



**November
2011**

**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

8:15 & 11:00 AM

(Children's Church at
11:00 AM Service Only)

**Sunday School
for All Ages
and**

**Confirmation
9:40 AM**



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The Trumpet

Monthly Newsletter of
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the pen of Pastor Birkholz . . .

"Thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live." 1Thessalonians 5:18b

Nobody likes being forced to say "thank you." I used to HATE it when my grandma would say, "What do you SAY?" The answer, of course, was always "thank you," whether I felt thankful or not. But thanks to my grandma and the rest of my family, I was brought up to say Thank You at every opportunity.

I've found that while saying Thank You is the very least we can do, it smoothes things over in many situations. Baristas are amazed at Starbucks when I say thank you, and mean it (that coffee is a rare treat, and I have no idea how they make it taste so good!). I try to tell my children thank you for simply doing their chores, to let them know how our house runs better for us when we all do our part. And finally, when someone does something nice for me, I try my best to say thank you as soon as I possibly can.

This isn't because I'm polite, or even because I'm half-Southern. It's because I try to take the time to realize what each person has done for me, and remember that if I go out of my way for someone, I love to hear that they appreciated it. When I do, a "thank you" comes almost automatically, and I mean each word.

God is the same way. I believe that God wants us to make gratefulness a habit, but that God also wants our thankfulness to be heartfelt. This is tough sometimes. Things get in the way of our gratefulness, of our giving, of our "thank yous" to God.

Here's what I suggest. Look around. You are most likely sitting in a room in your house, in a free country, with a choice about what you do each day. You are part of an amazing congregation with many ministries to choose from to give back! Even when we visited churches in Guatemala, where choices are limited and resources are more scarce, the people find SOMETHING for which to be grateful. And the only person who is ultimately responsible for everything we have, everything we own, ALL the gifts we have been given, is God. And so we say, with our whole hearts, this November, THANK YOU.

Holy Trinity Thanksgiving Service & Dinner

Please plan to join us as we again have a church-wide Thanksgiving dinner. We'll gather Sunday evening, November 20th at 5:00 PM for a brief service of Thanksgiving. We will then move to the Upper Room for our feast. Roasted turkeys will be catered while those attending are asked to bring dressing, salads, side dishes and desserts. Drinks will also be provided. If you're in town, bring the whole family to give thanks to God for all of our blessings. Watch for the Ministry Stations mid-November to sign up (so that we'll know how many birds to roast). We'll cover the cost of the turkey through a free-will offering collected that evening.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Please put this event on your calendar and join us as we share thanks with our church family!

Youth News

**Rent-a-Youth
AND
Pine Straw
Sale
Fundraisers**



Rent-a-Youth

Help support our Senior Youth attending the ELCA's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana by "**Renting a Youth!**" Rent-a-Youth can help with: Lawn work, painting, cleaning, laundry and much more! Contact Erin Brown at the church office, and let her know what you need help with and when. She will then arrange for 2+ youths to come and help.

We ask that you donate an amount to the youth's trip appropriate for their work, preferably at least minimum wage. This may be done by giving Erin or the youths a CHECK made PAYABLE TO HOLY TRINITY. **Rent-a-Youth will be going on until at least early July 2012.**

Pine Straw Fundraiser:

Help support our Sr. Youth attending next year's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. Place your order now for Free Delivery Mid November (we're watching for the leaves to fall) - Ten Bale Minimum \$5.00 per bale delivered to your house - Ten Bale minimum \$6.00 per bale delivered to your house and spread per your instructions.

Order forms available by contacting Erin Brown, deadline to turn in orders is November 6th.

Advent Conspiracy

What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a Savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of a missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas?

Here's what the Advent Conspiracy is all about:

Worship Fully It starts with Jesus. It ends with Jesus. This is the holistic approach God had in mind for Christmas. It's a season where we are called to put down our burdens and lift a song up to our God. Join us in worship weekly.

Spend Less Before you think we're getting all Scrooge on you, let us explain what we mean. We like gifts. Our kids really like gifts. But consider this: America spends an average of \$450 billion a year every Christmas. How often have you spent money on Christmas presents for no other reason than obligation? How many times have you received a gift out of that same obligation? Thanks, but no thanks, right? We're asking people to consider buying ONE LESS GIFT this Christmas. Just one.

Give More God's gift to us was a relationship built on love. So it's no wonder why we're drawn to the idea that Christmas should be a time to love our friends and family in the most memorable ways possible. Time is the real gift Christmas offers us, and no matter how hard we look, it can't be found at the mall. Time to make a gift that turns into the next family heirloom. Time to write mom a letter. Time to take the kids sledding. Time to bake really good cookies and sing really bad Christmas carols. Time to make love visible through relational giving.

Love All When Jesus loved, He loved in ways never imagined. Though rich, he became poor to love the poor, the forgotten, the overlooked and the sick. He played to the margins. By spending less at Christmas we have the opportunity to join Him in giving resources to those who need help the most.

Watch for commitment cards and more information about our collection recipient in future Holy Trinity publications. This year the staff will again participate in this program rather than exchange gifts. *Please consider joining the Advent Conspiracy too!*





Children's Ministry

As the first of November arrives, so does the holiday season. Are you ready? We are well on our way here at Holy Trinity. We are doing casting for the annual Family Christmas Pageant. It will be on Sat evening Dec. 17th during the 5:30 worship service. Our desire is to include every child that wants to be part of this special event. If you have a child between 3 years and 5th grade that would like to be in the program, please sign them up in the lower hallway or in the fellowship hall at the Children's Ministry Station. There will be rehearsals and costume fittings that will be required as well. Moms, if you enjoy sewing and decorating, we need your help. Please put your name on the list with a note saying what you can help with, or email me at gayemarkham@gmail.com. There is nothing like working with children to remind us of the joy of the Christmas season. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

There will also be a sign-up sheet for Breakfast with Santa. It is going to be on Dec. 10th from 9:00- 10:30 am. We will have elves serving pancakes and sausage with apple juice, orange juice, and coffee for the parents. Santa will arrive during breakfast and the children will have an opportunity to sit on his lap and tell him what they are hoping to get for Christmas. Free photos will be taken, and there will also be a free craft for each child to make and take with them. This is a fun family event that is a great way to kick off this special season. Come join us as we celebrate, through a child's perspective, the most important Birthday of all.

It is a tremendous help in our planning to have everyone sign-up, so if you think you might come, please go ahead and put your name on the list; however if you miss getting to sign-up, please come anyway! Invite your neighbors and friends as it would be a very comfortable way to introduce your friends to our church. There is a \$5.00 charge for everyone that comes to this event. Infants that are too young to eat are free, but otherwise the charge is the same for everyone. Due to our budget restraints we have to be sure to cover our expenses. Hope to see you and your whole crew there bright and early on that Saturday.

The gift is in the giving and we are beginning a food drive for Must Ministry to help with the increased need during the winter months. This will be happening in our Children's Ministry and the food will be brought to the Upstreet room. We are asking every child to participate by bringing a non-perishable food item. We will do this throughout Nov. and end it on Dec.18th. If you would like to be part of the caravan to deliver the food to Must, please let me know. I would love for several of our children to be able to go and see where it is taken and have an idea what they have helped accomplish through this gift. **Gaye**

Adult Ministry Update

November 7th at 6:30 pm we are having a Mom's Sushi Night with a devotion by Pastor Birkholz. Child care is provided. We will have snacks for the children, but if your child has allergies please bring something suitable for them. We will probably have popcorn and juice as well as cookies. Be sure they eat dinner before coming, as our menu doesn't sound too filling. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall on the wooden table as well as in the Children's hallway by the registration desk. You can look over the items suggested and put your name by the items you plan to bring. If you want to bring something not on the list please add the item at the bottom of the page and we will have an idea what is coming and what we need to provide.

Our Fall Sunday School classes are going well, but it isn't too late to join any of the groups. We have The Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls in room #6 (by the office), The Lutheran Course is meeting in the Chapel, the Nooma Videos are being viewed in the sanctuary (between services), Wired Word is in the Library and our Parenting class is in rooms #7 and #8 in the lower hallway. These classes offer you an opportunity to stop for a few minutes and focus on what the Lord wants to do in your life. It is so important to continue your spiritual growth even as adults. The environment of a group of adults gathering in an expectant hope that God will enlighten them through something said or read or viewed is a great experience. If you come believing God has a word for you, you won't be disappointed. I will be praying for many of you to take on this new challenge and see what happens in your life.

God is doing great things at Holy Trinity. I am so excited to see what He has in store for each of us as we travel together seeking His direction.

Love and God's blessings, **Gaye**



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

Supporting ELCA Programs to help eliminate hunger in the world.

This envelope is dated November 5-6, but can be used anytime during the month of November.



Holy Trinity's Stephen Ministry

When "Pull Yourself Together" doesn't work.

Perhaps people have said that to you, or perhaps you're saying that to yourself. You don't have to go through your struggles alone.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.

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

Saturday Worship

Upcoming Special Events:

November 12 - 6:15 PM - HT Music Café



Following an abbreviated version of our 5:30 PM Worship service, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for LIVE music from our expanded Praise Band, including a horn section. The music of Chicago, Ray Charles, Blues Brothers, Nora Jones, Patsy Cline and other artists from the "1950's to Now" will be featured. Beverages and delicious gourmet desserts/goodies will be served.

December 17 - 5:30 PM - Children's Christmas Pageant.

An uplifting, inspirational and fun service led by our Sunday School children.

December 24 - 3:00 PM - Christmas Eve Day

Begin your Christmas celebration with an early Family Worship Service, featuring a joyful mix of traditional and current Christmas music led by our Praise Worship Team.

Join us every Saturday at 5:30 for an upbeat, informal and inspirational worship service, featuring cutting-edge songs heard on Christian radio stations, led by our Praise Worship Team. Nursery available weekly.

Memorials & Gifts to Holy Trinity

Gifts to Sunday Music Ministry in Memory of Bobbie Hippensteel were received from:

- Kenneth Tempelmeyer Robert J. Kienel Larry & Molly Dillingham
John & Pat Lundborg Katie Lee Randy & Lisa Rife
Faye Martin Vickie Barber Danny & Arlette Drummond
Mary Lou Fish Barry & Diana Hall Ed & Lois Pardue
The Harts Dale & Mary Esworthy Emily Wickham
Lance & Jan Neal Kenneth & Katherine Savage Hans & Jo Ann Schwantje
Judy & Neal Blackwell Dee Martin-Hughes & Gregory Hughes Deloitte Services

A gift to Saturday Music Ministry in Memory of Bobbie Hippensteel was received from:

Larry & Julie Stoffer

Gifts to Sunday Music Ministry in Memory of Sander Lee were received from:

- Kelley Adams Faye Martin Mary Lou Fish
Amanda George Roger Amidon Judy & Neal Blackwell

A gift to Holy Trinity in Memory of Sander Lee was received from:

Hans & Jo Ann Schwantje

A gift to Sunday Music Ministry in Memory of Dennis Nordman was received from:

Judy & Neal Blackwell

A gift to Holy Trinity in Memory of Dennis Nordman was received from:

Hans & Jo Ann Schwantje

Gifts to Children & Family Ministry in Memory of Dennis Nordman was received from:

- Mary Lou Fish Faye Martin Stan & Denise Wise

A gift to Sunday Music Ministry in Honor of Ben & Mary Moravitz' birthdays was received from: Dr. Eron Flesberg

A gift to Holy Trinity in Memory of Margaret Embury, was received from:

Faye Martin

A gift to Holy Trinity in Memory of Mary G'Segner was received from:

Faye Martin

A gift to the Holy Trinity in Memory of Thelma Fisher was received from:

Hans & Jo Ann Schwantje



SAVE THE DATE . . .

WE WILL AGAIN HAVE A THANKS-GIVING SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A CONGREGATIONAL MEAL.

**Sunday, Nov. 20th,
Service at 5:00 pm**

Sunday Worship in November

November 6

All Saints

Schubert Mass with a Celebration of Remembrance with Jonathan Wright, violin joining the choirs with anthems by John Rutter and Mary McDonald.

November 13

Liturgy for the Family of God with music for handbells arranged by Tim Waugh and Cathy Moklebus. **The Children's Choir** will be singing for the 8:15 service.

November 20

Christ the King

ELW Setting 1 with music by at the offertory by Craig Courtney.



November 27

Advent 1

Lessons and Carols for Advent with anthems for choirs by Thomas Keesecker and Robert Hobby.

Worship Matters

The church year begins anew with the first Sunday in Advent, November 27, 2011. Our lectionary readings start a new year's cycle, beginning with the prophecies concerning the coming Messiah. This reading cycle will shape our music and worship throughout the rest of the year.

The Advent season is about waiting and preparing. We sing songs of hope, longing and prophecy. Our liturgical color is blue, symbolizing hope. Lights are low, as we wait in darkness for the coming Light. Worship music is more simple and somber, in keeping with the more reflective nature of the season. Christmas decorations and carols are kept at bay until the 24th of December, when the joyous news of Christ's birth is proclaimed.

Online Advent meditations abound. One resource is www.luthersem.edu/email to sign up for a daily e-mail devotional. We will once again observe the Advent Conspiracy campaign. Look for details elsewhere in the Trumpet and on campus to see how you and your family can participate. We invite you to follow the principals of the Conspiracy to Worship fully, Spend less, Give more and Love all.

Use the season of Advent to set priorities. Put off some of the Christmas decorating and carol singing until later in December. Wait to visit Saint Nicholas. Instead, embrace the mysteries and wonders of Advent as you prepare for the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

SCRIP for November

Pre-Holiday Planning in November and "Black Friday" Leaves are falling outside, and inside you are probably preparing for the upcoming holiday shopping season.

Even in a recession, most of us spend hundreds of dollars on holiday gift-giving - why not do as much of your holiday shopping as possible with gift cards purchased from SCRIP.

SCRIP sales/distribution will be available weekly in November and December- so start making your Christmas shopping list. Remember - Black Friday is November 25.

Ready, Set, Shop!!

Holiday Giving is Easy with Scrip



Angel Tree 2011

This year we will again participate in the Cobb County Angel Tree program. Believe it or not, this is our 16th year of assisting Cobb county residents! When the tree goes up on **November 19th** please take a moment to check out all the gifts that are needed to help make Christmas special for Cobb County children in foster care. The unwrapped gifts (gift bags are fine) must be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 4th** for delivery to the Cobb County Department of Family and Children Services.



Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Member Milestones

November Anniversaries

- 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
30 years
1981 - Nick & Diane DePeder
30 years
- November 8**
1969 - Russ & Dixie Eisenhardt
- November 12**
1988 - Ellen & Scott Gros
- November 13**
2010 - Jessica & Skylar Astin
- November 15**
1997 - Brenda & Larry Murphy
- November 19**
2006 - Steve & Christine Weisbarth
5 years
- November 20**
1965 - Rich & Carol Fiorenza
45 years
1993 - Dewey & Maria Staggs
- November 24**
1973 - Mike & Darlene Clott
1984 - Robin & Joe Ernstes
- November 25**
1989 - Stephen & Deborah King
1995 - Michael & Christine Poarch
- November 26**
1958 - Hans & JoAnn Schwantje
- November 27**
2010 - Marv & Cindy Adams
2004 - Chris & Kristen Murphy
1971 - Jerry & Jeane Sykora
30 years
1993 - Ron & Shirley Thompson
- November 28**
2003 - Dan & Donna Formato
- November 29**
1958 - Ken & Nancy Vonderohe
- November 30**
1996 - Lara & Igor Fomin
15 years

Happy Birthday

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| November 1
Kim Schmidt
David Schrecengost | November 9
Armando Mendez
Bill Slade
Jerome Smith | November 16
Katey Crockett
Christine Fischer
Nancy Gawryszewski
Brandy Murphy
Kathy Nelson | November 24
Stephen Clark
Jane Hoffman
Lisa Jordan
Alice Martin
Kevin Schwartz |
| November 2
Linda Moll
Rebecca Schwartz
Jeffrey Miller | November 10
Irene Ballou
Joe Crenshaw
Janet Muller
Maria Ragsdale | November 17
James Elling
Richard Fiorenza
Nancy Fischer
Betty Gravitt
Allison McGraw
Howard Olson
Elizabeth Paonessa | November 25
Mark Ritter |
| November 3
Leann Mikkelson
Courtney Schwartz | November 11
Jason Carlborn
Paulette Gebhardt
Penny Holloman
Kim Schneider
Hildegard Strache | November 18
Macie Post
Robert Schoenecker | November 26
Phil Hoffman
Mike Lind
Scott Schaffrick |
| November 4
Anita Hanley
James Hendricks
Becky Hoffman
Liz Krueger
Sara Lionberger
Madeline Smith
Sophia Smith
Patricia Fors | November 12
Kelsey Hausfeld
David Johnson
George Navarrete
Jeff Schutte | November 19
Chris Austin
Julie Stoffer | November 27
Aiden Shiakallis
Randy Simpkins
Zachary Stouffer |
| November 6
Samantha Bayer
Donna Doran
Sharrie Eaton
Leigh Lyjak
Ruth Miller | November 13
Jerry Gravitt
Alex Lind
Marcia Olson
Janet Stratton
Mary Stuetzer
Warren Wright | November 20
Marla Diederich
Sara Grainger
Vivian Hanson
Martin Teem
John Wiley | November 28
Maria Staggs |
| November 7
Lynn Eaton
John Higgins | November 14
Carolyn Jenkins
Heather Stray
Emily Wickham | November 22
Ray Blount
Allan Lee
Trevor Wagner
Gabriel Garcia | November 29
Lauren Bearden
Marla Ellis
Crystal Hoffman
Frank VanRensselaer
Marcia Watson |
| November 8
Meredith Johnson
Martha Lovich
Jim Stockman
Rita Wagner | November 15
Marlen French
Mary Smith | November 23
Cheri John
Sharlane Rosenberger | November 30
Audrey Brunett
Carl Jordan
Brittany Marshall
Mark Mathews
Kathy Phillips
Catherine Nichols
Amanda Asprino/Thompson |



**“Fall Back”
On Sunday,
Nov. 6th**

*On Saturday, don't forget to set
your clocks back one hour before
you go to bed!*

Important Dates Ahead:

- Sat./Sun, Nov. 6/7** - All Saints
- Sunday, Nov. 20** - Thanksgiving Service & Dinner
- Sat./Sun, Nov. 26/27** - Advent 1
- Sat/Sun, Dec. 3/4** - Cookie & Candy Sale
- Saturday, Dec. 10** - Breakfast with Santa
- Saturday, Dec. 17** - Christmas Pageant



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

EVENING PEACE CIRCLE will meet in the Library on Monday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 PM. Norma Houck will lead the study. For more information on this circle, please call Joy Schill, 770-977-5326.

GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE will meet next on Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 7:00 PM in EB 7/8. They will be starting a new book titled, **Becoming a Woman of Simplicity** by Cynthia Heald. Call Jan Pomplun for more information at 404-422-5635.

TENDER LOVING CARE CIRCLE will meet next on, Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information please call Judy Blackwell, 770-971-9079.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will continue their study from "Gather" magazine on Wednesday, November 16th at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information please call Faye Martin at, 770-427-1011.

RAINBOW QUILTERS will meet on Tuesday, November 8th at 10 AM in Room 7-8 and on Monday, November 28th at 7 PM in Room 7-8 of the Education building. Call JoAnn Moore for more information at 770-509-1967.

THE W-ELCA BOARD will hold their 2012 planning meetings on November 4 & 5.

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

November 1 Visit Planned to Lutheran Campus Ministries @ GA Tech

A group of Holy Trinity women will again visit Georgia Tech to supply a meal and worship with the youth of the Lutheran Campus Ministries. If you would like to attend or supply some portion of the meal, please let a board member know. It's a great way to see what the kids are up to and to supply them with a good homemade meal. We plan to leave the church at approximately 5:30.

2011 Educational Scholarship Recipient Announced

Congratulations to Sandra Moore on being the 2011 recipient of the \$1,000 W-ELCA educational scholarship. Sandra is studying to get certified for medical billing and coding. We are very proud to help her in this wonderful endeavor.

Christ Child Shower

**Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 PM
Upper Room - Educational Bldg**

Please reserve this date and join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship.

Learn some interesting facts about the Bethlehem Star, enjoy some yummy food & much, much more...

This year's Silent Auction will benefit "Blessings in a Back Pack." This is a program at Hickory Hills Elementary School that supplies students who receive free school lunch, but may not have enough food on the weekend, to receive a back pack filled with food on Friday to take home for use over the weekend. The cost to feed a child for the entire school year is \$80. Please support this program by bringing unique items for the Silent Auction. Let's fill some backpacks!!

The 2011 Secret Prayer Sisters will reveal themselves by presenting a gift to their Secret Prayer Sister. If you'd like to develop a special relationship with another Holy Trinity woman in 2012, you'll have a chance to pick a name during the evening.

Please drop by our Ministry Station to sign up for this fun-filled evening with your sisters! If you have questions, contact: Annette Rhadans 770-424-1957 or Judy Blackwell 770-971-9079

W-ELCA News



Annual Cookie and Candy Sale

The event we have all been waiting for! The **ANNUAL COOKIE/CANDY SALE: December 3rd and 4th** after each service. All cookies and candies should be delivered to the church by Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. If you bake anything with nuts, please include a note saying "with nuts." And if you don't have time to bake, please buy some of these delicious goodies!! Pop them in your freezer and pull out on Christmas Eve for your holiday munching pleasure!

What to do in 2012??

Are you interested in helping Holy Trinity's Women of the ELCA organization? If you have any ideas please share them with a board member or consider attending one of our monthly meetings. We NEED your ideas and input !!

Announcing the 2012 W-ELCA Board

President: Nicole Winkler
Vice President: Leigh Lyjak
Secretary: Mara Aguirre
Treasurer: Karen Lind

We're Still Collecting Full-Size Bars of Soap!



When is more pounds a good thing? When pounds = soap. The soap is for Lutheran World Relief. Please leave the soap in the Library in the W-ELCA collection box.



Young at Hearts - Upcoming Activities

Monday, November 14, 2011 10:00 A.M. Cost: \$8.00

This meeting honors our Veterans with the accordion/piano player, Judy Boehm, featuring patriotic music. Following this delightful program we will have a lunch of Arby's sandwich, special homemade coleslaw and desserts by the committee. December non-refundable reservations for our holiday buffet luncheon will be taken in November.

Looking ahead to our next event in December . . . Dress-up and meet us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 to pool car rides to Holiday Inn, located off Holcomb Bridge Rd. and SR 400, to enjoy a holiday buffet luncheon of Roast Chicken or London Broil Steak at a reserved room in Holiday Inn. Anne Murphy will lead us in some holiday songs and Christmas carols prior to the lunch. Paid non-refundable reservations will be received at the November meeting or no later than Dec. 5th to Marilyn Reardon. **Monday, December 12, 2011 10:00 A.M. Cost: \$15.00**

Habitat Blessings Fundraiser

The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat for Humanity is partnering with Blessing Unlimited for a Fall Fundraiser featuring Blessings Unlimited Gift Products. A sampling of these fine-quality, inspirational gifts were displayed at The Taste of Habitat

The time period for the fundraiser is 10/10 - 11/30, 25% of the products purchased by supporters of the Coalition will be donated by founder Phyllis Wallace to help fund our 2012 Build.

There will be a catalog at the Habitat Ministry Table in the Fellowship Hall or you can view and shop on-line at www.myblessingsunlimited.net/phylliswallace

To ensure credit, please post your name on the **"Orders Placed"** list inside the Fellowship Hall Catalog. Questions, contact Charlene Yde 770-928-9589 or cbyde@yahoo.com, Holy Trinity Coordinator



Collection News

Cancelled Stamp Program

W-ELCA recently received a thank you postcard from **Stamps for A Living** and **Deaf-REACH**, the two associated stamp programs in Washington, D.C. that we have been supporting this year. The card thanked us for the box of cancelled stamps we had mailed to them recently. The box we sent totaled five pounds, and this was the weight before they were packed! That is a lot of trimmed stamps!



As we no longer use "snail mail" as we used to, it results in a decreasing volume of cancelled stamps. For this reason it's important to carry on with our donations to **Stamps for A Living** and **Deaf-REACH**, thus supporting the handicapped individuals who benefit from the efforts of these two programs. With our continued support here at Holy Trinity and the support of other organizations, they should be able to do so for years to come.

PLEASE continue saving your cancelled stamps. Remember, you need only roughly cut the stamps from the envelopes and I'll gladly trim the stamps. All stamps can be placed in the Library in the box on the bottom shelf marked "Stamps." Thank each of you for your continued support of the Stamp Program. Jo Ann Schwantje, Stamp Chairperson

Campbell's Labels & All Can Tabs

Since my last update I again was able to bring 17 lbs. of tabs to **Ronald McDonald House** and I sent 450 labels to Jackson, Mississippi for the **ENRICH** program. Our synod covers 14 Ronald McDonald Houses. There are 3 in the Atlanta area. The money that they get from the tabs, goes for the upkeep of the Ronald McDonald Houses, which helps families with sick children. Parents can stay in these houses for a nominal fee and be able to be with their sick children.



Campbell's Labels will supplement a school in the district where ENRICH programs are held. This allows the schools to choose the items it most needs and strengthens the bond between the school and Lutheran Episcopal Services.

Thank you again for collecting these items and please continue to bring them to the church in the library behind the door. Please remember to give only the UPC portion of the Campbell's label, or the complete label and I will cut it off. Thanks again. Ada Junge

Financial Status Report

Effective September 30, 2011

	Budgeted	Received	Spent
September 2011	\$74,922.00	\$56,705.00	\$81,079.00
Year-to-Date	\$698,941.00	\$669,674.00	\$723,903.00

General Fund Balance as of September 30, 2011: \$ -73,253.00

Council President's Update

My thoughts of leadership and what constitute the "real world" have truly been turned upside down over the last year due to both my professional position and something much more wonderful than that, the position I have held as the President of this congregation. When I was elected last November, I was leading a 60+ person operation in Atlanta for one of the world's largest logistics companies. In April of this year I made a decision to step out into a very small start-up company and in doing so I removed the safety net that was my very secure professional position.

One might think that the challenge of a start-up company would be the greatest factor in my continued quest to become a better, more effective leader, but that would be wrong. Over the past year as President and, the previous year as Vice President, I have been overwhelmed by the members of Holy Trinity. Sure, like most churches we are struggling to sustain growth in our finances, but we have held our own. In a time when so many of our people are hurting financially, I have seen time and again our members step up and take on the challenge of doing what needs to be done. Each of them true servant leaders - I have learned so many lessons from them that I know God has truly blessed me.

My start-up company is sadly diminishing and I find myself in the position of looking for new opportunities. Perhaps I was served up this double dose of reality to make me truly aware of all the issues facing people out there? Who knows? What I do know is that the real world is not necessarily "out there" running a large multi-million dollar company. I think it is more likely in the intimate setting of trying to apply principles of servant leadership at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Where so many of us are hurting and cannot simply "write a check" anymore, people are stepping up and giving of their time and talents and the church is doing well.

I have often heard that coming to the end of my term as President would be a huge relief. On the contrary, I find I look towards this end with sadness. I am humbled by all the people who have stepped up to make this past year a success and I am going to miss the close interaction with them. Nonetheless, after a four-year run on council I have to sit on the sidelines. I am comforted by the great leaders on the 2012 church council; we are truly in good hands with them. We will continue to grow and expand our programs and outreach to the community around us. There are great things ahead of us at Holy Trinity. To borrow from Paul; I know God is with us at Holy Trinity, and with God on our side who can beat us?

In His Service, Jeff Plumley

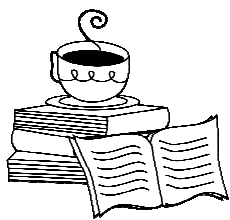
Worship Attendance through October 22 / 23, 2011



	<u>5:30</u>	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>LOUD Svc</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>SCS</u>
9/24 - 9/25	104	101	201	-	406	116
10/1 - 10/2	52	99	246	13	410	133
10/8 - 10/9	120	73	211	Family Camping 42	446	97
10/15 - 10/16	73	99	192	-	364	102
10/22 - 10/23	65	84	203	-	352	118

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Monday School!!



We continue to meet every Monday morning at 9:30 AM in the Upper Room with lots of laughs, tears, sharing, hugs, and of course, goodies! We invite all the ladies to join us for a wonderful way to start the week. Please think seriously about becoming one of our "Monday School-ers." We are reading "Lazarus Awakening" by Joanna Weaver.

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

Let's Do Lunch Bunch

For All Women of the Church.

Silly jokes, much chatter, and lots of good food . . . all at Colleen Plumley's home! **And now we are getting ready for a fun time at Marcia Heinzer's home on Thursday, November 10th. Just call Marcia (770-926-2880) by November 8th, and tell her you are coming . . . we promise you can be the first in line for lunch!! We hope you can join us!!**

Keep the second Thursday of each month marked for the Lunch Bunch ... It's FUN!!

Oktoberfest's TWO Dining Fundraisers for November

We now meet at **Mellow Mushroom Pizza** for Sunday lunch one time per month ...

AND ... continue our once-per-month dining at **Buffalo Wild Wings.**

Join us the ... second Wednesday ... **AND ... third Sunday** of each month to *eat and earn* for Oktoberfest!

The next Sunday lunch at **Mellow Mushroom Pizza** will be on SUNDAY, NOV. 20 from 12-2:00 PM, please pick up your coupon so we get credit. Mellow Mushroom is located at 2421 Shallowford Rd. Marietta, Georgia, 30066.

The next date we'll meet at **Buffalo Wild Wing** will be on WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9 - All day, so plan to have LUNCH *and/or* DINNER there! If you don't have time to eat there, get your meals TO-GO!! We still get credit!! Buffalo Wild Wings is located at 125 Barrett Pkwy, Marietta, 30066.

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

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

Dear Holy Trinity,

Thank you very much for your generous donation to the YWCA. It is greatly appreciated.

The Board of Directors

Dear Friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

I am honored to send you our sincere thanks and appreciation for your generous support of the tuition costs for Terri Landers this past year. It is a sign of your partnership with us in educating the next generation of church leaders.

At Luther Seminary our mission is to prepare graduates to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with all of God's children around the world. Your gifts provide the opportunity for students to answer God's call into ministry. Our graduates are sent into ministry not only with a solid education, but also with resources such as www.workingpreacher.org and www.enterthebible.com. These free resources are available to churches and individuals around the globe. Please enjoy these websites at home and in your church community.

Luther Seminary could not continue this important mission without your ongoing partnership in identifying and supporting those who are called to Christian ministry. We are grateful for your commitment to prepare Terri for ministry. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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