

**February
2012**

**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

**Saturday
5:30 PM**

**Sunday
8:15 & 11:00 AM**

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

(See back cover for
**Lenten Worship
and Supper Schedule**)

**Sunday School
for All Ages
and
Confirmation
9:40 AM**

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The Trumpet

Monthly Newsletter of
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

◀ **BACK TO THE FUTURE** ▶

2012 is going to be the year of Stewardship Education and Blessing Appreciation. The first part of this four-part endeavor is going to be led by your Pastors, and we are excited to share this ministry with you.

Together, as a congregation, we will read and discuss "Giving to God" by Mark Allan Powell. Copies are available in the Fellowship Hall. Purchase one and join us in the Sanctuary on Saturday night after worship or on Sunday morning between services. In this class we will unravel the essence of Biblical Stewardship, as well as discuss what this means for our personal lives and for Holy Trinity.

To conclude this part of our year-round Stewardship Program, we will be given an opportunity to determine the future ministry at Holy Trinity. At each worship service on Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4, we will be given an envelope containing two cards.

Card one will be a pledge card for those who have not yet made a financial commitment for 2012 with lines to make that commitment. The second card, a pink one, will be for those who have already pledged and all others. This card will be an opportunity for everyone to pledge an additional gift to God that will go toward paying down our debt from the last two years of economic struggle.

The envelopes will be collected and offered up to God. It is our prayer, as your Pastors, that we will be able to get "back to the future" of ministry at Holy Trinity and around the world. Our gifts will allow us to avoid the cuts to our 2012 budget in staff and programs that will greatly impact our ability to do what we believe God has called us here to do. Please pray about all God has given to you and all God could do through this great church! Together, through God's grace, WE CAN DO THIS!

In God's grace and peace,

Pastor G *Pastor B*

Congregational "Book Study" - A Six-Week Series

"Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life"

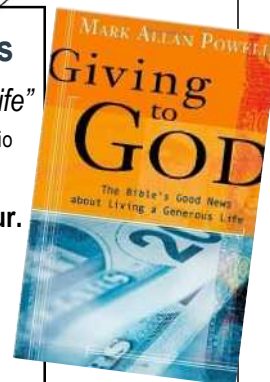
By Mark Allan Powell, Professor of New Testament, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

We'll meet each week for a discussion group led by the pastors in the sanctuary after Saturday night worship and during the Sunday School hour.

January 21/22: An Act of Worship January 28/29: An expression of Faith

February 4/5 : A spiritual discipline February 11/12: Faithful Living

February 18/19: Faithful Giving February 25/26: Support and Sacrifice



Time to Update for our 2012 Guide Book & Directory!

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFO

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 2012 Guide Book & Directory is correct.

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

BUSINESS ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Own a business in the local community?
You can reach people *right here* in our community...

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.

Thrivent® Builds
with Habitat for Humanity®
and
The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat



2012 Habitat for Humanity Build

We are excited to announce that our 22nd Habitat for Humanity Build began on January 28th for the Roberts Family. The build will be financially supported by Thrivent Builds (55%), Habitat NC Georgia (25%) and the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat (20%). The Lutheran Coalition is comprised of 12 local Lutheran Churches who have built Habitat Homes since 1994.

The home is located in Woodstock at 322 Village Chase. This is the same subdivision we built in last spring.

Information, Sign Up Sheets for Volunteers and Meal Providers will be located on the Habitat Ministry Table in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided each work day for the volunteers.

How can you participate?

Volunteer to provide sweat equity--in other words, pound a hammer!

No special skills needed--Habitat Supervisors direct, teach and coach you on every part of the build. Build days are Saturdays, we started on January 28 with the First Nail Ceremony and framing on the first floor that day. February 4, from 12-4:00PM is the next scheduled work date. **Check the Ministry Station for the full 2012 schedule.**

Volunteer to provide meals for the build volunteers. Holy Trinity is scheduled to provide lunch on February 4th and breakfast on April 21st. Contribute financial support. Each home requires approximately \$125K to pay for the property and materials. Habitat homeowners take on interest-free mortgage payments which fund future Habitat Homes.

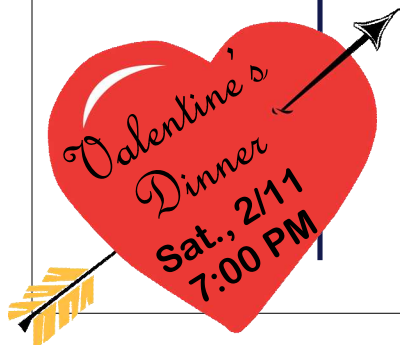
For more information contact:

Charlene Yde 770-928-9589 cbyde@yahoo.com

Phil Torchio 770-426-0939 torchio@weoga.com

Youth Fundraiser ~ Valentine's Dinner

Come out and support your youth and their upcoming trip to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering by enjoying a *Romantic Dinner* in the Upper Room on Saturday, February 11th at 7pm. Cost is \$30 per couple for a 3-course meal prepared and served by our youth. Reservations can be made at our Ministry Station, or by contacting Sabra Black at, htyouthmarietta@yahoo.com



Youth Fundraising

Rent-a-Youth

We are continuing their **Rent-a-Youth Fundraiser** through the spring and summer for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. Rent-a-Youth can do lawn work, painting, window cleaning, laundry, car washing, housework, and much, much more! To Rent-a-Youth please allow AT LEAST 2 weeks prior to the date you need the youth. Arrangements will then be made for 2+ youths to come and help. For payment we ask that you donate an amount appropriate for their work (at least minimum wage) by giving the Youth a CHECK made payable to HOLY TRINITY please write Rent-a-Youth on the memo line. For more info email, htyouthmarietta@yahoo.com



Children & Family Ministry

**Love is
in the
air!**



I hope you are planning some special events for your family and yourself. We have some things planned this month that can help with that. February 3rd we are having our First Family Movie Night in a long time. It will start at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room. The kids can wear their PJ's and bring a pillow and blanket or even a sleeping bag! We will have chairs for all our adult moviegoers and all the traditional treats. Popcorn, soft drinks, and candy, and it is all free for everyone to enjoy. We will take up a free will offering to off-set the cost of the evening. It is a fun environment and the price is right! Bring your family and friends to this great evening of fun. Everyone is invited. There is the annual Valentine Banquet for couples on Feb. 11th that our youth host. Be sure to sign up for these fun evenings and take some time with the people you love, or come and enjoy yourself as part of the family of Holy Trinity.

Our virtue for Feb. is Honor. This is such an important topic to focus on with our children. It will encourage them to live a life of honor and to understand what it means to honor people in their lives. "Honor your father and mother," is such an important verse in our Bible, it is included in the 10 Commandments. This is an amazing opportunity each month to have your child in an environment where it is fun and exciting and the Word of God is highlighted in a way that catches the attention of children. The leadership is awesome and committed to lead in a way that makes Bible truth a real understandable thing. Something they live out in their lives at home and school or wherever they find themselves. Make sure you get your children to UpStreet, it is during the Sunday School hour, from 9:40 - 10:40 am. Our team will be ready and willing to greet you. Hope to see you Sunday!

Our Preschool is an energetic event. We have wonderful leaders that love sharing Jesus and his love for children with the 3 and 4 year olds each week. They hear stories about people in the bible and do crafts as well as color and play games. It is focused on helping children know that Jesus loves them no matter what and that church is a place where the family of God comes to learn about the stories in the Bible. It will be a strong layer for your child in building their foundation of faith. We have greeters and they will help you sign in and get our security system in place for you and your child. We'll be looking for you!

Adults, there is a great opportunity for you to get time with our Pastors and hear their hearts. They are doing a book study all month. The book is "Giving to God," it is about Christianity as a lifestyle. Our sanctuary is the place to be for the next 4 weeks from 9:40- 10:40. The Nooma video series will take a break until March 4th to participate in this event. The Dead Sea Scrolls, Parenting class and Wired Word will continue meeting weekly, however all our leaders have stated that they want everyone that would like to attend these sessions to feel free to do so. They can return to their regular groups at the end of the series. Our Preschool and Children's classes will be at the regular time and child care for our infants and 2's will be available in our nursery. Our desire is for all these opportunities to be comfortably available to everyone at anytime. If you aren't plugged into a class, this is a great time to get started.

Hope to see you there. Gaye Markham



The envelope of the month for *February* is "Lutheran World Relief" which supports the ELCA's world-wide disaster response program. This envelope is for February 4-5, but can be used anytime during the month of February.



Holy Trinity's Stephen Ministry

Are you experiencing a "Winter" in your life?

Perhaps you've had a recent loss, medical diagnosis, or a financial set back? *You might benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister.*

For more information on our Stephen Ministry, please contact: Pastor Birkholz at the church office or Alice Rohrbach at 770-973-7205.

Saturday Worship

Hello 2012!

The year 2011 was eventful for our Saturday Service here at Holy Trinity. We are making plans to improve on that for 2012 with our word of the year - OUTREACH!

We have solidified our presence with our physical space by having the band and singers on "stage" every week. This produces better sound quality and keeps the congregation better engaged with the worship leaders.

We have not finalized our plans just yet, but here are some activities we have planned for 2012. Please mark them on your calendar, or look for actual dates:

- ** Easter Eve Service April 7
- ** Spring Pig Roast late April
- ** VBS Closing Program and Ice Cream Social June 16
- ** Oktoberfest Service on October 6
- ** 2nd Annual HT Music Café November 10
- ** Children's Christmas Program in December

Also we really could use more help with AV/Sound Technicians. We are short handed and another person or two would help relieve the few that we have. You will be trained on how to push buttons! Please contact Chas if you are interested.

Have you Reached Up, Reached Out, and Reached In? Come join us for the Good News and Cool Sounds on Saturday evenings at 5:30. All Are Welcome!!

Lighthouse Yard Sale

Holy Trinity's Lighthouse Mission Trip volunteers will be sponsoring our eighth annual YARD SALE in the church parking lot this spring on SATURDAY, APRIL 28th. We are hoping members of the congregation will support this fundraising by contributing items to sell. Each mission trip volunteer is required to raise \$750.00 to cover their room and board expenses for the week they attend; this money also contributes to covering the costs involved in sponsoring a family's attendance . . . approximately \$2500 per family for a retreat week. The Yard Sale will greatly help the volunteers fulfill their financial obligations and will also promote the financial opportunity for more families to attend this very special retreat. Watch for additional information about the YARD SALE . . . and please remember to save items for us as you begin your Spring Cleaning! **Thank you in advance for your support!**

(Questions? Call Julie Fesefeldt, Marcie Hoffman, or Alice Rohrbach)

Memorials & Gifts to Holy Trinity

A gift to Sunday Music Ministry in Memory of Sander Lee was received from: John & Elaine Luthy.

Gifts to Holy Trinity in Memory of William Baker were received from:

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| John & Diane Kelly | William & Marlene Hower |
| Brian & Maureen Puzey | Karl & Carol Guenther |
| John Jr. and John Sr. Floyd | Holly & Patrick Ballenger |

A gift to the Ano del Banyo program in honor of Anne Murphy and Tim Young was received from Joyce Miller.

Mark your calendar for our annual Lighthouse YARD SALE!! Saturday April 28th



Please make plans to attend Holy Trinity's Family Movie Night!

We'll meet in the Upper Room on Friday, Feb. 3rd at 7:00 PM. We will be watching *Kung Fu Panda II*

Sunday Worship in February


February 5
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
ELW Setting 3
with anthems for choirs by Mark Hayes and Robert Leaf.

February 12
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Liturgy for the Family of God with the offertory anthem by William Byrd.

February 19
Transfiguration of Our Lord
ELW Setting 1
with music at the offertory by Derek Hakes. The service concludes with the Liturgy for the Burial of the Alleluias.

February 26
Lent 1
ELW Setting 9 with the offertory anthem arranged by Raymond Haan.

Ash Wednesday
is
February 22
W-ELCA
Soup Supper
at 6:00 pm
Ash Wednesday
Service
at 7:30 pm
Wednesdays
in Lent
Services are
at 7:00 pm the
following dates:
2/29; 3/ 7,14,21,28.
Pre-service meal
starts at 6:00 pm in
the Upper Room.

 February 22 - Ash Wednesday, 7:30 pm
Schubert Mass with Jonathan Wright, violin and the choirs. Music for the combined choirs by Aaron Garber, Evelyn Larter and Lee Dengler.

Lent in 2012

Wednesday night Lenten services will offer a variety of formats focusing on ministry. The services will include:

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| February 29- <i>Ministry of Healing</i> | March 7- <i>Ministry of Stewardship</i> |
| March 14- <i>Ministry of Music</i> | March 21- <i>Ministry of Drama</i> |
| March 28- <i>Ministry of Prayer</i> | |

Watch our weekly publications for specific service information as details become available.

SCRIP

Thank you, Holy Trinity!!

During 2011, your participation in the SCRIP gift card program enabled Social Ministry and Saturday Worship to receive \$750 each (that is a 4.5% profit on cards purchased) to use in their various ministry projects. We are glad that we were able to offer this service to our members - making it convenient for you to purchase gift cards for your use, as well as for gifts (who doesn't like receiving gift cards?).

SCRIP Gift Card dates for February are:

Take Orders: February 4/5 --- Distribute Orders: February 11/12

Just in time for Valentines Day!!

Time Management for Today's World

This workshop is designed to transform your ability to manage your time by:

- inspiring motivation to learn to apply new productivity skills
- developing confidence to practice & implement your new capabilities
- delivering "techniques & tools" that enable you to achieve breakthrough results

It is for anyone willing to create enduring positive changes for a more productive, rewarding, and satisfying life. Course description overview: **Self Awareness**- learning about your own behavior is your best basis for improvement; **Self-development**- transform "overwhelmed & reactive" into "organized & proactive"; **Self-preservation**- prevent derailment and sustain momentum; **Self-implementation**- putting your ideas into practice.

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. For your convenience, four 3-hour sessions are available:

Friday, Feb. 24 - 2 Sessions - 9 AM - 12 PM
1 PM - 4 PM

Saturday, Feb. 25 - 2 Sessions - 9 AM - 12 PM
1 PM - 4 PM

Registration information TBA.

Contact, Doug Jones, facilitator, 678-777-7355, email him at doug@powerbd.com .

Or go to Doug's website: www.powerbd.com



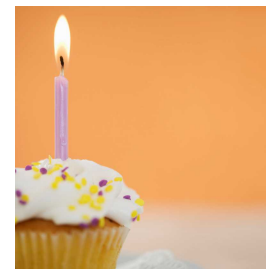
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Member Milestones

February Anniversaries

- February 4
 1961 - Sylvia & Vincent Exley
 1978 - Rick & Denise LaRosa
 1967 - Gloria & Steve Salkin
 45 years
- February 7
 1976 - Bob & Caron Goin
 1969 - Dick & Karen Nelson
- February 12
 1994 - Craig & Kathy Bergwall
- February 14
 1965 - Jerry & Shirley Gorley
- February 15
 1986 - Cindy & Dietmar
 Breitkreuz
 1986 - Kristi & Roger Hedges
- February 18
 1995 - Richard & Irene Murphy
 1978 - Richard & Sandy Radke
- February 21
 1987 - Jay & Allison Hagan
 25 years
 1980 - Larry & Jan Robertson
- February 23
 1963 - Ron & Margrit Hendricks
 1992 - Howard & Sally Olson
 20 years
- February 27
 1982 - Bill & Karen Van Buskirk
 30 years

Happy Birthday

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| February 1
Jillian Gunter
Denise Linehan
Ella Smith | February 12
Jimmy Buffington
Matt Nizzi | February 22
Holly Ballenger
George Navarrete |
| February 2
Jeffrey Aiken
Chelsey Harris
Rachel Lanquist
Kathy Orlando
Stephen Stark | February 13
Jody Fennell
Emma Moreno | February 23
Kevin Hendricks
Katie Klein
DeLaney Phillips
Rick Walls |
| February 3
Mallory Arnold
Meike Guengerodt | February 14
Betty Bachman
Monique Borgelt
William Fritsch
Ed Jenkins
Mike Lyjak | February 24
Dustin Breitkreuz
Jeff Dinkel
Doug Eyrich
Natalie Fennell
Debbie King
Rob Krenz |
| February 4
Kiley Anderson
Gary Paulo
Jaylynn Reddick
Ray Richardson
Jerry Sykora | February 15
Skip Chonka
Pat Lundborg | February 25
Kim Allen
Beverly Baker
Debbie Benson
Susan Burch
Judi Chambers
Kristin Chonka
Belva Walker |
| February 5
Curt Barringer
Max Hess
Courtney Hinkson
Marilyn Reardon
Phil Torchio | February 16
Gail Carone
Amanda Medrow
Teensy Weldon | February 26
Christine Fritsch
Holly Stoup |
| February 7
Mark Hinkson
Sybil Hudacko
Jason Moore | February 17
Susan Cato
Trudy Kraemer
Mark Patterson
Sanders Ragsdale | February 27
Gary Cantelmo
Michelle Pursley |
| February 8
Marty Moore | February 18
Sylvia Exley
Lois Pardue
Wilma Poll | February 28
Pattie Burwick |
| February 9
Jackie Bruce
Steve Gibbon
James Goodin
Rhonda Mathews
Marion Moody
Lauren Phillips | February 19
Laura Parker
Anna Rose Schoenecker
Casey Stephan
Travis Turnbeaugh | |
| February 10
Matthew Fuentes
Luc Harris | February 20
Lucas McCaw
Elizabeth Vititoe | |
| | February 21
Chuck Borysiak
Angel Meza
Joyce Miller
Suzanne Noble | |



What *is* this symbol?? It is a QR Code. You've probably seen it recently on advertisements and merchandise packaging. It will be placed on the back page of **The Trumpet** and on various other Holy Trinity publications. For those people with phones that can read this symbol, it will take them directly to our website where they can quickly find additional information about **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**.



W-ELCA Circles

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

EVENING PEACE CIRCLE will meet on Monday, Feb. 13 at 7:00 PM. in the Library. Program TBA. For more information on this circle, please call Joy Schill, 770-977-5326.

GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE will meet next on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 PM. They will continue their book study of *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, Feb. 21st at 7:00 PM. They will be putting together *Net Corsages to Fight Malaria*. For more information please call Judy Blackwell, 770-971-9079.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will continue their study from "Gather" magazine on Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 10:00 AM in the Library. They will have a brown bag lunch. For more information please call Faye Martin at, 770-427-1011.

RAINBOW QUILTERS will meet on Tuesday, February 14th at 9AM & Monday, February 27th at 7PM 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, February 7 at 7:00pm in Room 6.

*Please contact
President, Nicole Winkler,
(770-565-6635), or
Leigh Lyjak, Vice-president,
(770-578-4627)
for information.*

W-ELCA News

Mark Your Calendar . . .

W-ELCA Upcoming Events:

February 21st - 7:00 PM
Net corsage assembly,
ELCA Malaria Campaign
Fundraiser.

February 22nd - 6:00 PM
Ash Wednesday Soup and
Sandwich Supper

March 11th - Hunger Walk

March 18th - Bold Women's
Day, Women & Money
Thrivent presentation &
luncheon

April 14th - Spring Cluster
meeting in Columbus, GA

Quilting Continues . . .

Can you cut in a straight line? Do you have an artistic flair? Do you enjoy sewing?

If you can do any of these things, we need YOU. The quilters meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in Room 7/8 of the Educational Building to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Ash Wednesday

Soup & Sandwich Supper

Meet your Holy Trinity Family on Wednesday, February 22nd starting at 6:00 PM in the Upper Room. Choose from a variety of home-made soups, grilled cheese sandwiches, and desserts. Don't miss this annual event before the Ash Wednesday Service. Fill in the meal reservation portion on the back side of the Member & Guest Worship Card. Payment will be accepted at the door.

Fair Trade News

Fair Trade Coffee AND New Items are Back!!! We have some exciting new coffee items and have brought back some old favorites such as: Organic French Roast, Café Salvador, Organic Mind Body & Soul, Love Buzz and more. Also, . . . new delicious soup mixes, and . . . chocolate, all types, will be for sale.

By purchasing Fair Trade Coffee and other items at our monthly sale you are helping **Lutheran World Relief** educate and help the farmers become self-sufficient and make the world a better place. The Bonus is you get some great coffee!

Watch the HT calendar, Week to Week and Weekly email for our upcoming sale dates.

Hunger Walk/Run 2012

It's time for Hunger Walk 2012! Last year, our congregation had a record number of participants and our highest ever contribution of over \$3,000. We would love to keep this trend going with your help this year, too. All proceeds collected through Hunger Walk/Run remain in our communities. Also, a percent of all funds we raise come back to us to fund our other hunger-fighting programs such as Blessings in a Backpack.

What: 5K Walk/Run through downtown Atlanta to benefit hunger relief efforts in our communities

When: Sunday, March 11, 2012

-12:00 Park Opens/Event Registration Begins

-2:00 5K Walk/Run

-4:00 Park Closes

Come early to enjoy entertainment, food and games before the races begin.

Where: Green Lot at Turner Field. We will meet by the Lutheran Services of Georgia tent. All walkers and runners are encouraged to park in the Turner Field Blue Lot

Why: In Georgia 27.9 percent of children live in poverty -- that's more than 700,000 children under age 18.

Who: Everyone is invited to participate. Event is family-friendly for all ages.

How: Join our Holy Trinity team at <http://acfb.convio.net/goto/htlcteam> or sign up at our ministry station. If you raise \$25 you will receive a free event t-shirt. If you are unable to attend the event, you can still go to the web site above and donate to this worthy cause. Starting in February, we will also have a ministry station setup for cash or check donations (checks should be payable to Hunger Walk/Run). Finally, you can help us by spreading the word and recruiting your co-workers, friends and family to join, too. Participate, donate and spread the word! Thank you!

For more information contact: Mirna Lee, 770.456.5748



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Young at Hearts - Upcoming Activities

Monday, February 13, 2012

10:00 A.M. Cost: \$8.00

The "Sounds of Sinatra," featuring the song artist Bill Gleson will bring back memories of one of our favorite singers of stage and screen for those Young at Hearts and guests attending. The lunch will be Publix fried chicken (two mixed pieces per person) plus potato salad, along with side casseroles and desserts again provided by the committee.



Photo from 1/9/12 Guys & Dolls performance.

Monday, March 12, 2012 10:00 A.M. Cost: \$10.00

Book writer and inspirational speaker, Kathy Brunner, will present a program under the title of "One More Serving." You will find her presentation keeping your attention. And, the lunch will get your attention as well. It is a catered Lasagna meal, topped off by a homemade banana pudding. April Bus Tour reservations should be paid for today.

Cobb County Thrivent Chapter

As the country's largest fraternal benefit society, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans does much more than offer financial services. Thrivent offers programs and outreach opportunities where members can connect with each other, learn new things, and help their communities and congregations. Thrivent ChoiceSM is a giving program that offers two ways members can recommend how Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funds. In 2011 Thrivent members directed more than \$14, 000 to Holy Trinity! All that money went into our general fund. Other monies were directed to Lutheran Services of Georgia (\$22,725), GA Tech Campus Ministries (\$2,693), and Lutheridge & Lutherock Ministries (\$62,938).

If you know of any ministries that need matching funds this year, please contact Cobb County Thrivent board members Bob Manly, Karen Lind, Kathy Seraphine, Bonnie Garrett, and Ann Nizzi. Contact Mary Peterson if you are interested in becoming a Thrivent member.

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
- Prayer 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 church facility availability is considered.

✓ Indicates we've identified leaders for these activities! . . . watch for details as they become available. ✓

Let's Do Lunch Bunch

For All Women of the Church.

Along with eating extremely delicious food at Alice's home, there were some very interesting conversations going on at the tables ... flavors of ice cream, books read, and family stories shared. We all left with smiles on our faces and feeling that no one needed to eat dinner that night! Our next Lunch Bunch gathering will be at JoAnn Moore's home on Thursday, February 9th at 11:30 am. Just call JoAnn at 770-509-1967 by February 7th and she will promise you second helpings and warm hugs! We hope that you can join us! Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of every month . . . mark your calendars now and plan to join us in 2012!



Financial Status Report

Effective December 31, 2011

	Budgeted	Received	Spent
December 2011	\$128,156.00	\$163,595.00	\$74,404.00
Year-to-Date	\$985,812.00	\$983,349.00	\$947,518.00

General Fund Balance as of December 31, 2011: \$ 10,310.00

Council President's Update

In my work, I travel internationally and have developed some really good friends overseas. One of the things that they comment on is how much Americans talk about the things they bought and the shopping they have done. I never know quite how to respond to that, but it does make me think about what defines us.

Another thing that I have been asked about while travelling is the TV show "Extreme Makeover: Home addition" the questions are never about the people who need help or how they managed to build the home in a week. The questions are about all of the volunteers and where they came from... and why? Finally, they want to know if this is real or just a TV stunt.

When this conversation comes up, I do know how to respond. This is something that is real that we can all be proud of. As Americans we love to help. As a church family we are very good at it. When discussing this, I talk about the opportunities that I have had doing the exact same kinds of things - only NOT on TV.

Through Holy Trinity;

- I have worked to build homes through Habitat for Humanity and as part of the National Youth Gathering
- I have built shelves and stocked them with food, not to mention serving meals, at M.U.S.T.
- We have clothing drives and food drives to help feed and clothe the poor
- We have fundraisers to help the sick, like **The Hot Lips Hustle** and the **Lighthouse Mission Trip** yard sale that benefits children with cancer and their families

In short, I am very proud to have had the opportunities, as part of the Holy Trinity family, to serve the community. I like to think that this is what defines us!!

See you in Church, Erick Mikkelson



Worship Attendance through January 21/22

12/24:	3:00 - 310		8:00 - 412		11:00 - 344	Total	1066
12/25	10:00 AM - 61		12/31 5:30 PM - 63		1/1/12 10:00 AM - 136		
	<u>5:30</u>	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>LOUD Svc</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>SCS</u>	
1/7 - 1/8	125	120	264	17	526	113	
1/14 - 1/15	87	102	232	-	421	93	
1/21 - 1/22	82	107	238	23	450	118	

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

To my Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support during this difficult time. The banner the children made me put a big smile on my face and that is always a good thing. God bless you all.

Love, Janet Stratton

To the members of Holy Trinity,

Thank you for all the support of the Christmas Angel Tree. We collected 105 gifts for the foster children in Cobb County. Since there were people who didn't have the opportunity to participate this year, we have decided to request even more names for next year.

Your Social Ministry Committee.

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your donation of \$494.00 towards our Domestic Violence Program.

Your donations are used to provide vital services to those who have nowhere else to turn, including Domestic Violence Shelter and transitional housing, child therapy, and counseling. All services provided are focused on the goal of recovery and a violence-free life.

Holly Comer,

CEO & Executive Director, YWCA of Northwest Georgia

Evangelism in the Age of Technology

In **Matthew 28**, Jesus tells the disciples **"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."**. We, as members of the church, are charged by Jesus to spread the word. We have two wonderful pastors who help us understand the Word every Saturday and Sunday. We have an awesome Christian education program for all ages. Our church is engaged in the community in a variety of ways. We just held our 3rd annual Oktoberfest event to engage our community. We know that if we can get people to visit us, they will like what they see.

And yet, membership in most churches is flat or falling. Our society is moving away from the church. How can we do more to spread God's word? We talk to people in grocery stores, restaurants, at work, and in shopping malls, but many of us are uncomfortable having these conversations with strangers.

We, as a society in this age of technology, are very comfortable with email, Facebook, Twitter. Holy Trinity has an active presence on the internet. We have a constantly updated website, publishing news about our congregation and beyond. We have an active Facebook site, sharing the same messages to another audience and now sharing video replays of our sermons.

Our Facebook site now reaches a potential 26,268 people. That's with 104 people who have connected to our Facebook site. Can you imagine how many more we can reach if we have 200 regular visitors? What we ask of you is simple.

Link to our Facebook site (<http://www.facebook.com/holytrinitymarietta>) "Like" or "Share" our postings, videos, etc as often as you can. Make comments on our postings as often as you can

That's it! Just by doing one or more of the above steps, you will help increase our reach and ability to spread God's word. Our Evangelism efforts are ongoing and we need everyone to be an evangelist. The time-tested methods of personal interaction are always the best. However, let's not fear the new technology. Let's use it to augment our evangelism efforts.

Roy Talledo, 2011 Evangelism Representative to the Council

AARP Tax Prep Again at Holy Trinity

Members of the AARP will prepare Income Tax returns here in the Fellowship Hall of Holy Trinity. They will be here each Thursday starting February 2 through Thursday, April 12. The hours are from 9:30am - 2:30 pm.

No appointments will be taken. You must bring your Social Security card or Social Security statement. Dependents must also provide their SS card.

Please bring a check for account information if you want your refund to be direct deposited into your checking account. This will provide the necessary routing information.

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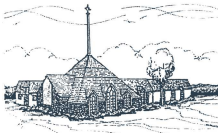
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SCHEDULE



Wed, Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday:
W-ELCA Soup & Sandwich Supper, 6:00 pm
Worship Service, 7:30 pm

Wednesdays in Lent:
February 29; March 7, 14, 21, 28:
Supper, 6:00 pm, Upper Room
Worship Service, 7:00 pm

Sat., Mar. 31 & Sun, Apr. 1 Palm Saturday/Sunday

Thurs., Apr. 5 Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm

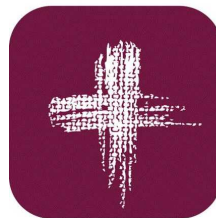
Friday, Apr. 6 Good Friday, 8:00 pm

Sat. & Sun, Apr. 7/8 Easter Services

Ash Wednesday at Holy Trinity

On February 22nd, our W-ELCA organization will host the annual Soup and Sandwich Supper starting at 6:00 PM in the Upper Room.

Cost: Adults - \$6.00
Children under 10 - \$3.75
Children Under 3 - Free



Following the Soup Supper, at 7:30 PM we will hold our Ash Wednesday service. The service includes the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. It will be a Schubert Mass with Jonathan Wright, violin and the choirs.