



The Trumpet

Monthly Newsletter of
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

**December
2011**

*Saturday,
December 24*

**CHRISTMAS
EVE
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

3:00 PM
8:00 PM
11:00 PM



**Holiday
Worship
Schedule**

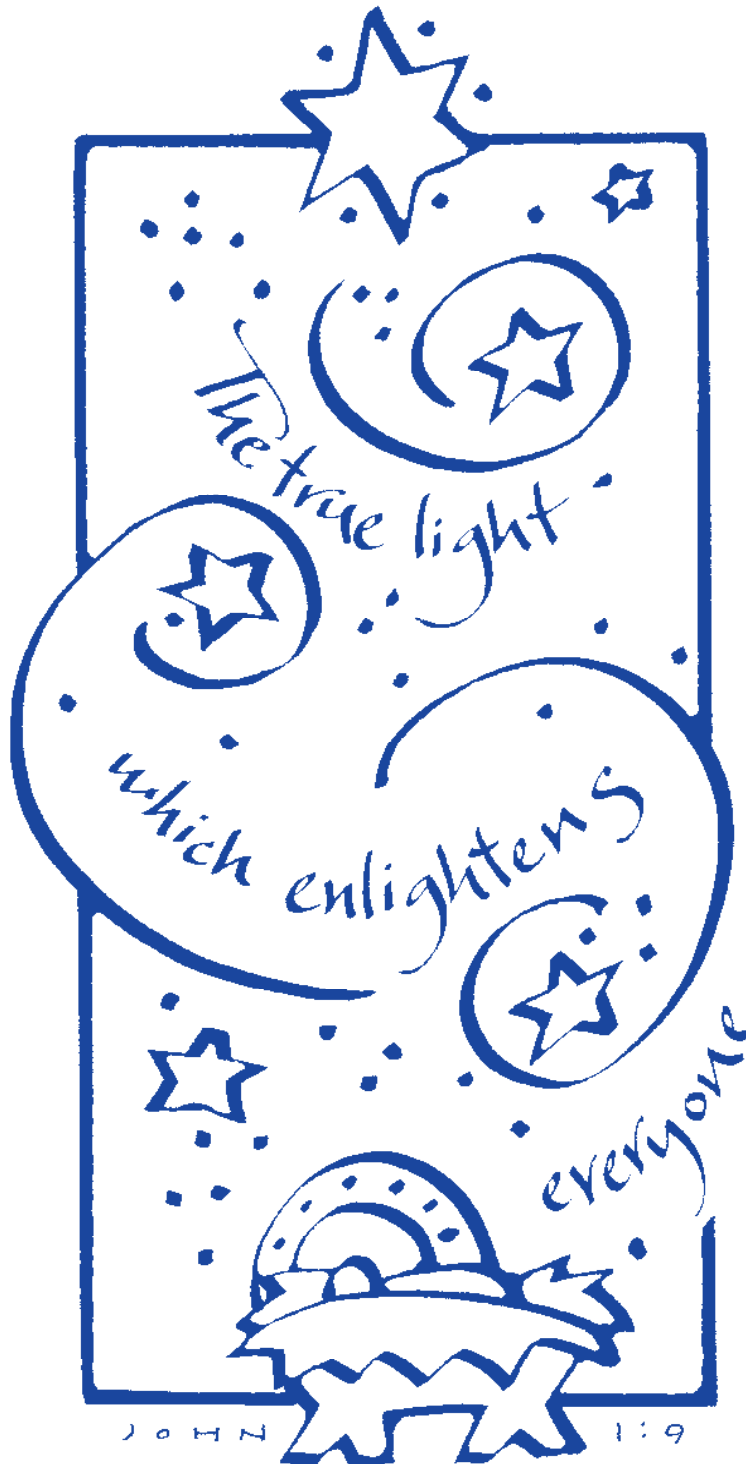
**Sunday,
Dec. 25 & Jan. 1**

One Service
at 10:00 AM

**Saturday,
Dec. 31**
5:30 PM

**Confirmation
and
Sunday School
will be off**

Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
(Will resume on 1/8/12)



So the word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father!

John 1:14

**Merry Christmas
from the staff of
Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church.**

Pastor Grunke
Pastor Birkholz
Margaret Hulsez
Anne Murphy
Tim Young
Chas Childers
Gaye Markham
Erin Brown
Nicole Winkler
Juanita Jones
Judith Hine
Miss Z
Kelsey Dunn

Advent Conspiracy 2011

Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, Love All!

The Advent Conspiracy has begun again! As a movement, HT raised over \$5000 last year for clean water through Lutheran World Relief. This year, our focus is El Año del Baño (the year of the toilet!) to partner with our colleagues in Guatemala to build dry latrines in the Lutheran communities in the rural areas of Guatemala. This will make a world of difference in health and wellness for our fellow Lutherans! It costs \$330 to build one dry latrine. Give someone you love a toilet for Christmas!

To make this connection even stronger, Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo will be at Holy Trinity on Thursday night, December 8, from 6-8:00 pm during our Fair Trade Market. She will speak at 7:00 pm about Año del Baño and the relationship between our churches! The Fair Trade Market is from Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and will have gifts available to buy from artisans who have a partnership with LWR and whose quality of life is bettered by receiving a fair wage for their products. Items for sale will include jewelry, baskets, house wares, wallets, wind chimes, Christmas ornaments and more. Most items are \$20 or less!

Let's reclaim Advent as a time of waiting for Jesus to be born in all of our hearts again, by loving God's children throughout the world!

Donations to the Advent Conspiracy or Año del Baño may be made in a check to ELCA Southeast Synod (SES) with Guatemala in the memo line. 10% of all sales in the Fair Trade Market will go to the Lutheran Church in Guatemala.

Why not GO A LITTLE GREENER in 2012?

The Trumpet on-line or via email

If you haven't started viewing *The Trumpet* on line . . .
... *it's not too late.*

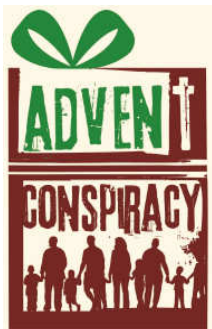
Help us save paper, postage and energy by contacting the church office and letting us know you'll be reading **The Trumpet** on line!! Another option is to have it emailed to you when it becomes available. Call the church office or send a message to our dedicated email address: TheTrumpet@HolyTrinityMarietta.org to tell us of your request.

Recycle Cans, Newspapers, Empty Ink Cartridges & More

Please continue to bring in your aluminum cans, aluminum can pull tabs, empty ink cartridges, empty prescription bottles and newspapers for recycling. It's an easy way to make money for various interests here at Holy Trinity *and* to be kind to the earth.

Sanctuary Poinsettia Dedications

We will once again use poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas eve and Christmas. As we did last year, there will be forty poinsettia plants available for dedication and in memoriam. Please pick up a form on the wooden table in the Fellowship Hall. Please return your completed order form, along with a check for \$10.00 made out to Holy Trinity to the church office by Sunday, December 11, 2011.



**Fair Trade
Market
Thursday,
Dec. 8,
7pm
Fellowship
Hall**



Fair Trade Market



**Thursday, December 8
6 - 8:00 PM - Fellowship Hall**
The Fair Trade Market items are from Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Selling gift items from artisans who have a partnership with LWR and whose quality of life is bettered by receiving a fair wage for their products. Items for sale will include: jewelry, baskets, house wares, wallets, wind chimes, Christmas ornaments and more . . . Most items are \$20 or less! Pastor Amanda from Guatemala will also be here to speak.

We need items with a South American theme like: rugs, dolls, pottery, blankets, baskets, etc. for decorating our market. Please put your name on items you lend.

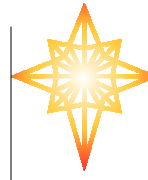
Breakfast with Santa

**Saturday, December 10
9:00 - 10:30 AM
Upper Room**

Breakfast of pancakes and sausage and drinks, a craft, and a photo of your child with Santa. Tickets are for sale in the Fellowship Hall and the Children's hallway. \$5.00 per person.



A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. See you there . . .
Ho Ho Ho!



ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**Saturday, December 17,
5:30 PM ~ Sanctuary**

An evening to grab your heart and lift your spirits.

This is a free event .

Be sure to invite your friends and family! There will also be a door prize given to some lucky person. Extra posters available to place at your favorite neighborhood retailer. Contact Gaye Markham for an extra poster.

Join us following the pageant for a Christmas Party in the Upper Room.
(This is a gift to our community, any Christmas treats donated for the Christmas Party will be appreciated.)

Children's Ministry

Merry Christmas everyone! There are so many wonderful things happening this month. We are starting off with the Fair Trade Market, at 6pm on Thursday Dec. 8th. This will be an example of a market in Guatemala. There will be so many Fair Trade items (such as: rugs, dolls, pottery, blankets, baskets, etc.) that would make wonderful Christmas gifts. Pastor Amanda de Castillo will be here with a lot of exciting news from their mission field in Guatemala. We will have snacks like we were served while visiting in a local home on the mission trip last spring. We will also have some fun activities for children. Kick off your Christmas celebration at this event.

Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 10th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Santa will arrive and be available to have photos made with your child. You will also have a fun breakfast of pancakes, sausage, with juice or coffee. The Upper Room will be turned into a winter wonderland for children to enjoy. There is a charge of \$5.00 per person. This is to help cover the cost of the gift from Santa, food, craft, and photo with Santa. The photos will be available the next day, Sunday, Dec. 11th during the Sunday School hour. Tickets will be for sale in the Fellowship Hall on December 3rd and 4th and also in the Children's hallway. Limited tickets available at the door.

The Annual Christmas Pageant is almost here again! This is a very special event that gives our children an opportunity to help tell this amazing story again. It is a wonderful event that is fun for all ages. There will be familiar carols, new songs, a short drama that will tug at your heart and a special presentation of the birth of our Savior, followed by a Christmas party with wonderful holiday snacks in the Upper Room. Get your free tickets in the fellowship hall. These events provide us a unique opportunity to invite your family, friends and our community in general. As you go about your days between now and then, invite the people that you meet at the store or school or wherever you are. We have the opportunity to present these events as our Christmas gifts to our community. That said, we also need to be ready to welcome our guests to our home, our church. Plan to attend, help provide special snacks and just be your sweet selves. God can use an environment like that to help people that don't have a church home, see what they are missing.

Merry Christmas! Hoping to see you the 8th, 10th, and 17th of December. Mark your calendars now!
Blessings, Gaye



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

This benefits members of Holy Trinity attending seminary

This envelope is dated December 3-4, but can be used anytime during the month of December.



Holy Trinity's Stephen Ministry

Why the name Stephen?

The name Stephen comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need as recorded in Acts 6. If you need the care of one of our Stephen Ministers please contact:

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

Saturday Worship

"Oh What A Night", and that was not one of the songs played! Chas and his 12-member Praise Band enchanted the audience with songs Proud Mary, Crazy, Blues Brothers, Hey Jude and finished with Georgia On My Mind, to name a few. Those in attendance enjoyed coffee, punch and delicious gourmet goodies while tapping their feet and clapping their hands to about one and a half hours of delightful, memory invoking music. The Fellowship Hall held these wonderful sounds for 104 folks, from teens to retirees. The Band, which included sax and horn sections, received a standing "O" at the conclusion. Everyone was asking when the next concert will take place...stay tuned to Saturday Night Outreach!

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

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 to enjoy the blessings and teachings of Jesus Christ on Saturday, and bring a friend(s). Nursery available weekly.

Memorials & Gifts to Holy Trinity

Gifts to Sunday Music Ministry in Memory of Dan Lovich were received from:

- Robert & Peggy Wharton, Edward & Denise Howe, John & Marcia Olson, Joyce & Roger Miller, Rita Wood, Don Snyder, Robert & Jo Ann Brown, Betty Lovich, Patricia Luka, The Rev. Paul Rowald & Donna Lovich Rowald, Bill & Lou Bennett, Richard & Sandra Radke, Mitchell & Mirna Lee, Martha Lovich, David, Dainty & Darren Lovich, Lee & Betty Morgans, Russ & Shirley Richards, John & Betty Lovich, Doan & Joan Faust, Thomas & Melanie Lovich, Tom & Tannis Blackwell, John & Pat Lundborg, Harold Holiday, Cullene Harper, John & Elaine Luthy, Stan & Denise Wise, Bill & Charlene Yde, Mark & Janet Haworth, Scott & Annette Ranger

A gift to Holy Trinity Technology in Memory of Dan Lovich was received from:

Erick & Leann Mikkelson

Gifts to Holy Trinity in Memory of Evelyn Gebhardt were received from:

Scott & Annette Ranger, Gary & Ann Nizzi

A Coffee Urn was given in Memory of Sander Lee from:

Kelley Adams, Sharon Trucks

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

William & Molly Harrell, Becky Hippensteel, Dale & Mary Esworthy

A gift to Holy Trinity in Memory of Douglas Faust was received from:

Don & Joan Faust

A gift to the Holy Trinity Organ Fund in Memory of Lorene Riley was received from:

Guy & Paulette Gebhardt

A gift to Sunday Music Ministry in Memory of Julia Olah was received from:

Betty Lovich

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

Wednesday Bible Study

A gift to Holy Trinity Technology in Honor of Erick Mikkelson was received from:

Dave & Dainty Lovich

A gift to Holy Trinity in Honor of Ann Nizzi was received from her

W-ELCA Board Prayer Sister, Colleen Plumley, with love.

Sunday Worship in December

December 4
Advent 2
ELW Setting 1
with anthem by
Adam Gumpeltzhaimer.

December 18
Advent 4
Schubert Mass
with anthems for choirs by Thomas
Kessecker and Keith Christopher.



December 11
Advent 3
Liturgy for the Family of God with
The Children's Choir singing at 11:00.
Music for Choirs by Michael Bedford and
Thomas Jarman, with Claire Cicero and
Melissa Cosler, flutes.

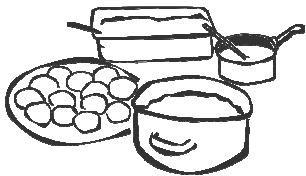
December 25
Christmas Day
*Christmas
Lessons and Carols*
with Michelle O'Connor, flute
and Bess Moravitz, soprano.



Meals to Go

During a difficult time, we can all use extra help!
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. Please do not hesitate to call either Marilyn Reardon at 678-445-0157 or Doris Clement at 770-973-4402 if you need help with a meal or two.

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



SCRIP for December

Are you "Making your list and checking it twice?" SCRIP cards make perfect gifts - for friends, family, teachers, babysitters, coaches, bus drivers, mail person, hairdresser, co-workers and all the people who help you out throughout the year. Check out the suggestions for gifts at the Ministry Station.

Order early and get your Christmas shopping done so you can enjoy the holidays. Order cards for your favorite restaurants and fast food places and relax while all around you people are rushing to complete their Christmas shopping.

You will even have time to prepare everyone's favorite Christmas goodie!!

Holiday Giving is Easy with Scrip



Angel Tree 2011

THE TREE IS UP
IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL!

This year we are again participating in the Cobb County Angel Tree program. Believe it or not, this is our 16th year of assisting Cobb county residents! These gifts 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

December Anniversaries

December 3
 2010 - Erin & Jarrod Brown

December 4
 1971 - Jim & Marcia Watson
 40 Years

December 6
 1986 - Holly & Pat Ballenger
 25 Years
 1975 - Guy & Paulette Gebhardt

December 9
 1978 - George & Fay Navarrete

December 13
 1975 - Dennis & Marge Boley

December 15
 1991 - Andria & Thomas Zachary
 20 Years

December 17
 1982 - Ray & Liz Blount

December 19
 1981 - Carolyn & Steve Klein
 30 Years

December 21
 1973 - Ron & Ginger Grunke

December 22
 1961 - Bill & Jan Pomplun
 50 Years
 1983 - Joe & Lori Vrtis

December 23
 2001 - Frank & Jennie
 VanRensselaer 10 Years

December 27
 1975 - Doug & Margi Johnson

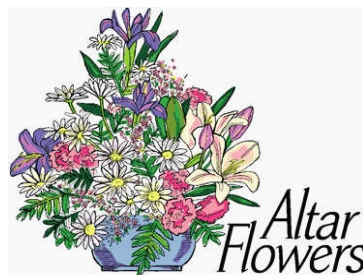
December 28
 1966 - Bob & Martha Manly
 45 Years
 1996 - Steve & Michele Provost
 15 Years

December 30
 1990 - Bill & Charlene Yde

Happy Birthday

December 1 Becky Lash Gene Peisel Debra Serro Marvin Ziegler	December 9 Scott Berkholtz Erik Hall Betty Morgans Lee Witt	December 17 Megan Benson Charles Manly Annette Ranger Griffin Roush Roy Talledo	December 23 Tim Collier Nick DePeder Amanda Masters Carolyn Robinson Klein
December 2 Ryan Holzapfel Jennifer Langston Richard Murphy Emily Zeigler	December 10 Nicholas Bode Adam Bost Janet Hedlund Barbara LoRusso	December 18 James Brown Doris Clement Garrett Moll Michael Shields	December 24 Bob Anderson Victoria Drasher Chris Hugh Sam Michele Provost Daniel Reber Peyton Stack
December 3 William Casbon Margi Johnson Scott Ranger	December 11 Erin Belknap Stacey Harris Alle Hausfeld Brad Peisel	December 19 Frank Guenzerodt Rudy Ramirez Taylor Wilson Andria Zachary	December 25 Al Hammock Tom Mathis
December 4 Steve Higgins Russ Richards Patti Ritter Cynthia Tingle	December 12 Mary Frances Green Briant Holden Emily Mikkelson	December 20 Carole Beck Matthew Chambers Dixie Eisenhardt Matt Fischer Gerry Gorley Kyle Manning Leon Stroup	December 26 Kristen Hinkson Chris Poarch
December 5 Marja Burney Matthew Miller	December 13 Wesley Ball Shirley Gorley Alex Machen	December 21 Michelle Aikala Christina Landers Elizabeth Rajecki Kim Dixon	December 28 Monika Behling Dalaney Hans
December 6 Garrison Black Vickie Crean Julie Williams	December 14 Grant Poarch	December 22 Kathryn Caley David Fritsch Nerissa Reddick Kurt Roenitz Kathy Seraphine Scott Stephan Josh Wayne Chris Weisbarth	December 29 Barb Allison Jonah Scholl Carter Sechrest
December 7 Taryn Radke Shirley Thompson Zack Vrtis Kyleigh Yockers	December 15 Tyler Hoekendorf	December 23 Cassie Balasubramanian Jackson McCaw Scott Reber	December 30 George Brown Christine Kofeod Grace Mikkelson
December 8 Dave Lyjak Larry Robertson Brooke Stephan	December 16 Bev Balasubramanian Heather Bonneville Stacy Eskew Judy Hausfeld Jack Jacoby Ada Junge Eric Lange Jan Robertson		

The 2012
Flower Dedication
 Sign-Up Book is now available
 on the wooden table in
 the Fellowship Hall.





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

EVENING PEACE CIRCLE will meet for their annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 PM. at Nicole Winkler's home. For more information on this circle, please call Joy Schill, 770-977-5326.

GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE will meet next in January for their annual Epiphany Luncheon at 12:30pm on Jan. 8, location TBA. Call Jan Pomplun for more information at 404-422-5635.

TENDER LOVING CARE CIRCLE will meet next on, Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please note meeting date is one week earlier this month. For more information please call Judy Blackwell, 770-971-9079.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will continue their study from "Gather" magazine on Wednesday, **December 14th** at 10:00 AM in the Library. There will be a Salad Luncheon this month. For more information please call Faye Martin at, 770-427-1011.

RAINBOW QUILTERS will meet once this month, on Tuesday, **December 13th** at 10 AM in Room 7-8 in Room of the Education building. Call JoAnn Moore for more information at 770-509-1967.

THE W-ELCA BOARD will meet next on Tuesday, January 3 at 7pm in Room 7/8.

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

**Lutheran World Relief
Quilts**

Thank you to all the friends of the quilting group who donated material and supplies and a special thanks to those who gave of their time to make these beautiful quilts. Join them on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Educational Building to cut, design, iron, and sew. In December they will only meet once, December 13 at 10AM. (EB Room 7-8)

Box Tops for Education

We continue to collect **Box Tops for Education** for Faith Lutheran School. The labels are on the packages of many products including Campbell's soups, BIC Dry Erase Markers, Post Cereals, Pop Secret, & V8 Soups. The collection box is in the Library.

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 at Holy Trinity's annual women's Christmas event.

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 Backpack." 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 4th 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, December 12, 2011 10:00 A.M. Cost: \$15.00

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. Check with Marilyn Reardon for availability of this event, 678-445-0157.

In January:

The "Guys and Dolls" of East Cobb Senior Center will pleasure us with a special program of music - including some of our old favorites. Following the program we will have a Chick-fil-A sandwich and coleslaw lunch with desserts provided by the committee members.

Monday, January 9, 2012 10:00 A.M. Cost: \$8.00

Lutheran Student Movement

One of our members, Justin Plumley, has been elected as National Vice President for Regional Development for Lutheran Student Movement. Lutheran Student Movement (LSM) is a student-led, Christ-driven organization active at the local, regional, and national level created to promote the active participation of students in the life and mission of the Lutheran Church on their campuses, in their communities, and as individuals.

LSM has a local Atlanta Chapter meeting weekly on the Georgia Tech campus. Please let your college students and young adults know about this great ministry. Additional details will be available in the church office for anyone interested in participating."

HT Community Life

A Wish List for Adult Ministries & Activities in 2012

Below is a list of activities that have occurred at Holy Trinity in the past and need new leadership. See also some new activities that would be an enhancement to Holy Trinity and its congregation. If you have an interest in leading, co-leading or want to help in some way to get an idea going, please contact Gaye Markham or Nicole Winkler at the church office.

- Men's Ministry
- Health/Exercise Ministry
- Shawl Ministry
- Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University
- Ballroom Dance Class
- Do *YOU* have an idea??

Dates, times and schedules would be left up to the leader(s), as long as they represent a good, general time frame for maximum participation and consider church facility availability.

Year-End Contributions

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 2012 predated 2011, does not qualify as a deduction for 2011. Checks dated and postmarked 2011, but delivered via U.S. Mail in 2012, can be claimed as a deduction for 2011.

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 Karen Lind at 770-594-7369 before January 15th, 2012.



**What
IS
LSM??**



Financial Status Report

Effective October 31, 2011

	Budgeted	Received	Spent
October 2011	\$81,822.00	\$79,887.00	\$80,600.00
Year-to-Date	\$780,763.00	\$749,561.00	\$798,165.00

General Fund Balance as of October 31, 2011: \$ -61,601.00

Council President's Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to announce that the 2012 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church council has met and elected officers for the coming year. Erick Mikkelson has been elected President. I have had the pleasure knowing Erick for many years and I am glad to count him amongst my closest friends. Erick has a heart for and a dedication to service to Christ via Holy Trinity and the congregation will be in good hands under his leadership. David Fricke has been elected Vice President. David is a long time member of Holy Trinity and has been a dedicated member of many church committees and we will be well served with him helping Erick lead. Please join me in congratulating these two and all the leaders on the 2012 council. They have a big job ahead of them and I would ask that you join me in praying for them and a successful 2012.

A few weeks ago I stood in front of the congregation at all three services and informed you that Holy Trinity is in severe financial shape. In pastor Grunke's words; "we are broke." I appealed to you all to give as much as you can to help us through this time. Last night the 2011 and 2012 councils met to discuss the 2012 budget passed by the congregation in October. We agreed that the budget passed is achievable, but we absolutely must meet our commitments to 2011 and make up the deficits from past years. I wanted to put this in real terms for each family. To make up our deficit and finish 2011 whole, Holy Trinity needs to receive on average an additional \$355 per family over historical giving through the end of the year. I am asking that each family would give a Christmas gift to our Father's church and our church home so that we can make up the deficit we find ourselves in.

This is the last letter I will write to you as your Congregational President. In the New Year I plan to focus some of my energies on getting a Men's ministry up and running at Holy Trinity. I plan to start a men's "Beer and Bible Study" group to meet at a local Taco Mac beginning in January. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining this group.

I wish you all a very joyous Christmas season and a great 2012.

In His Service,
Jeff Plumley, Council President



Worship Attendance through November 19 / 20, 2011

	<u>5:30</u>	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>LOUD Svc</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>SCS</u>
10/29 - 10/30	87	136	235	-	458	117
11/5 - 11/6	79	111	209	14	413	117
11/12 - 11/13	96	113	146	-	355	98
11/19 - 11/20	71	117	208	-	396	75

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

Dear Holy Trinity,

My heartfelt "Thank You" to Pastor Grunke for the beautiful service for husband Daniel M. Lovich. Also, for the outstanding musicianship of Choir Director, Anne Murphy, Organist, Tim Young and voices of the Matins and Chancel Choirs. The Lovich family was comforted and touched by its messages of faith from scripture and song.

Greatly appreciated are the cards of comfort and memorials to the Sunday Music Ministry. How blessed to be a part of the Holy Trinity family.

In Christian Love,
Betty Lovich and Family

P.S. Dan's favorite Psalm, 146:2: *I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*

Dear Friends at Holy Trinity,

A GIANT thank you to Joy and Jim Schill, Ruth and Sam Miller, Bert and Stella Blenner, Vickie Crean, Sandy and Marc Tester, and Nancy Stoepplewerth for the set up and take down of our HT Music Cafe on November 12. A special thanks to Joy and Ruth for organizing everything from the start. Also I want to thank all those who baked our gourmet goodies. It was an awesome evening!

Dave Tester,
Saturday Worship Committee Chairperson



Monday School

Monday School will be taking off a few weeks through the holidays. They will start up again on Monday, January 9th at 9:30 am in the Upper Room with a book to be announced.

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.

Marcia's home was a fun place to be on November 10th . . . plus the food was delicious! **And now Sandra Williams has invited us to her home on Thursday, December 8th for a Christmas Lunch Bunch Gathering at 11:30 am. Please call Sandra (770-977-0680) by December 6th, to tell her you want to join us for some Holiday food and the loving spirit of Christmas . . . we welcome you with HUGS!**

Keep the second Thursday of each month marked for "The Lunch Bunch" ... It's lots of fun!!!

Church Council 2012

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 16, 2011, the following were elected to serve on the Congregational Council, beginning January 1, 2012:

Vickie Crean - Re-elected to a two-year term	Kevin Schwartz - Re-elected to a two-year term
Sabra Black - Two-year term	Annette Ranger - Two-year term
David Fricke - Two-year term	John Plumley - Two-year term
Richard Radke - Two-year term	Jeff Ragsdale - Two-year term
Garrison Black - One-year Youth Term	Patrick Boring - One-year Youth Term

They join those Council Members already serving:

Ann Nizzi, Craig Stack, Dave Tester, Erick Mikkelson

Thank you to the following whose term will be completed on December 31, 2011:

Sheila Zeigler, Tom Mathis, Roy Talledo, Mike Lind, Bill Hetherington, Jeff Plumley

Congratulations to our officers chosen to serve for the 2011 year:

Erick MikkelsonPresident	David FrickeVice-President
Nancy Stoepplewerth ...Secretary	TBATreasurer
Karen LindFinancial Secretary	Charley WalkerMemorial Fund Treasurer

Holy Trinity Staff

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Worship Schedule Through The New Year

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Saturday, December 24th

3:00 PM *Family Service with Holy Communion
Music by the Holy Trinity Praise Band*

8:00 PM *The Nativity of our Lord
Carols and Holy Communion with the King's Ringers with
Percussion & Flute*

11:00 PM *The Nativity of our Lord
Carols and Holy Communion with the Combined Choirs,
String Quartet & Flute*

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00 AM Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

Saturday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

5:30 PM Saturday Evening Praise Service

Sunday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

10:00 AM Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

