz Krueger
Sara Lionberger
Asheley Novac
Madeline Smith
Sophia Smith

November 6

Samantha Bayer
Donna Doran
Sharrie Eaton
Cumby Hammock-Cobb
Leigh Lyjak
Ruth Miller

November 7

Lynn Eaton
John Higgins
James Payton

November 8

Meredith Johnson
Martha Lovich
Jim Stockman
Rita Wagner

November 9

Rhonda Ennever
Armando Mendez
Bill Slade
Jerome Smith
Isabelle Tallado
George Wagner
Cynthia Wright

November 10

Irene Ballou
Brett Birmingham
Joe Crenshaw
Janet Muller
Maria Ragsdale

November 11

Jason Carlbom
Paulette Gebhardt
Penny Holloman
Kim Schneider
Hildegard Strache

November 12

Wayne Benson
Kelsey Hausfeld
David Johnson
George Navarrete
Anna Catherine Pamperin
Jeff Schutte

November 13

Jerry Gravitt
Alex Lind
Marcia Olson
Janet Stratton
Mary Steutzer
Warren Wright

November 14

David Cobb
Heather Stray
Emily Wickham

November 15

Robert Carpenter
Marlen French
Mary Smith

November 16

Melissa Beiser
Katey Crockett
Christine Fischer
Nancy Gawryszewski
Brandy Murphy
Kathy Nelson
Matt Pamperin

November 17

Marlyce Brekke
Richard Fiorenza
Nancy Fischer
Betty Gravitt
Dolores Jones
Allison McGraw
Howard Olson
Elizabeth Paonessa

November 18

Kent Oberbeck
Macie Post
Robert Schoenecker

November 19

Chris Austin
Julie Stoffer

November 20

Marla Diederich
Sara Grainger
Vivian Hanson
Martin Teem
John Wiley

November 22

Ray Blount
Allan Lee
Trevor Wagner

November 23

Sharlane Rosenberger

November 24

Stephen Clark
Jane Hoffman
Lisa Jordan
Vernon Khail
Alice Martin

November 25

Mark Ritter

November 26

Phil Hoffman
Mike Lind
Scott Schaffrick

November 27

James Simpkins
Zachary Stouffer

November 28

Maria Staggs

November 29

Lauren Bearden
Marla Ellis
Benjamin Fowler
Matthew Fowler
Crystal Hoffman
Marcia Watson

November 30

Audrey Brunett
Carl Jorden
Brittany Marshall
Kathy Phillips

~November's Birth Flower~

The Chrysanthemum



The chrysanthemum means compassion, friendship and secret love. This flower can be red, white or yellow. Chrysanthemums have been grown by the Chinese for over 2,000 years. This flower is also a symbol of the sun. Chrysanthemum was named after the Greek word which means gold flower. The chrysanthemum blooms in late summer and fall. These flowers are native to Asia and Europe. There are over 30 species of the chrysanthemum. It is the national flower of Japan and symbolizes the Japanese Emperor. In Europe the chrysanthemum is a symbol of death and is used for funerals or on graves. The chrysanthemum flower is actually a powerful antiseptic and antibiotic! It is used in traditional Chinese medicine to treat high blood pressure and angina. It is a perennial flower that will come back year after year.



Happy Anniversary

November 1

1978 - Mary Frances & Alfred Green

November 4

1995 - Mike Cicero & Chris Susskind

November 5

1977 - Brian & Debi Moore

November 7

1981 - Chuck & Karin Storla

1981 - Nick & Diane DePeder

November 8

1958 - Wayne & Diane Benson

November 12

1988 - Ellen & Scott Gros

November 15

1997 - Brenda & Larry Murphy

November 19

1994 - David Cobb &
Cumby Hammock-Cobb
15 years

2006 - Steve & Christine Weisbarth

November 20

1965 - Rich & Carol Fiorenza

1993 - Dewey & Maria Staggs

November 22

1967 - Carmen & Werner Schierle

November 24

1973 - Mike & Darlene Clott

1984 - Robin & Joe Ernestes

25 years

2001 - Jonah & Amy Scholl

November 25

1989 - Stephen & Deborah King
20 years

November 26

1958 - Hans & JoAnn Schwantje

November 27

2004 - Chris & Kristen Murphy
5 years

1971 - Jerry & Jeane Sykora

November 28

2003 - Dan & Donna Formato

November 29

1958 - Ken & Nancy Vonderohe

November 30

1996 - Lara & Igor Fomin

**Next
Trumpet
Deadline
is Tuesday,
November 10th
Please email
your
articles to:**

nwinkler@holyltrinitymarietta.org



*Holy
Trinity
Fun*



Runners

Here are the dates
for upcoming races:

November 7, Chasing the Turkeys
5K in Woodstock, 8:30 a.m.
(meet at 8 a.m. by the registration
tables)

November 26, MUST Gobble Jog at
the Marietta Square, 8 a.m. (10K),
9:15 a.m. (1K) or 9:30 a.m. (5K).

December 12, Jingle Jog in Sandy
Springs, 9 a.m. (5K)

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



for

**The
Christ Child
Shower
Supporting The
Faith Based
Organization:**

**It's My
Very Own**

December 8, 2009

7:00 PM

in the Fellowship Hall

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

Dear Holy Trinity Friends,

Your support and attendance to Richard Cochran’s Memorial Service was greatly appreciated. The caring ways it was handled by all the church staff and Pastor Grunke was awesome. The ladies who prepared the reception had to be a pure labor of love.

After forty-four years of being members of Holy Trinity family, we should know how lucky we are.

*Our love,
Betty and Jerry Gravitt*

Attention Holy Trinity Members:

We have received your generous donation to our Disaster Relief Fund set up to help flood victims in the Austell, Georgia area. It is heartwarming to see how many people are stepping forward with donations of all sorts and with their time to assist these individuals in their time of need.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

God’s blessings,
*Reverend Dena C. Lane
Lutheran Church of the Nativity
2450 Clay St., Austell, Georgia*

**“Thank you”
to Andrew Orser for organizing
our recent Blood Drive with the
American Red Cross.**

**Over 20 people made donations
of life-giving blood.**

**If you weren’t able to participate this
year, we hope to do it again next year.**

Dear Holy Trinity,

I want to thank you on behalf of those we serve for your donation in the amount of \$477. It is a privilege to provide services and programs to victims of domestic violence and assault and to know there are dedicated supporters such as you committed to helping the programs of the YWCA of Northwest Georgia.

We are able to assist women and children through our domestic violence shelter, counseling center and transitional housing.

Thank you for your generosity and never forget you are impacting lives because of your gift.

Holly L. Comer, CEO & Executive Director

Dear Holy Trinity family,

Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the health kits, quilts, in-kind baby gifts and soap.

We sent 100 health kits, 76 quilts, and 40.6 lbs. of soap to Lutheran World Relief. A large box of baby items were taken to convention for Lutheran Services of Georgia. Your support of W-ELCA is greatly appreciated.

In his service,
Women of the ELCA



**Items Collected at the 2009 SE Synod
W-ELCA Convention in Savannah**

Financial Status Report

Effective September 30, 2009

	Budgeted	Received	Spent
September 2009	\$83,794.00	\$53,010.00	\$86,011.00
Year-to-Date	\$720,397.00	\$635,791.00	\$650,022.00

General Fund Balance as of September 30, 2009 - \$-41,681.00

“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.” — WINSTON CHURCHILL

November President's Corner

*“It's Not How Much Do I Give to God...
...It's How Much of God's Do I Keep For Myself!”*

In order to continue God's work here at Holy Trinity we will need every member's renewed commitment of support at our upcoming **“Prosperity Weekends”** to be held Saturday and Sunday, November 7th & 8th and 14th & 15th. This will be your annual opportunity to pledge to God what your financial commitment will be for 2010. During the Prosperity Weekend Worship Services you will have the opportunity to hear some of the plans and programs for next year from individuals of the Ministry Teams, Committees and Staff. With over 1,300 church members, Holy Trinity is now the third largest supporting congregation in the Southeastern Synod.

Because of your commitments we have seen growth, increased participation and great momentum the past year in many of our Ministry Programs. For example, our Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Social Ministry, Evangelism & Outreach Programs have all witnessed increased activities, support and renewed excitement. Specific examples of growth can be witnessed by increased participation in our Children and Adult Sunday School and VBS programs. Additionally, we have our new Saturday Worship Leader, Chas Childers, who is already implementing plans to grow this service. We are blessed with a new Associate Pastor, Beth Birkholz who has been expanding our horizons and guiding us into new spiritual directions. We have a very committed and dedicated office staff, Music Ministry Staff, Sexton, Children and Youth Staff all providing spiritual leadership and direction for us under the guidance of Pastor Grunke.

We all want these programs, activities and spiritual offerings to continue and grow in 2010 – but to do this we need your financial support. We understand the current state of the economy and the strain it has had the past year on all of us. Therefore, your church council conducted lengthy meetings and spent many hours trimming the proposed budget. The council and Ministry Teams looked very hard and separated what was absolutely needed to continue our momentum vs. what was wanted. We had to make some hard choices which included the freezing of all staff salaries. The 2010 budget was approved by the congregation at the annual meeting held on October 18th and the council very much appreciates your continued support. Even with cost saving measures the operating budget is \$1,077,058. Therefore, when you make your commitment between you and God on the upcoming Prosperity Weekends, think about how much you will really require for yourself and your family next year and then offer the remainder to God. With the help of God and you, we look forward to a blessed 2010 by continuing his ministries and work here at Holy Trinity.

In His Service,
Bill Van Buskirk, Congregational President

Worship Statistics through October 17-18, 2009

	<u>5:30</u>	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>SCS</u>
9/26 - 9/27	68	109	242	419	184
10/3 - 10/4	68	114	241	423	175
10/10 - 10/11	72	141	273	486	160
10/17 - 10/18	92	91	209	392	183



“All are welcome.”

It's Time For Fair Trade Coffee!

November 7th and 8th
after services



Chilly Times are Coming...

Warm up with some:



**HOT CHOCOLATE,
COFFEE,
& TEA**

Reminder: By purchasing these delicious products, you are supporting a ministry that helps struggling farmers and funds programs of Lutheran World Relief around the globe.

THE PIE LADY is back for THANKSGIVING!

*Sandra William will be taking orders
until November 18 with delivery on
Sat. 11/21, Sun. 11/22 or Mon. 11/23.*

Apple	Sugar-Free Apple
Cherry	Sugar-Free Cherry
Pumpkin	Sugar-Free Pumpkin
Pecan	Peach
Blueberry	Blackberry
Rhubarb	Sweet Potato

Strawberry Rhubarb
Blueberry Peach
Chocolate Chip



Pies are still just \$10.00

Order Blanks will be available in the Fellowship Hall or you can contact Sandra at 770-977-0680 or email her at sandrasews@comcast.net

Save Campbell's Labels & All Can Tabs



On Sept. 18th, at the Savannah Convention, I gave 2 envelopes of Campbell Soup Points totaling to 300 points. Thanks to all of you who made this possible.

I also brought a box of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House on Sept. 24th, containing 10 lbs. of tabs. Thank you also to those of you who collected these and brought them in to the church. Why Pop Tabs? According to Mimsy Shuck, executive Director of Columbus, Ohio, the aluminum can is valuable, but the can's tab is made of more pure, high grade aluminum. These small tabs may be like GOLD to the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you again for collecting these items and please continue to collect them and bring them to the church in the library behind the door.

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Coming soon to Holy Trinity - an updated Pictorial Directory - our first in five years

Let everyone get to know you and match a face to a name. Sittings are now open for Nov 10-14, and January.7,8,9.



SIGN UP ON-LINE OR AT
THE MINISTRY STATION

Help Needed!!

Many hands are needed to keep the activities of our church up and running. Please prayerfully consider the following open positions:

Ushers:

Will welcome worshippers, hand out bulletins & children's bags, assist attendees in finding seats, and offer assistance as needed. Usually scheduled in 2-week increments.

Nursery Volunteers:

Sunday Nursery help is needed. Youth, as well as adults who need a "cuddle" are welcome.

If would like more information or are interested in any of these positions, please call the Church Office at 770-971-4600.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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www.holytrinitymarietta.org

CONTACT: Colleen or John Plumley

770-516-4915



Signature Box

\$30

Balanced Nutrition and Variety with enough food to feed a family of four for about one week.

- 1.5 lb. Ribeye Steaks (3 x 8 oz.)
- 1 lb. Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops (4 x 4 oz.)
- 2 lb. Chicken Fried Rice Skillet Meal (All White Chicken Meat, Rice, Vegetables with Egg and Gourmet Teriyaki Sauce)
- 22 oz. Lasagna with Meat Sauce
- 22 oz. Breaded Fish Patties (5 ct.)
- 1 lb. Lean Ground Beef
- 1.5 lb. Breaded Chicken Breast Fillet
- 1 lb. Frozen Zucchini
- 1 lb. Frozen Cauliflower Florets
- 1 lb. Frozen Broccoli Florets
- 1 lb. (approx.) Hash Brown Patties (7 ct.)
- 8 oz. Breakfast Cereal
- 2 lb. bag Fresh Onions
- 32 oz. 2% Shelf Stable Milk
- Dozen Eggs
- Dessert

Steaks in a box of Angel Food are now thicker than ever before. Though there may be fewer steaks in a box, it's the same amount of meat but the quality is higher and the steaks

Senior & Convenience Meals

For Seniors or People on the Go!

\$28

Ten perfectly seasoned, nutritionally balanced, fully cooked meals — just heat and serve. Each meal has been developed with the dietary needs of senior citizens in mind, and contains 3 oz. of protein, a starch & two vegetables or fruit.

- Sliced Turkey and Dressing with Gravy
- Macaroni & Beef
- Country Herb Chicken
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Beef Stew with Carrots & Potatoes
- Sweet & Sour Chicken
- Mesquite Chicken
- Chicken & Rice with Mushroom Sauce
- Charbroiled Beef Patty
- Lemon Pepper Baked Fish
- Assorted Cookies, Mixed Fruit Cup, Applesauce,
- Nature Valley Bar, Cranberry Juice Cocktail,
- Pineapple Juice



5 lb. Allergen-Free Food Box

Processed to eliminate the eight top serious allergens: Peanuts, Soybeans, Milk, Eggs, Fish, Crustacea, Tree Nuts and Gluten (wheat, rye and barley). Great for children and adults!

- 1 lb. Breaded Chicken Fillet Patties
- 1 lb. Breaded Chicken Tenders
- 1 lb. Breaded Chicken Nuggets
- 1 lb. Breaded Steak Fingers
- 1 lb. Breaded Chicken Wings

attered/breaded with water, white rice, brown rice, modified tapioca starch, flax seed, sugar, dextrose, salt, spices, dehydrated garlic, spice extractives and oleoresin paprika. Breading is pre browned in Canola oil.

Available for Pre-Order September 1st-October 28th!!! Thanksgiving Holiday Box \$36

This is a special order in addition to your regular order, and no Holiday Box orders will be accepted after the October 28th deadline. This Holiday Box will ONLY be shipped During the November distribution period, and not beforehand. SNAP benefits cannot be accepted with this order until 35 days prior to the delivery date, and cannot be accepted online.

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| 7 lb. (avg.) Perdue Roasting Hen | 2 lb. Frozen Green Beans | 4.5 oz. Brown Gravy Mix |
| 2.5 lb. Boneless Netted Ham | 1 lb. Frozen Cranberries | 1 Dessert Item (Pie or Cake) |
| 2 lb. Frozen Diced Sweet Potatoes | 17 oz. Ready to Cook Corn Bread Dressing | 1 Recipe Sheet with Scripture |
| 3.5 lb. (avg.) Frozen Corn Cobetts (12) | 8 ct. Heat and Serve Large Dinner Roll | |

*****Specials are now available with or without the purchase of a standard box listed above*****

NOVEMBER SPECIAL #1 \$23

- 7 lb. Assorted Meat Grill Box**
- 1.5 lb. New York Strip Steaks (2 x 12 oz.)
 - 2 lb. Boston Butt Chops (4 x 8 oz.)
 - 2 lb. Lean Hamburger Steaks (4 x 8 oz.)
 - 1.5 lb. Italian Sausage with Cheese

NOVEMBER SPECIAL #2 \$22

- 5 lb. Assorted Meat & Chicken Combo**
- 2 lb. Sirloin Steak Strips (4 x 8 oz.)
 - 1.5 lb. Bacon Wrapped Beef Fillets (4 x 6 oz.)
 - 1.5 lb. Bacon Wrapped Chicken Filet (4 x 6 oz.)

NOVEMBER SPECIAL #3 \$21

- 10 lb. Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast Box**
- 10 lbs. IQF Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breasts

NOVEMBER SPECIAL #4 \$22

- Premium Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box**
- 1 Stalk Premium California Celery
 - 3 lb. New Crop North Carolina Sweet Potatoes
 - 3 lb. New Crop Idaho Potatoes
 - 1 head Premium Fresh Leafy Green Cabbage
 - 1 lb. Premium California Carrots
 - 3 lb. Tree Ripened Juice Oranges
 - 3 lb. Premium New Crop Red Delicious Apples
 - 1 (8 oz.) bag Premium New Crop Georgia Grown Shelled Pecan Halves
 - 4 Washington State Bosc Pears
 - 1 (12 oz.) 100% Pure Sweet Honey Bear
 - 2 Premium New Crop Ruby Red Grapefruit
 - AFM November 2009 Fruit and Veggie Recipe Sheet

November Orders Taken:	Sat, Oct. 17	10-11:00 AM
	Sun, Nov. 8	12:30-2:00 PM
Order Distribution:	Sat, Nov. 14	10-11:00 AM

You may now ORDER ON-LINE @ www.angelfoodministries.com and pay with a debit card!!



Upcoming Christmas Events

Breakfast with Santa

In addition to a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee, the children will be able to get a photo made with Santa and work on a special craft. This is a great time to bring guests!

Saturday, Dec. 12 / 9:00 -11:00 AM
in the Upper Room \$5.00

Youth Volunteers Needed - Please Contact Gaye Markham

Christmas Pageant

Our second annual Christmas Pageant will be another wonderful holiday event. We will have many of our children involved along with a drama team. There will be Christmas music as well as Christmas treats. Please invite your family and friends to join this celebration of Jesus' birth.

Sunday, Dec. 13 / 6:30 PM
in the Fellowship Hall

Meals To Go

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

Please do not hesitate to call either Marilyn Reardon at 678-445-0157 or Doris Clement at 770-973-4402. We have a list of volunteers who are willing to contribute meals. In order to avoid duplicating meals, Marilyn and Doris will coordinate the appropriate dates.

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

Thank you so very much!!



**The Next
Young At Hearts
is Monday, November 9**

**SOME OPENINGS
ARE STILL AVAILABLE
FOR *YOUNG.ATHEARTS*
BUS TRIP TO**

North Georgia Apple Country.

We'll shop at the orchards and have lunch at Sue's Log Cabin Restaurant in Ellijay. The cost for the trip is \$20 per person payable in advance to Holy Trinity and given to Marilyn Reardon. The bus will leave the HT parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and we will return by 4:00 p.m.

**Call Marilyn Reardon at 678-445-0157
to check availability and make payment**



Upcoming Events of Interest at *The River Church*

Spirituality in TV and the Movies

Faith and spirituality are part of both television programs and movies like never before.
November 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Living a Green, Sustainable Life in Suburbia

Discover convenient, practical ways to conserve the earth's resources. A workshop for those who want to help the earth while improving their lifestyle rather than sacrificing it.
Tuesday November 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Ten Fun Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas

A fun conversation about ways to keep focused on what really matters as we gear up for the insanity of Christmas.
Monday November 16 at 7:30 p.m.

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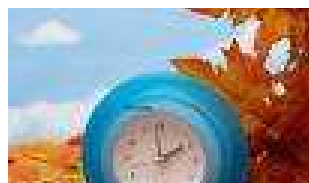
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“ Fall Back ”

Remember to set your
clocks back 1 hour on
Saturday night October 31!!



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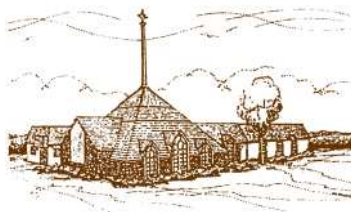
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Day is
November
11th**

Honoring our
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