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trinity lutheran church
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Our Mission

*"Our Mission is to proclaim
the gospel of Jesus boldly, to
praise God fully, and to serve
others joyfully!"*



Statement of Purpose

*Trinity Lutheran Church
exists to bring people to a
saving faith in Jesus and into
the fellowship of His family in
order that they may mature in
their Christian walk as they
are equipped for ministry
within the church and a life of
service to the world which
glorifies God.*



*Trinity Lutheran is a
member of The Lutheran
Church—Missouri Synod*

WELCOME VISITORS: Visitors, Welcome to Trinity Lutheran! We are honored to have you as guests in the house of the LORD. It is our prayer that you will find the worship meaningful and our people friendly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Information packets are available as well as tours of the facility. Also, take advantage of Trinity's world famous snacks and coffee after the service. It is our prayer that we will see you again soon. If you are interested in joining Trinity, please call the church office at 706-546-1280 for membership information.

◆ NEWS FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ◆

HIGHLIGHTED THIS WEEK

2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES: A directory draft can be found on the sign-up table in the Gathering Room. Please look over your info and note any changes that need to be made. If there are no changes needed please initial so I know the info is correct. Deadline for corrections is Sunday, January 31st.

PHOTO UPDATES FOR 2010 DIRECTORY: If you would like to have your family photo added to or updated in the church directory please contact Shashana Reinking at 706-546-1280 or sreinking@trinity-athens.org. The deadline for updates is Sunday, February 14.

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE IN THE GATHERING ROOM: If you have any questions or discrepancies on your statement, please contact Church Administrator, Jan Harmon at 706-546-1280 Ext. 2 or jharmon@trinity-athens.org

AN ASSIMILATION TEAM is being formed to help integrate new and existing members into service within the church. We need 2 or 3 people to help

with assimilation. If you enjoy meeting and talking to new members then please consider joining our team. All you need is a willing spirit and we'll teach you the rest! For more information please contact Kelly Clinosky at 724-462-3294 or clinosky1040@charter.net.

MEMBER CARE/ALMS FUND: Trinity's member care/alms fund supports members who are in need. The funds were depleted during the holiday season and need to be replenished. Please prayerfully consider giving to this fund. Earmark checks member care/alms fund in the subject line and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

TRINITY LEARNING CENTER: Our Trinity Learning Center children will be attending the 11:00 a.m. service this Sunday to sing for us under the direction of Melissa Fowler. Welcome TLC families!!

HAPPENINGS AROUND TRINITY

FIRST QUARTER NEW MEMBER CLASS. . . . is starting on Sunday, February 7th after the 11:00 a.m. service. A lunch will be provided. All people interested in joining Trinity are encouraged to attend. The first class session encompasses Lutheran doctrine. The second session scheduled for February 14th is spiritual gifts assessment and new member orientation. New Member Sunday is February 21st where we publicly welcome our new members during the 11:00 a.m. service and new member reception. Membership Application forms and a sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room. For more information, contact Jan Harmon in the church office.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! Again this year our local Thrivent Chapter is sponsoring the Souper Bowl for Caring event on **February 7th**, Super Bowl Sunday. Souper Bowl of Caring is a national effort designed to encourage people to donate cans of food and/or monetary that will be given to the local food bank. Please consider bringing cans of food or making a monetary donation. There will be a special table set up in the gathering area on February 7th to place any donations. Thanks in advance to all who give.

PRAYER PARTNERS: Next meeting, **Saturday, February 6th, 9:00 a.m.** Gathering Room. The session will discuss Chapters 7 and 8 of Partners in Prayer and begin laying the groundwork for taking the prayer partner ministry from study to reality.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION NEWS

NEW CIRCLES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES!!!

The Katy Club, as in Luther's Katy, will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. The group will select different books on topics of interest to read between meetings, then come together for discussion. The first book selected is: *A Theology to Live By: The Practical Luther for the Practicing Christian*, by Herman A. Preus. This book assumes that Luther's doctrine, however "abstract" some might consider parts of it to be, is practical in its entirety. The initial/organizational meeting is the Tuesday, February 2nd. All ladies interested should attend, or contact Bree Joiner, so sufficient books may be ordered.

The Tuesday Afternoon Study Group (name pending) meets at 1:00 p.m. The current study is Beth Moore's *Breaking Free: Making Liberty in Christ a Reality in Life*. Based on Isaiah 61:1-4, this in-depth bible study draws parallels between the captive Israelites and today's believers. This study will run through March 30th. It's not too late to join! Contact person: Patsy Aamoth

TLC Sow & Sews will meet this Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to sort fabrics and begin cutting and piecing squares for quilts for Lutheran World Relief. More information on LWR quilts and relief kits will be coming soon. Other projects for this year include: wall hangings for Gathering Room, processional banner for Easter, and two quilts for the Reformation Festival. Meeting days, time and location vary. Contact person: Brenda Malueg

Upcoming Events:

NE Georgia Zone Spring Rally, Saturday, April 17th, All Saints, Blairsville
Quarterly Tea for Spring: Sunday, May 23rd, 3:00 p.m. Gathering Room
FL/GA District Convention, October 1-3, Gainesville, FL

FROM OUR DCLG

PRAYERS NEEDED: Our Father gave His only Son to die for you and me. Many in our congregation have sons and daughters ready to do the same thing for our freedom. When you see the yellow ribbons tied to our trees out front, please say a prayer for our young men and women who are serving our country. If you have a family member serving in the military, please let us know so that we can send them periodic CARE packages and cards and encouragement.

ADULT EDUCATION/SUNDAY SCHOOL

PARENTING CLASS: A class on parenting is held in the TLC building following Sunday school opening. They are covering topics involving all stages of parenting from infants through the teenage years. The class will be reading and discussing the book “Parenting isn’t for Super Heroes” by David Clarke.

A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT FOR MY PATH (Ps 119:105): Every Sunday we gather for an Adult Bible Study to read and dive deep into the lectionary readings for the week. The time is spent in lively discussion of the Psalm, Old Testament reading, Epistle lesson or the Gospel for that Sunday on the church calendar. Come and participate, or just listen (Romans 10:17). So if you’re looking for a little more ‘illumination’ on the path that you are taking, come study God’s Word with us. We will be blessed to have you join us. The class is held in the TLC building during the Sunday School hour. Listen for the music.....you’ll find the room!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: You are invited to attend Pastor Heller’s Adult Bible Class on discipleship. This is a 10 week course, held every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall, beginning on February 7th.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE GATHERING ROOM FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY. There is something for everyone to participate in during our Sunday worship services. **PLEASE SIGN-UP TODAY.** Thank you.

YOUTH NEWS

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY/SUPER BOWL PARTY: The February youth group meeting will be on Sunday, February 7th. The evening will begin with a short meeting/devotion at 5:30pm, followed by Super Bowl Fun, at Tony & Jerilyn Smith’s home. Everyone please bring a snack and a 2-liter soda to share. Trinity’s youth group is open to grades 6 -12. We hope all will join us. For more info please contact Shashana Reinking at 706-546-1280 or sreinking@trinity-athens.org.

CANS! CANS! CANS! The Youth Group asks that the congregation donate their aluminum cans for recycling in order to raise money for their youth program. Cans may be left in the old garbage bin on the back side of the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall for pick-up. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT THE CANS IN THE GRAY FENCED AREA NOT IN THE RECYCLING CANS.** Thank You.

MILITARY ADDRESSES

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MAT PLT Co. D, 1/81st Ar(USMC)
3576 Wilson Road
Fort Knox, KY 40121-5728

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

✦ **BIRTHDAYS:** 1/26: Harry Thomas; 1/27: Sandra Hammonds 1/31: Daniel Pirkel; 2/1: Robert Erb; 2/1 Don Schneider; 2/2: Ruthann Rodekohr; 2/4: Betty Stokes; 2/5: John Jackson

✦ **ANNIVERSARIES:** 2/1: Thomas and Candace Watts;

PRAYERS

Today in worship we lift up the following people. Please keep them in your prayers too.

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| ✦ Abby Wilson , grand-niece of Al & Judi Krumnow, lung cancer | ✦ Sue Tolbert , Dot Smith's sister, cancer |
| ✦ Joan Cullinan , healing from issues caused by diabetes. | ✦ Laurie Bunker , healing |
| ✦ Larry Sanford , healing | ✦ Pastor John Huenniger , friend of Tom Ayer, recovery from stroke |
| ✦ Michael & Sandra Hammons , healing | ✦ Mary Ann Stewart , under hospice care |

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Second Lieutenant, Ian Ensley, US Army; Craig Kriesel, US Marine Corp; Scott Coulter, US Army

WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Today:	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	<i>Worship Services (Nursery provided)(coffee fellowship after services) 11:00 a.m. – TLC Children Sing</i>
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Opening
	1:00 p.m.	Altar Guild Training
Monday:	6:00 p.m.	Board of Church Property
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Service
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.	Sow & Sews
	10:15 a.m.	Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Gathering Room
	7:00 p.m.	Long Range Planning Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Katy Club
Wednesday:	10:15 a.m.	Chapel
Thursday:	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Partners
	12 – 4 p.m.	TLC Parent Training in Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday:	<i>8:30 & 11:00 a.m. worship services (Nursery provided)(coffee fellowship after services) 9:45 a.m. Sunday school opening Thrivent Souper Bowl Sunday 12:30 p.m.- New Member Class 2:30 p.m.- Veeder Small Group 5:30 p.m.-Youth Group</i>	

Please contact Church Secretary, Shashana Reinking (706) 546-1280 Ext. 1, for any additions to the church calendar.

Koinonia Small Group Meeting Times

- Fellowship (Raschke)**
2nd and 4th Wed. 7:30 – 9:00 PM
- L.A.F.F (Veeder)**
1st and 3rd Sun. 2:30 – 4 PM
- McCaskey**
2nd and 4th Tue 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Jones**
2nd and 4th Sun. 4:30 – 6:00 PM

SERVING IN WORSHIP

THIS WEEK	SUNDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
MESSAGE:	Pastor David R. Heller	
ELDERS:	David Triplett Cliff Kachur (cc)	Eric Bunker Paul Orr (cc)
HEAD USHER:	Harry Bufford	Bill Malueg
USHERS:	Don Schneider	Tony Smith
MUSIC:	Tom Ayer	
ACOLYTES:	Matthew Lambert	Wayde Smith
READERS:		John Semley
CHILDREN'S CHURCH		
FELLOWSHIP TIME:	The Johnston family	Mary Ann & John Semley
ALTAR GUILD:	Elders	
ALTAR FLOWERS:	<p><i>The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sandi Schmidt in memory of Cleal & Arlene Swagler & Jo Ann & Chuck Thorne in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary.</i></p>	
NEXT WEEK	SUNDAY	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
SERMON:	Rev. David Heller	
ELDERS:	Pat Mccaskey Harry Bufford (cc)	Tom Watts Sam Earley (cc)
HEAD USHER:	David Triplett	Bill Malueg
USHERS:	Harry Bufford Don Schneider	Eric Bunker Paul Orr
MUSIC:	Tom Ayer	
ACOLYTES:	Matthew Lambert	NEED VOLUNTEER
READERS:	Kristin Schmidt	Eric bunker
FELLOWSHIP TIME:	The Garrett, Golub & Repass Families	The Garrett, Golub, & Repass Families
ALTAR GUILD :	Brenda Malueg & Pam Kickbush	
ALTAR FLOWERS:	<p><i>The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Myrtle LaHullier in memory of husband, Paul and daughter, Sandra.</i></p>	

FINANCIAL & WORSHIP REPORTS

GENERAL FUND	2010		2009	
	January 24th		January 23rd	
SERVICE	<i>Attnd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>	<i>Attnd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>
Sunday 8:30	79			
Sunday 10:00	108			
Sunday 11:00				
TOTALS	187	\$2,176.00	171	\$2,923.00
<i>(Preceding Week)</i>	January 17th		January 18th	
SERVICE	<i>Attnd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>	<i>Attnd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>
Sunday 8:30			91	
Sunday 11:00	170		115	
TOTALS	170	\$3,615.00	206	\$1,854.00

Simply Giving for Month \$12,875.62

December		
	Month	Y-T-D
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 39,358	\$ 395,195
TLC Full Time	\$ 52,744	\$ 600,592
TLC Preschool	\$ 5,341	\$ 45,500
TOTAL	\$ 97,443	\$ 1,041,287
EXPENSES	\$ 83,294	\$ 1,035,854
BALANCE	\$ 14,149	\$ 5,433

TLC AND PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND RULES REVIEWED: Trinity is certainly blessed to have a wonderful playground associated with our TLC and all of us want to assure the playground is as safe as possible for all children to enjoy. Church members are welcome to use the playground on Sundays (and anytime the day care is not in session) Please follow the following guidelines:

1. All riding toys should be parked off the sidewalks and next to the buildings
2. All sand toys should be in sand box with cover placed snugly over sandbox
3. Playhouse appliances should be left clean of mulch or sand in playhouse and sand and/or mulch if brought in mistakenly should be cleaned out of playhouse
4. Sand should not be removed from sandbox - if any on slides or other equipment - needs to be removed and placed back in sand box
5. All gates should be closed and securely locked (monitor this at all times)
6. Safety check of playground to make sure nothing is left that would pose a choking hazard or items left that would be a danger to any age child (upon entering and leaving the playground)



HAITI EARTHQUAKE Emergency Alert

BACKGROUND

A 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on Tuesday, January 12. The quake struck 10 miles from the capital city of Port-au-Prince, toppling the presidential palace and leaving homes in ruins. Powerful aftershocks, some as strong as 5.9 in magnitude, continued throughout the night and into the morning. Reports of injuries and death tolls are still unknown due to communication problems. But thousands are feared to be dead, while many more remain trapped in collapsed buildings. Their homes destroyed, people are in the streets with nowhere to go.

The poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti is prone to natural

disasters and ill-equipped to respond to such disasters. In 2008, the country was battered by four successive tropical storms and hurricanes that flooded the island, destroyed crops, and left thousands homeless. The United States has pledged its full support to Haiti, dispatching emergency response teams to help with search and rescue efforts. This earthquake is the most powerful to strike Haiti in more than 200 years.



LWR IS RESPONDING

The coming days are critical as teams dispatch to Haiti to conduct search and rescue efforts. Lutheran World Relief is responding to the affected communities through its partners on the ground in Haiti. LWR anticipates a large response. Every dollar donated to this life-saving effort is critical to providing the necessary emergency support to the people of Haiti.

PLEASE HELP by making a donation to the Haiti Earthquake fund. LWR accepts donations by phone at 800-LWR-LWR-2, online at lwr.org or by mailing a check or money order to:

Lutheran World Relief
Haiti Earthquake
P.O. Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21298-9832.



Your gift will be used for the Haiti relief efforts until needs there are met. After that, further gifts will be used to help LWR respond where the need is greatest. Please also consider making an unrestricted donation which will enable LWR to respond quickly to the next emergency.



