

THE TRUMPET

**DECEMBER
2009**



To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen Revelation 1:6

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

Your staff rejoices in the
“Priesthood of All Believers”
as we serve together and celebrate
together the birth of our Messiah, Jesus.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor G...

Tim

Pastor B

Margaret

Judith

Nicole

Anne

Erin

Gaye

Chas

Elizabeth

Amanda

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Christmas Angel Tree



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 let's 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 175 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

*Christmas is fast approaching,
I'm sure you are aware of that!
I just want to remind you of two
annual holiday events that you
don't want to miss.*



Breakfast with Santa - Dec. 12th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Adults will have breakfast and a great time with the children they bring. Children will also have breakfast and be able to choose a craft and have a photo taken with Santa. There are always surprises at this event, come experience this special time with your family and friends.

The Christmas Pageant - Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m. Several of our adults and many of our children make up the cast. It is a wonderful evening. Holiday treats are provided following the performance. You will be taken on a journey with a family as they rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. This is an extravaganza, with lights, music, and much more!! The program is brief enough for you to come and still have children in bed for school the next day (an hour or less) We will have a ministry station in the fellowship hall where you can get tickets to be in the drawing for door prizes. Admission is free, but you must have a ticket to be included in the drawing. This is a fantastic opportunity to invite your friends and family to visit Holy Trinity with you.

We have had an amazing time with your children this fall as we have started our new curriculum. We have focused on WISDOM, INDIVIDUALITY and COOPERATION. The Bible has so much to say about having a godly character. We have all had a great time in class, as these traits have been introduced in ways that are fresh, fun and easy to understand. It's not too late to get your child involved. Plan to start next Sunday, we have a place for you and your whole family.

Our Christmas break begins Dec. 20th and goes through Jan. 3rd. So our last class will be Dec. 13th and we will start back on Jan. 10th. Make a note of it so we won't miss a single weekend together!

On a personal note... I can't begin to tell you what it has meant to Rick and I to be the recipients of your love and kindness during this very difficult time in the life of our family. It still doesn't seem possible that our daughter can be gone. What a gift our children are to our lives! We are so grateful that God allowed us to have Gigi for 39 years. A true blessing.

We have sensed your praying for us, there have been days we knew that the only way we got out of bed or did anything was because people were praying for us. Thank you so very, very much! I continue to thank God for allowing me to serve Him, with you, here at Holy Trinity.

Praying that your family is blessed with peace and love this Christmas,

Gaye

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 Wednesday, December 16th at 6:00 pm at the home of Ruth Miller. We will be sharing a Christmas Dinner.

GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE will meet not meet in December, but will support the Christ Child Shower to be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Jan Pomplun, 404-422-5635.

TENDER LOVING CARE CIRCLE will have their Christmas party at Mary Lou Fish's on Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 pm, please bring a covered dish to share.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday, December 16th at 10:00 AM in the Library, led by Pastor Grunke. Please bring a dish to share for their Salad Luncheon. For more information please call Faye Martin at, 770-427-1011.

RAINBOW QUILTERS will meet on Tuesday, December 8th from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM in Room 7/8 of the Education building. Rainbow Quilters will not have their evening meeting in December. For more information contact JoAnn Moore at, 770-509-1967.

The W-ELCA BOARD will resume their monthly meetings in January.

Please contact Sherrill McGraw, President, (770-971-4929), or Nicole Winkler, Vice-president, (770-565-6635) with any questions.

Merry Christmas & a blessed New Year to all from Holy Trinity's Women of the ELCA!!



W-ELCA's Annual Cookie & Candy Sale

\$10 / box

The event we have all been waiting for -

This year's **COOKIE & CANDY SALE**, will be December 5th & 6th after each service. Purchase home-made goodies for your enjoyment and Holiday entertaining. Those baking cookies for donation should bring them to the church by Saturday, December 5th at noon. *If you bake anything with nuts, please include a note saying "with nuts".*



Our Annual Christ Child Shower will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 7PM

The women of the church are invited to attend this year's **Christ Child Shower**. In addition to delicious refreshments and a program put on by HT Youth, our annual Silent Auction will benefit **It's My Very Own**. This faith-based, non-profit organization is 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.

At the **Christ Child Shower**, **2009 Secret Prayer Sisters** will be revealed. We'll also pick our **Secret Prayer Sister for 2010**. If you'd like to get in on the fun and develop a special relationship throughout the year with another woman in our church, you'll have your chance to pick her name at this enjoyable event.

Please drop off your donated items **and** sign up for the **Christ Child Shower** at our Ministry Station in December. You also have the option to RSVP directly to Colleen Plumley at 770-516-4915 or Plumley205@comcast.net

2010 W-ELCA THEME: *Winds of Change*



Here are some of the W-ELCA events scheduled and organizations we'll support in 2010: Ash Wednesday Supper, Campus Ministry, Wine/Cheese Tasting, Lutheran World Relief health kits, Scholarships, Redeemer Food Kitchen, Christ Child Shower, and HT's 2nd Oktoberfest.
If you have any suggestions to enhance these events, please contact one of the W-ELCA board members.



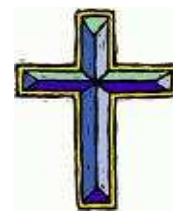
It's Time To Trim The Sanctuary!

The seasonal enhancements team needs **YOUR** help to decorate our sanctuary and set up the Fellowship Hall for Christmas Eve services. We're looking for some first-time volunteers to join our ever so dependable regulars.

A chili luncheon will follow the work. This was so much fun last year! We'll begin work right after service on December 20th, at 12:30. Please contact Denise Wise or sign up at the Ministry Station so that we will know how much food to prepare.

Thank you for giving of your time and talents to enhance our worship experience.

Jr. and Sr. Youth December NEWS!



Youth Christmas Parties

All Youth of the Church are Invited & Bring A Friend!

Sr. Youth will be having it's Christmas Party this year at the home of the Mikkelson's on Saturday December 12th at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Erin Chonka, and she will let you know what food item you need to bring with.

Jr. Youth will be having it's Christmas Party on the 13th from 1:00pm-3:30pm in the Youth Room.

We'll have some fun Christmas games and food!

Come out and have some fun and celebrate this holiday!

On-line Calendar:

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

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

"LET'S DO LUNCH BUNCH"

For All Women of the Church



Hot Chicken Salad Casserole... Congealed Salad... Spinach Salad...Pumpkin Dessert... a delicious menu... and there was not a spoonful left! We ate well... chatted happily... and laughed a lot... and slow to leave Cul-lene's. It was a fun afternoon. And now we look forward to meeting at Sandra William's home on December 10th at 11:30 AM and see how delightful a Thursday afternoon can be! Why don't you **CALL SANDRA AT 770-977-0680 BY DECEMBER 8TH**, to tell her you would like to join us for a Holiday "Lunch Bunch" Gathering... we would like to share the love of friendship with you ... **especially at Christmas.**

(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.)

Women's Monday Morning Book Study

We have finished our study of Bad Girls of the Bible

and will resume

our class on

January 11.

The next book is to be determined.



Our group will meet for coffee on December 7 at 10AM at the home of Ellen Gros.

If you have any questions please call Alice Rohrbach at 770-973-7205 or JoAnn Moore at 770-509-1967.

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH



The envelope of the month for **December** is “**Seminary Student Support Fund**”

It benefits members of Holy Trinity attending seminary.

The envelope is for December 5-6, but can be used anytime during the month of December.

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Stephen Ministry

Holiday Blues?

Please be sure to tell friends and family members who concern you, about Holy Trinity's Stephen Ministry Program.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. -1 Peter 5:6-7



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

Saturday Night Praise Service

The Worship & Creative Arts Ministry of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is looking for creative people who are hungry to use their talents to glorify God. Check out the list below for info and meeting times.

Creative Arts Teams

For every service, event, or publication at HTELC, it is our desire to honor God through the creativity he has placed within us and communicate the message of Jesus Christ with relevancy and excellence. This is a church where your creative gifts are celebrated.

Drama Team – Acting, Writing or Directing.

Are you an actor looking for a place to use your gifts? We want to regularly communicate through this medium by creating innovative, excellent moments in our services.

The Drama Team meets twice a month for community, rehearsals and skill development. Drama Team members act in dramatic sketches or video clips that support a message at weekend services, or for other ministry area needs. Casting and rehearsal times for specific scripts vary. Audition required.

Vocal and Instrumental Teams

Vocalists and instrumentalists lead worship at weekend services and special events. Audition required.

Vocal Soloist Team

Vocalists perform special music that relates to the theme of sermon series at weekend services and special events. Audition required.

Ambience/Look and Set Design Team

Many of us learn through other senses beyond just "hearing" a message. We seek to create an atmosphere that encompasses our Saturday church services in the theme and mood of the topic we're engaging. Help create an ambience in our worship services that focuses our hearts and minds on God and the current sermon series. Design and create backdrops, decorations, and drama sets for Saturday services and specials events. Training available.

Needed: Artists, Interior Designers, Painters and Construction Workers!

Visual & Graphic Arts/Photography

Individuals with artistic abilities in drawing, painting, graphic design, layout and photography are utilized for special projects in a variety of media.

Writing/Journalism/Poetry

Do you enjoy writing poetry, short stories, or memoirs? We are developing a community of writers that give one another feedback, encouragement, and support in the writing process. Individuals with writing abilities are utilized for publications, including drama sketches, plays, special marketing and promotions, publishing articles and teaching materials. If you'd like to join the team or submit something for publication, contact us.

For more information please contact Chas Childers at the church office or email to chazsongs@gmail.com

Sound System Additions

Worshippers have an opportunity to make a “second mile” gift to benefit our Worship experience. We already have an excellent sound system, and we want to add various pieces of equipment that will be used mainly by Saturday night singers and praise band (PA speakers, monitors, microphones, etc). These items can also be used on Sunday and for other occasions (Children's Christmas Pageant, for example).

The Worship Committee/Church Council has placed \$10,000 on the Gifts/Memorial List, designated for enhancements/additions to the Sound System. Please prayerfully consider making a donation. If you wish to give in honor or memory of a loved one or friend, the Memorials Treasurer will send notification. Make the check payable to Holy Trinity and note: Sound System on the “memo” line and also include any dedications.

Questions:

Please contact Stella at blenner@bellsouth.net.



Sunday Worship in December

December 6

Advent II

ELW Setting 2 with music
for choirs by G.F. Handel.



December 13

Advent III, Liturgy for the

Family of God with the offertory
anthem arranged by Robert Benson.
The Children's Choirs and Youth
Ensemble will sing and play for the
11:00 AM Service.



December 20

Advent IV Schubert Mass with
music at the offertory for choirs by
Paul Manz.



December 27

Christmas Lesson and Carols
with Holy Communion with
Brass Ensemble
One Service at 10:00



Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Thursday, December 24th

5:00 PM

Family Service
with Holy Communion
Lessons and Carols with the
Family Handchime Choir
Message by
Pastor Birkholz

8:00 PM

The Nativity of Our Lord
Carols & Holy Communion
Music by the King's Ringers
Message by
Pastor Grunke

11:00 PM

The Nativity of Our Lord
Carols & Holy Communion
Combined Choirs
& String Quartet
Message by Pastor Grunke

We are waiting . . .

Memorial Gifts

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

Beth Birkholz & Scott Seeke Bill & Charlene Yde Lois A. Reichwein
Hans & JoAnne Schwantje Margaret Koenigsaecker

*A gift was received in Memory of Richard Cochran for the Today's Vision,
Tomorrow's Mission program from: Faye Martin*

Gifts were received in Memory of Glynda Kalscheuer for Sunday Music Ministry from:

Beth Birkholz & Scott Seeke Betty Morgans Joe & Linda Gough
Melvin & Linda Johnston Advent Lutheran Church, Conway, Arkansas

*A gift was received in Honor of Mimi Jones for the Holy Trinity's
General fund from: Norma Hornack*



Happy Birthday



December 1

Becky Lash
Gene Peisel
Debra Serro
Marvin Ziegler

December 2

Ryan Holzapfel
Jennifer Langston
Richard Murphy
Michael Turnbeaugh
Emily Zeigler

December 3

William Casbon
Margi Johnson
Scott Ranger

December 4

Rosemary George
Steve Higgins
Russ Richards
Patti Ritter
Cynthia Tingle

December 5

Marja Burney
Laurie Gregory
Karen McCarthy
Matthew Miller
Suzan VanderVeld

December 6

Garrison Black
Vickie Crean
Julie Williams

December 7

Taryn Radke
Zack Vrtis

December 8

Dave Lyjak
Larry Robertson
Brooke Stephan

December 9

Scott Berkholtz
Erik Hall
Betty Morgans
Lee Witt

December 10

Nicholas Bode
Adam Bost
Janet Hedlund
Barbara LoRusso

December 11

Erin Belknap
Stacey Harris
Alle Hausfeld
Brad Peisel

December 12

Mary Frances Green
Briant Holden
Rachel Jones
Emily Mikkleson
Jessie Pinkham

December 13

Wesley Ball
Mary G'Segner
Shirley Gorley
Alex Machen

December 14

Shannon Klucsarits
Ronnie Piepmeier

December 15

Tyler Hoeckendorf
KathyPinkham

December 16

Bev Balasubramanian
Heather Bonneville
Stacy Eskew
Judy Hausfeld
Jack Jacoby
Ada Junge
Eric Lange
Jan Robertson

December 17

Megan Benson
Charles Manly
Annette Ranger
Griffin Roush
Roy Talledo
James Whitener

December 18

James Brown
Doris Clement
Garrett Moll
Michael Shields

December 19

Jeffrey Coe
Frank Guenzerodt
Rudy Ramirez
Ryan Siegmund
Taylor Wilson
Andria Zachary

December 20

Carole Beck
Matthew Chambers
Matt Fischer
Gerry Gorley
Kyle Manning

December 21

Michelle Aikala
Christina Landers
Elizabeth Rajewski
Kim Welch

December 22

Kathryn Caley
David Fritsch
Nerissa Reddick
Kurt Roenitz
Kathy Seraphine
Scott Stephan
Josh Wayne
Chris Weisbarth

December 23

Tim Collier
Nick DePeder
Amanda Masters
Carolyn Robinson Klein
Kristen Schierle

December 24

Victoria Drasher
Chris Hugh Sam
Michele Provost
Daniel Reber

December 25

Al Hammock
Craig Kearney
Tom Mathis

December 26

Doris Frutchey
Kristen Hinkson

December 28

Monika Behling
Dalaney Hans

December 29

Barb Allison
Cliff Colwell
Alex Houck
Jonah Scholl
Carter Sechrest

December 30

George Brown
Jillian Clancy
Christine Kofoed
Grace Mikkelsen

December 31

Cassie Balasubramanian
Jackson McCaw
Scott Reber


"A Christmas Carol"

Sunday School Class

*From Humbug
to Humble...*

This class continues the 6th & 13th of December. Roy Lantz is the leader of this class that will teach you more about this classic Christmas story.





Happy Anniversary

December 2

2000 - Matt & Anna Pamperin

December 3

1983 - Van & Susan Scott

December 4

1971 - Jim & Marcia Watson

December 61986 - Holly & Pat Ballenger
1975 - Guy & Paulette Gebhardt**December 9**

1978 - George & Fay Navarrete

December 13

1975 - Dennis & Marge Boley

December 15

1991 - Andria & Thomas Zachary

December 171982 - Ray & Liz Blount
1988 - Robert & Jennifer Carpenter**December 18**

1971 - William & Carla Austin

December 19

1981 - Carolyn & Steve Klein

December 21

1973 - Ron & Ginger Grunke

December 221961 - Bill & Jan Pomplun
1983 - Joe & Lori Vrtis**December 27**

1975 - Doug & Margi Johnson

December 281963 - Sig & Marlyce Brekke
1966 - Bob & Martha Manly
1996 - Steve & Michele Provost**December 30**

1990 - Bill & Charlene Yde

**Next
Trumpet
Deadline
is Friday,
December 4th
Please email
your
articles to:**

nwinkler@holyltrinitymarietta.org



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

*The
Christ Child
Shower*

Supporting The
Faith Based
Organization:
"It's My
Very Own"

Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 PM

in the Fellowship Hall

Donation Drop-Off & RSVP at

Ministry Station or

Call or email Colleen Plumley

770-516-4915 or Plumley205@comcast.net

New Year's Resolution Bible & Book Study

The 2nd Annual New Year's Resolution Bible and Book study begins January 12, 2010! Join Pastor Birkholz for an invigorating run or walk every Tuesday at 7 p.m. through a local park followed by a book study and discussion, using the book "Faith and Fitness" by Lutheran pastor Tom Hafer. Those who wish can train for a 5K race using the "Couch to 5K" program, and we'll plan to run together in a local 5K at the end of March. Bring a friend and workout clothes!

Please email

bbirkholz@holyltrinitymarietta.org

for details.



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

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2009 Taste of Habitat. It was a fun-filled event and we raised over \$11,000 for Habitat for Humanity.

A special thanks to our Holy Trinity Chefs:

**David Fricke, Bill Yde, Jack Justice, Jim Schill,
Joy Schill, Marie Bunch, Norma Hornack,
Annette Ranger, Charlene Yde**

We will be building another Habitat Home again Spring 2010 - look for more information and how you can participate at Ministry Stations in January.



Thank you to all our wonderful friends of the Holy Trinity Pinochle Club for the oak bench you donated in Memory of Joan. Joan really enjoyed our club, the laughs, friendships, food, gossip and of course, playing cards. Every time we go in and out of Holy Trinity, we can sit down and chat with Joan. She would really enjoy that.

Love to you all.

Marv, Kim, Karen and Kraig

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE THAT CONTRIBUTED DINNERS FOR ME WHILE I WAS LAID UP WITH A BROKEN ANKLE, EVEN THOSE I DO NOT KNOW. I WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK DOUG AND MIMI JONES, DAVE AND SHERRILL MCGRAW AND ANNE MURPHY WHO CAME TO MY HOUSE, PREPARED DINNERS AND CLEANED MY HOUSE. IT WENT BEYOND THE CALL. ALSO THANKS TO DAVE LYJAK, WHO BROUGHT A DINNER, THEN WE SHARED A VERY NICE TWO HOUR CONVERSATION.

THERE WAS SO MUCH FOOD, I WAS GOING TO CALL THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND INVITE THEM OVER FOR A PICNIC. I ALSO THOUGHT THE FOOD WAS SO GOOD THAT WHEN THE ANKLE IS COMPLETELY HEALED, I MIGHT BREAK THE OTHER ONE. TO ALL THESE PEOPLE I SAY A VERY HUMBLE, GRATEFUL AND HEART FELT THANKYOU. IT MEANT A LOT!

**Thank You,
Bob Houck**

Dear Holy Trinity Congregation,

With your help, we were able to put together a total of **"75 Christmas Stockings"** to help MUST Ministries make the holidays a little extra special for community members in need. We all send our sincere "THANKS" for your help and support with donations.



We wish all of you a
VERY BLESSED AND
HAPPY THANKSGIVING ☺!

**THANK YOU and PEACE BE WITH YOU !!
Your Jr. Youth of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**



Year-End Contributions

Reminder from the Financial Management Committee

Charitable contributions must be claimed as a deduction in the year in which they are delivered, according to the IRS. One exception is a check that is mailed to the church - it is claimed for the year it is postmarked. Placing a check in the offering plate the first Sunday of 2010 predated 2009, does not qualify as a deduction for 2009. Checks dated and postmarked 2009, but delivered in 2010, can be claimed as a deduction in 2009.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

We will be closing the financial books on January 15. Giving statements will be mailed the first week of January. Please check your giving statement for any errors and notify Mary Stuetzer at 770-928-1311 before January 15th, 2010.

Financial Status Report

Effective October 31, 2009

| | Budgeted | Received | Spent |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| October 2009 | \$90,633.00 | \$65,071.00 | \$86,371.00 |
| Year-to-Date | \$811,030.00 | \$700,863.00 | \$830,022.00 |

General Fund Balance as of October 31, 2009 - \$-62,971.00

December President's Corner

"As 2009 comes to a close and we prepare for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, I can't help but reflect on our church accomplishments along with our struggles this year. Your church council and I believe that we have now made the right staffing and program additions to take Holy Trinity into the future, best prepared to serve our members, attract more participants from the community and serve our Lord and Savior. The addition of Pastor Birkholz, Chas Childers, a full-time Gaye Markham along with Tim Young as our part time Sexton have all had an extremely positive impacts on the church. However, we have struggled throughout the year with balancing growth in a down economy with balancing the budget. We very much appreciate your continued support both financially and spiritually as we continue to grow and do God's work.

We have been blessed with a very dedicated, concerned and forward thinking council this year. I would like to again thank all of them for all their hard work, teamwork and devotion. Having served their last term and leaving council are Vice President, Craig Stack; Family & Children's Ministry Representative, Tom Mathis; and Youth Representative, Dirk Radke. We very much appreciate their service and commitment they have demonstrated to Holy Trinity.

At the November 15th Council meeting, elections were held for your 2010 church officers and council positions and here are the results:

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| President – Bill Van Buskirk | Vice President – Jeff Plumley |
| Secretary – Carole Anderson | Worship Ministry – Roy Talledo |
| Stewardship – Sheila Ziegler | Evangelism – Mimi Jones |
| Property – Bill Hetherington | Technology – Erick Mikkelson |
| Social Ministry – Vicki Crean | |
| Family & Children's Ministry – Krista Brown & Dee Boudreaux | |
| Finance – Mark Ritter & Mike Lind - Recorder | |
| Youth & Family Ministry – Jeff Plumley & Bill Orser | |
| Youth Representatives – Ellyn Mikkelson & Evan Stack | |

Your new 2010 council will be officially installed at worship services on January 9th & 10th. On behalf of the church council we would like to extend our best wishes to you and your families and friends for a joyous and meaningful Advent and Christmas. A season filled with the peace, love and hope the birth of our savior brings.

In His Service,
Bill Van Buskirk, Congregational President

Worship Statistics through November 14-15, 2009

| | <u>5:30</u> | <u>8:15</u> | <u>11:00</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>SCS</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 10/24 - 10/5 | 90 | 133 | 243 | 466 | 154 |
| 10/31 - 11/1 | 55 | 160 | 241 | 456 | 167 |
| 11/7 - 11/8 | 89 | 121 | 207 | 417 | 137 |
| 11/14 - 11/15 | 94 | 103 | 226 | 423 | 142 |



"All are welcome."

It's Time For Fair Trade Coffee!



December 5th and 6th

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.



HOLY TRINITY'S BASKETBALL TEAM 2010

Holy Trinity is looking for a Basketball Coordinator to organize the scheduling. There is no coaching involved. If this is an area you have interest in – **WE NEED YOU!!** If we can't find a coordinator, this will be the first time in many years that Holy Trinity will not participate in the Lutheran Basketball League. **Contact Dave Tester for more information: 770-974-9630**



Advent/Christmas Brochures & Advent Coin Folders

Due to rising costs to purchase and mail our Advent coin folders, this year we are asking members and friends to pick up your Advent coin folder from the wooden display table or from the ushers and return them any time this season in the envelope provided. This year they benefit MUST Ministries. If you do not wish to insert the quarters each day, there is a slot for cash or you may write a check made payable to Holy Trinity.

Also available will be our Advent & Christmas brochure that lists our services and activities occurring during this season such as; Christ Child Shower, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Pageant, etc. This information is also listed in the December Trumpet so if you have your Trumpet, feel free to pass the brochure along to a friend or neighbor.

Pictorial Directory Update

After our one and a half weeks of photo sessions, we ended up with 143 families being photographed. We would like to thank all of the families that took the time to come in and start off the directory. Also, thank you to the volunteers that helped Judy with hostessing, etc. Sandra and Ralph Williams are the lucky raffle winners of the Longhorn gift cert for the first 100 that signed up. Our next and last photo sessions are scheduled for 2/23-2/27 in 2010. Please be sure to mark your new calendars and plan on coming in to make the directory a success.

Judy will have new posters in mid-January and will be ready to take your calls for appointments!!

We are hoping for at least 150 more families to participate!!

Groove

Young Adults -

Age 20-30

On January 24th, following the 11AM service, *Groove* will have it's first meeting. This will be a get-acquainted pizza party. The Murphy's, Chris & Kristen, are our new young adult leaders. Plans are in the works for a beach trip. Come make plans for the New Year.

2010 Congregational Council Members

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2009, the following were elected to serve on the Congregational Council, beginning January 1, 2010:

Vickie Crean – Two-year Term Ellyn Mikkelson – One-Year Youth Term
 Sheila Zeigler – Two-year Term Evan Stack – One-Year Youth Term
 Erick Mikkelson – One-year Unexpired Term
 Dee Boudreaux, Bill Hetherington, Mike Lind, Bill Orser, Jeff Plumley & Roy Talledo
 – Re-elected to a Two-year Term

They join those Council Members already serving:

Bill Van Buskirk Mimi Jones Mark Ritter Krista Brown

Thank you to the following whose term will be completed on December 31, 2009:

Tom Mathis, Craig Stack, Dirk Radke

Congratulations to our officers chosen to serve for the 2010 year:

Bill Van Buskirk President
 Jeff Plumley Vice-President
 Carole Anderson Secretary
 Open Treasurer
 Mary Stuetzer Financial Secretary
 Charley Walker Memorial Fund Treasurer



Starting the New Year off with
All Committee Night
 Sunday, January 10, 2010
 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*Plan to join us as we kick-off our
 2010 Committee year.*

2010 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does our church database have your family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory.

Has your phone number or email address changed? Have you moved or are you preparing to move?

It's time to update our database with any changes that have occurred over the last year. If you have not already done so, please notify the church office so that the information in the 2010 Guide Book & Directory is correct.

3 Ways to tell of us your changes: 1) Call the church office at 770.971.4600 2) Write the updated information on your weekly Member Worship card 3) Send an email to nwinkler@holyltrinitymarietta.org

BUSINESS ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for our congregation. This book will be the Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of our Church. This book is being provided at no charge to our church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book.

What better place to publicize your service or product than to the community in which you worship and are already recognized. To find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office at 770-971-4600.





2010

Altar Flowers

The Flower Dedication Book for 2010 is now available on the wooden display table in the Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up to honor those special dates such as anniversaries and birthday or to memorialize someone.

The cost will remain the same at \$69.55, which includes delivery & tax

LIGHTHOUSE INFORMATIONAL MEETING



A meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24 at 9:40 AM for everyone interested in knowing more about the joy of volunteering at The Lighthouse in the summer of 2010. We also invite those who would like to be a part of the planning and organization of our annual Yard Sale... which raises money for the children and their families attending this retreat, to join us that morning as well. Watch for the January Trumpet for the location of the meeting.

**The Next
Young At Hearts
is Monday, December 14**



Featuring Our Holiday Program and Dinner.

This year's program will be a costumed dramatic presentation by Roy Lantz. It will be followed by a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. We also invite attendees to bring some toiletries for donation to MUST Ministries.

It will be held in the Upper Room at 10 AM on Monday, 12/14. The cost is \$5.00

Call Gene and Barb Bensch at 770-640-0078 for more information.



A Festival of Lessons & Carols performed by
Georgia Boy Choir

The performance is free. However a free-will, love offering to support the choir will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a reception for the boys of the choir immediately following the performance.

These boys have been compared to the Vienna Boy Choir.

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church,
11330 Woodstock Road in Roswell,
Saturday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m.
All are welcome.

For more information contact Jane Jackson at jackson@stpeterchanel.org or 678-832-1247.

Be an Angel Lend a Hand...

We will be putting the finishing touches on the Christmas Eve bulletins and assembling the January Trumpet on Friday, December 18th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the wooden table in the Fellowship Hall if you can help!

Coffee, doughnuts, Christmas music, and lots of fellowship await you!!



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December Angel Food Order

Unfortunately we could not fit the December order form in the Trumpet this month. Please go to www.angelfoodministries.com to view or place your order, or pick a copy up in the Fellowship Hall.

Order Date: 12/6, 12:30-1PM / Distribution Date: Saturday, 12-/12, 9:30-10:30AM

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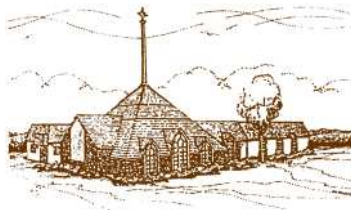
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Servants Needed

If you will be in town and will be available to serve at any of the Christmas Eve Worship services please contact the Church Office at 770-971-4600 or see Margaret to volunteer.

Your help will be

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