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trinity lutheran church
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
THE FIFTH 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

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL: *"Helping parents of preschool age children establish a foundation of faith and learning."* Registration is now open for the 2010-2011 school year half day preschool program (9:00am - 12:00pm) for ages 2, 3, and 4. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.trinity-athens.org. If you are interested in a tour, information about our curriculum or have questions you may contact Shannon Veeder, Preschool Administrator at sveeder@trinity-athens.org or 706-546-8081.

STEPHEN MINISTRY IS YOUR MINISTRY: It is an important way we at Trinity care for one another. Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet

weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists. If you know someone who is facing difficulties, suggest that they request Stephen Ministry. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you! For more information, contact one of the Stephen Leaders: Tom Ayer (770) 656-9312, Sally Willard (678) 234-6787, Dave or Ann McDowell (706) 559-7345.

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.

HAPPENINGS AROUND TRINITY

NEW MEMBER CLASS/SUNDAY: If you are interested in joining Trinity Lutheran Church, New Member Classes start today after the 11:00 a.m. service. Today's class is Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Doctrine and next Sunday the 14th will emphasize spiritual gifts and new member orientation. The class is held in the Fellowship Hall and lunch will be served. Trinity will hold New Member Sunday on **Sunday, February 21st**. Trinity will publicly receive our new members at the 11:00 a.m. service. A "welcome new member" reception will follow.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! Again this year our local Thrivent Chapter is sponsoring the Souper Bowl for Caring event today, **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.

LENTEN SEASON BEGINS: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. Trinity will hold a mid-day service at 11:30 a.m. and an evening service at 7:00 p.m. There will be no meals on Ash Wednesday. Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 24th through Wednesday, March 24th We will hold a mid-day service at 11:30 a.m. and an evening service at 7:00 p.m. The mid-day services will be followed by a potluck lunch. The evening services will be preceded by dinner hosted by the church boards at 6:00 p.m.

CHOIR TO PERFORM: The Concordia High School Choir from Ft. Wayne, Indiana will be performing in a concert at Trinity on **Friday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m.** There is a group of 62 students and 4 adults who will need overnight housing

on Friday. They will depart for their next concert on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. If you can host some of this group please sign-up on the sheet in the gathering room or contact the church office.

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. 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. each Tuesday. 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 Monday, Feb. 8th 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.

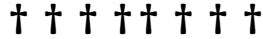
YOUTH NEWS

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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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

✦ **BIRTHDAYS:** 2/7: Anthony Thornton; 2/9: Alexia Watson; 2/11: Aron Cooper; Bethany Ensley; Michael Hammonds; 2/12: Bill Sunderland; Tanis Saldivar

PRAYERS

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

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

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</i> <i>(Nursery provided)(coffee fellowship after services)</i> <i>Thrivent Souper Bowl Sunday</i>
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Opening
	12:30 p.m.	New Member Class
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting/Super Bowl Party
Monday:	9:00 a.m.	Sow & Sews
	12:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
	6:30 p.m.	Board of Governors
Tuesday:	10:15 a.m.	Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Gathering Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
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.	Evangelism Meeting
Saturday - Monday		Youth Winter Retreat
Next Sunday:		<i>8:30 & 11:00 a.m. worship services</i> <i>(Nursery provided)(coffee fellowship after services)</i> <i>9:45 a.m. Sunday school opening</i> <i>12:30 p.m. - New Member Class</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	
	<i>8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>
MESSAGE:	Pastor David R. 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	
READERS:	Kristin Schmidt	Eric Bunker
CHILDREN'S CHURCH		
FELLOWSHIP TIME:	The Garrett, Golub, & Repass Families	The Garrett, Golub, & Repass Families
ALTAR GUILD:	Brenda Malueg & Pam Kickbush	
ALTAR FLOWERS:	<i>The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Myrtle LaHullier in loving memory of her husband Paul and her Daughter, Sandra Von Zamft</i>	
NEXT WEEK	SUNDAY	
	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
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HEAD USHER:	David Triplett	Bill Malueg
USHERS:	Gary Smith Don Schneider	Eric Bunker Paul Orr
MUSIC:	Tom Ayer	
ACOLYTES:		
READERS:	Melissa Fowler	Jasmine Thomas
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FINANCIAL & WORSHIP REPORTS

GENERAL FUND	2010		2009	
	January 31st		February 1st	
SERVICE	Attnd.	Giving	Attnd.	Giving
Sunday 8:30	87		61	
Sunday 11:00	151		96	
TOTALS	224	\$5,195.00	157	\$9,003.00
(Preceding Week)	January 24th		January 25th	
SERVICE	Attnd.	Giving	Attnd.	Giving
Sunday 8:30	79			
Sunday 10:00			171	
Sunday 11:00	108			
TOTALS	187	\$2,176.00	171	\$2,923.00

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

Haiti Relief

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will add \$1 to every \$2, up to a total Thrivent Financial contribution of \$1 million, when our members donate to one of the following:

Lutheran World Relief,
ELCA Disaster Response,
LCMS World Relief/Human Care, or
WELS Committee on Relief

Thrivent Financial will add a maximum of \$250 per member up until March 31, 2010. Please make payments by website listed:

<http://www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti/>

