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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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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

CHURCH WORKDAY: There will be a church workday on **Saturday, March 20th, beginning at 8:30 a.m.** Please come out and help us get the buildings and grounds ready to welcome Spring. For more info contact Warren Willard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN TO SING: Trinity preschool – 2nd grade Sunday school classes will be singing at the **11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 14th.**

CHILDREN'S BAGS MISSING: The children's bags that are kept in the Gathering Room for the children to have during the service are missing. If you know where they are, please contact the church office.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: If you are interested in being on Trinity's softball team, please sign up in the Gathering Room. Ages 12 years and up can play. If we don't have enough interest, we are not going to have a team this year so please sign up if you are interested. If you have any questions please contact Peter Lalicki at plalicki@comcast.net.

HOMES NEEDED TO HOST CHOIR: 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.**

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: *"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.

CARE NOTES: The board of Christian service has voted to purchase care note booklets for our parishioners. These notes provide spiritual care and healing words for the mind, body, and spirit; especially in times of grief, loss, loneliness, and pain. The selections can be found in a small basket in the gathering room.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT: The BCE is pleased to announce that we will once again have an Easter Egg Hunt for all children through grade 5 on Sunday, March 28th. The Egg Hunt will take place after a shortened Sunday School class. If

you are willing and able to donate candy or small items, please place your donations in the church office, or give them to Camilla Lambert. The candy can already be in plastic eggs, or we will do that for you. Thank you very much for your donations.

LENTEN SCHEDULE: Trinity will hold mid-week Lenten services each Wednesday, February 24th through March 24th. A mid-day service will be held 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.** All are invited to join us for a night of wonderful music.

NEW SMALL GROUP TO BEGIN MEETING: A new small group has been formed and meets at Bill & Brenda Malueg's home on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. They are studying the book of Proverbs. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. To join or for more info, contact Bill or Brenda Malueg at 706-769-7075.

ANNUAL YOUTH YARD SALE: The youth will have their annual yard sale on April 17th this year. They will be accepting donations from March 21st until April 11th. As we did last year, we are requesting that no adult clothing be donated; only children's clothing. We just do not have the space needed to handle the amount of clothing that we receive and children's clothes sale better than adult clothing. If you need items picked up you can contact Shashana Reinking to make arrangements. There will be a preview night on Friday, April 16th from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. for church members and staff. The sale will be open to the public on Saturday, April 25th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION NEWS

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS: If you'd like to volunteer to help assemble quilt tops for LWR and can't join the sew & sews on Monday mornings, we have pre-cut kits with instructions available. The numbered kits and sign-up sheet are located in the Gathering Room. Please sign your name & leave contact information by the kit number on the sheet and return the finished tops by the second week in July. They may be left on the LWML table. Thank you.

THE KATY CLUB Katy Circle books are in!! We are reading **A Theology to Live By: The Practical Luther for the Practicing Christian** by Herman Preus. If you would like to join us be sure to pick up a copy from the LWML mailbox in the church office. Also, join us on the Katy Club blog where we will discuss some of the key points in the reading. You do not need to have a current blog to join us. Simply log on to www.blogger.com. The username is globalgirl37@hotmail.com. The password is trinitylcm.com. Then simply click on

to “view blog”. You can type comments, questions, etc. and post them for the group to discuss. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. All ladies interested are invited to attend. Contact Bree Joiner for more info.

TLC Sow & SEWS meet each Monday from 9:00 a.m. until noon 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

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 Amoth

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

WHO IS THAT? SHOULD I KNOW THEM? Many of us have seen someone at church and wondered who they were. We’re often reluctant to approach another for fear of embarrassing ourselves and discovering the person we say hello to is a long time member. Does it matter? Only if you let it! After all, if you make their acquaintance, now they’re more than just a name in your directory. BUT...why not wear your name tag and encourage others to do the same? We did this for a short while when Pastor first came to Trinity, but we’ve gotten out of the habit. Won’t you help those of us who are challenged to remember names by wearing YOURS? It also helps us identify visitors so that we can be intentional about welcoming them.

CALLING ALL ACOLYTES AND ACOLYTE “WANNABEES” Historically, our acolytes at Trinity have been the students in confirmation class. While this is still the case, we find that there just aren’t enough students to fill all of the slots needed for services. The Board of Elders would like to invite anyone of confirmation age or older to become an acolyte. Many of our festival services call for multiple acolytes to serve as crucifer, torch bearers, incenser, and more. Training is available for this. If you are interested in becoming involved in this way, please let your elder know. It’s a great way to serve.

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

RENT-A-STUDENT: A group of students from Christus Victor are raising money for their spring break trip to Panama to work with CALMS. In an effort to raise money, they are renting themselves out for housework, paint work, and any other type of work. If you have some work you need done, please contact Jenn Smith (410-733-7742 or jsmith49@uga.edu) and we'll get a group over to your place!

FOOD BANK – ARE YOU IN NEED? Thanks to all who have been contributing to our Food Bank stores. Your help is needed even more now with many in our own congregation dealing with unemployment, underemployment, enforced furloughs, etc. Every week, the items collected will be kept in the gathering room and will be available to anyone who has need. You need not see any staff member. Merely come to the church, take a plastic bag and help yourself to the things your family might need to help stretch your food budget. What is left will be taken each Thursday to the Athens Area Food Bank. Thanks for ministering to our own as well as those in the community!

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

YOUTH NEWS

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY: The March youth group meeting will be on Sunday, March 7th from 6-8pm. The evening will begin with a youth/parent business meeting at 6:00pm, followed by the bible study and pizza. Everyone please bring \$4.00 for pizza 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.

HORSEBACK RIDING: The youth will be going horseback riding on Saturday, March 20th. The cost will be \$10/person. Please sign up in the gathering room if you are going. Deadline for signing up is TODAY.

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 Krumnow, lung cancer</i> | ✠ | <i>Bob Kunis, healing from surgery</i> |
| ✠ | <i>Joan Cullinan, healing from issues caused by diabetes.</i> | ✠ | <i>Charles Thorne, hospitalized</i> |
| ✠ | <i>Larry Sanford, healing</i> | ✠ | <i>Laurie Bunker, healing</i> |
| ✠ | <i>Michael & Sandra Hammons, healing</i> | ✠ | <i>Pastor John Huenniger, friend of Tom Ayer, recovery from stroke</i> |
| ✠ | <i>Sue Tolbert, Dot Smith's sister, cancer</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; Matthew Taylor, US Navy

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- ✦ **BIRTHDAYS:** 3/7: Emaline Newbury; Kathy Triplett; Bree Joiner; 3/: Thelma Rodekohr;
3/13: Mark Reinking; Gary Smith
- ✦ **ANNIVERSARIES:** 3/11: Larry & Barbara Sanford

WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Today:	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	<i>Worship Services</i> <i>(Nursery provided)(coffee fellowship after services)</i> Small Group Sunday
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Opening
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Monday-Friday		Preschool Spring Break
Monday	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
	11:30 a.m.	Lenten Service
	12:30 p.m.	Potluck Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner hosted by BOG
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
Thursday:	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Concordia High School Concert
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
Next Sunday:	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. worship services <i>(Nursery provided)(coffee fellowship after services)</i> 9:45 a.m. Sunday school opening K-2nd Grade S.S. classes singing at 11:00 a.m.	

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)
Every other Sun. 2:30 – 4 PM

McCaskey
2nd and 4th Tue 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Perry
2nd and 4th Sun. 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Malueg
1st & 3rd Tue. 7:00 – 8:30 PM

SERVING IN WORSHIP

THIS WEEK	SUNDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
MESSAGE:	Pastor David R. Heller	
ELDERS:	Kent Erb David Triplett (cc)	Paul Orr Eric Bunker (cc)
HEAD USHER:	Harry Bufford	Dan Aamoth
USHERS:	George Veeder Peter Pirkel Jeff Hanna	Jack Hahn Tony Smith Tom Walker
MUSIC:	Tom Ayer	
ACOLYTES:	Rebecca Kickbush	Tavia Smith
READERS:	Kristin Schmidt	Bree Joiner
FELLOWSHIP TIME:	Small Group Ministry	Small Group Ministry
ALTAR GUILD:	Patsy Aamoth	
ALTAR FLOWERS:	<i>The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Amy Williams in memory of mothers.</i>	
NEXT WEEK	SUNDAY	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
SERMON:	Vicar Aaron Reinking	
ELDERS:	Pat McCaskey David Triplett (cc)	Paul Orr Eric Bunker (cc)
HEAD USHER:	Don Schneider	Dan Aamoth
USHERS:	Bob Gardner	Jack Hahn Tony Smith Al Liefkring
MUSIC:	Tom Ayer	
ACOLYTES:	Matthew Lambert	Jared Munneke
READERS:	Yolanda Thomas	Dale Willard
FELLOWSHIP TIME:	K-2 nd Grade Sunday School Classes	K-2 nd Grade Sunday School Classes
ALTAR GUILD :	Patsy Aamoth	
ALTAR FLOWERS:	<i>The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dan & Patsy Aamoth in memory of their grandparents.</i>	

FINANCIAL & WORSHIP REPORTS

GENERAL FUND	2010		2009	
	February 28th		March 1st	
SERVICE	Attnd.	Giving	Attnd.	Giving
Sunday 8:30	97		81	
Sunday 11:00	122		82	
TOTALS	219	\$5,092.00	154	\$6,255.00
(Preceding Week)	February 21st		February 22nd	
SERVICE	Attnd.	Giving	Attnd.	Giving
Sunday 8:30	68		84	
Sunday 11:00	110		106	
TOTALS	178	\$4,599.00	190	\$15,924.00

Simply Giving for Month \$12,885.00

January		
	Month	Y-T-D
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 33,265	\$ 33,265
TLC Full Time	\$ 51,798	\$ 51,798
TLC Preschool	\$ 6,621	\$ 6,621
TOTAL	\$ 91,684	\$ 91,684
EXPENSES	\$ 79,516	\$ 79,516
BALANCE	\$ 12,168	\$ 12,168