
December 11 – 17, 2011

trinity lutheran church
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

◆NEWS FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH◆

LEADERSHIP INSTALLATION: 2012 Leadership installation will be held at both services on January 8th. All members in a leadership role will be installed.

10:00 AM SERVICE & VOTERS' MEETING: On **Sunday, January 29th**, we will have one service at **10:00 a.m.** followed by the Congregational Voter's Meeting. As in the past, the youth will host a 'light lunch' coffee fellowship before the meeting. There will be a basket on the table if you would like to make a donation to our youth program.

ADULT INSTRUCTION/NEW MEMBER CLASS: The adult instruction/new member class is meeting during the Sunday School Hour in the 5th room of the Trinity Learning Center (Daycare). We have a great group of folks learning about our Lord Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Here is the schedule for the rest of the class: Sunday December 11 – meet at 10 AM; topics: The Office of the Keys and Communion AND lunch at noon and spiritual gifts inventory until 2:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Sunday December 18 – meet at 10 AM; topics: Trinity and her ministries; Reception of New Members at 11 AM Service.

YARNWORK MINISTRY: Members of Trinity's Yarnwork Ministry displayed some of their creations on Volunteer Sunday, November 19th. These items, including 10 scarves and 5 afghans have been mailed to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota as Christmas gifts to their Elders. Each gift has a tag which identifies Trinity's Yarnwork Ministry. Other items have been given to members of our own congregation. We continue to work on afghans, scarves, hats, crosses, and prayer/friendship shawls for local and national charities. Our next scheduled quarterly meeting is Tuesday, January 10th, for a brown bag lunch at church. Everyone is invited to join us as we discuss our projects and charities for the coming year.



THANK YOU: Thanks to everyone who donated Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We collected 20 boxes.

WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE & BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER... Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more info visit our website at www.godlovesmarriage.org or you can contact Ed & Judy Raney, by phone at 843-707-7085 or by e-mail - jermariageencounter@gmail.com. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is FEBRUARY 25 – 27, 2011 in Myrtle Beach, SC. Space is limited and the registration deadline is February 4, 2011. Don't wait too long to register!

ADVENT SCHEDULE

MID WEEK ADVENT SERVICES NOV. 30th, DEC. 7th, 14th

5:30 P.M. DINNER HOSTED BY BOARDS

6:30 P.M. MID-WEEK SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

11:00 A.M. SERVICE ON DEC 11th

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DEC 18th

6:00 & 10:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

10:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 A.M. NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FOOD BANK – ARE YOU IN NEED? Please continue to bring nonperishable food items and place them in the food bank baskets in the Gathering Room. Thanks for ministering to our own as well as those in the community!

21ST ANNUAL GIFT OF HOPE: In the Spirit of Holiday Giving, we believe in sharing our blessings. We must not forget that we have neighbors who need our assistance. The holiday season is the time when Want is keenly felt and Abundance rejoices. We ask that you share your blessings by making a donation to The Ark's **Gift of Hope**, which will be used throughout the year to provide emergency assistance for rent, utilities, prescription medicine and other basic life necessities. Mail your tax deductible donation to The Ark, 640A Barber Street, Athens Georgia 30601. If you would like your donation to be made in honor of family or friends include a list of names and addresses with your donation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE GATHERING ROOM There are many areas that need volunteers. Please sign-up today. Thank you.

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING AT THE PRESCHOOL IN THE NEW

YEAR: The preschool does not have the enrollment this school year to continue to sustain the salary of Ms. Tabby who was our most recent hire and the teacher of our three year old students. Therefore, she will be leaving us at the end of the semester and I will be leaving the four year old class, where I currently serve as teaching assistant, to teach the three year olds. I hope to fill the gap with volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. I am looking for those who enjoy working with young children between the ages of 2 and 5. Some of the areas we would like assistance are, setting up snack for our three and four year old classes, helping the teachers prepare lessons, helping with transition time for Music and Movement and Chapel, and playground monitoring. If you have any time to volunteer, the preschool teachers and I will be truly grateful. Please, come visit us to see how our day progresses. Contact Shannon Veeder if you would like to volunteer or if you know someone who may be interested: 706-546-8081 (leave message) or sveeder@trinity-athens.org.

BE A TRINITY ANGEL: The Preschool and Learning Center directors are looking for Trinity members to serve as **Trinity Angels**. Our teachers need your prayers and support every day, if you would like to be a praying angel for one of our teachers then, choose a teacher's name on the angel tree (in the Gathering Room) and leave your name and contact information. If you are a family or individual who likes to be in the background, remain anonymous, and cares about our early childhood education missions at Trinity, then please, consider becoming a **Trinity Angel**. I will contact you with your angel assignment. For more information you may contact Shannon Veeder at 706-546-8081 or sveeder@trinity-athens.org.

ADULT EDUCATION/SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Trinity offers Sunday school classes for ages 3 years through 12th grade. Classes are held between the two services with Sunday school opening beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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. **THIS CLASS MEETS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

YOUTH NEWS

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 ext 1 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.

RECYCLING FUNDRAISER: Trinity's youth ask that you recycle your Cell Phones, Laptop Computers, Digital Cameras, Video Cameras, MP3 Players, Inkjet Cartridges (No Toner), GPS Devices, Radar Detectors, Electronic Book Readers, Gold, Silver & Platinum Jewelry in the basket located in the Gathering Room. Items collected will be recycled in an effort to help the environment while also raising funds for our program. Thank you for your support and for being green!

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- ✦ **BIRTHDAYS:** 12/14: Jessica Nilsen; Cynthia Wydick; Connie McAlister; 12/15: James Willard; Greg Golub; 12/16: Kent Erb; 12/17: Judy Wheelock
- ✦ **ANNIVERSARIES:** 12/12: Dermot & Jennifer Smith; 12/14: Bob & Millie Gardner; Wade & Lindsey Newbury; 12/15: Tony & Jerilyn Smith

PRAYERS

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

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| <p>✠ Pastor Heller, healing</p> <p>✠ Abby Wilson, grand-niece of Al & Judi Krummon, lung cancer</p> <p>✠ Michael & Sandra Hammons, healing</p> <p>✠ Cooper Vaughan, Mary Ann and John Semley's newborn grandson, healing</p> <p>✠ Theresa McLean, friend of Joe D'Errico, lymphoma</p> | <p>✠ Casey Winters, Eric Bunkers brother-in-law, back trouble</p> <p>✠ John Nuss, cardiovascular problems</p> <p>✠ Cliff Kachur, recovering from surgery</p> |
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SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Ian Ensley, US Army; Craig Kriesel, US Marine Corp; Scott Coulter, US Army; Matthew Taylor, US Navy; Frank Gile, US Army. Brent Kickbush, Jr., US Air Force; TJ Lalicki, US Coast Guard

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	<i>Worship Services Coffee Fellowship following the services (Nursery provided)</i>
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Board of Governors
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders
Tuesday	10:45 a.m.	Bell Training
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Advent Dinner hosted by BOG & BCP
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Service
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Christmas Program
Next Sunday:	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. –Worship Services (Nursery provided) No Sunday School New Member Sunday/Noisy Offering	

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP

THIS WEEK	SUNDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
PASTOR:	Vicar Aaron Reinking	
ELDERS:	Kent Erb	Joe D'Errico Cliff Kachur (cc)
HEAD USHER:	Don Schneider	Dale Willard
USHERS:	1. David Triplett 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
MUSIC:	Tom Ayer	
ACOLYTES:	Celina Guven	Jonathan Munneke
READERS:		
FELLOWSHIP TIME:	The Kriesel Family	Sunday School Program
SOUND SYSTEM:	Ronnie Johnson	Bob Willard
INTERCESSORY PRAYER (ELDER)	Kent Erb	Joe D'Errico
INTERCESSORY PRAYER (STEPHEN MINISTER)		
ALTAR GUILD:		
ALTAR FLOWERS:		
NEXT WEEK	SUNDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
PASTOR:	Rev. Gary Dehnke	
ELDERS:	Ron Raschke Kent Erb (cc)	Joe D'Errico Cliff Kachur (cc)
HEAD USHER:	Don Schneider	Dale Willard
USHERS:	1. David Triplett 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
MUSIC:	Tom Ayer	
ACOLYTES:	Celina Guven	Jonathan Munneke
READER:	Kristin Schmidt	
FELLOWSHIP TIME:		
SOUND SYSTEM:	Warren Willard	Bob Willard
INTERCESSORY PRAYER (ELDER)	Ron Raschke	Joe D'Errico
INTERCESSORY PRAYER (S.M.)		
ALTAR GUILD :		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	<i>The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Tony & Jerilyn Smith in celebration of their 21st anniversary</i>	

FINANCIAL & WORSHIP REPORTS

GENERAL FUND	2011		2010	
	December 4th		December 5th	
SERVICE	<i>Attd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>	<i>Attd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>
Sunday 8:30	61		93	
Sunday 11:00	109		106	
TOTALS	170	\$5,167.00	199	\$9,897.00
<i>(Preceding Week)</i>	November 27th		November 28th	
SERVICE	<i>Attd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>	<i>Attd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>
Sunday 8:30				
Sunday 10:00	196		188	
Sunday 11:00				
TOTALS	196	\$3,410.00	188	\$5,497.00
Simply Giving for Month		\$10,205.00		
October Sunday School Attendance				
Children - 26				
Adults - 29				
November				
	Month		Y-T-D	
Contributions	\$	29,067	\$	380,779
TLC Full Time	\$	53,635	\$	495,309
TLC Preschool	\$	5,376	\$	48,895
TOTAL	\$	88,078	\$	924,983
EXPENSES	\$	79,067	\$	932,635
BALANCE	\$	9,011	\$	(7,652)

Ring in the New Year with financial resolutions

With the New Year comes the opportunity to improve your financial well-being. Here are five financial resolutions to get you started:

1. **Establish your 2012 financial goals**, including your retirement and overall savings goals. Post them where you'll see them often.
2. **Establish a budget** based on what you spent last year, taking rising gas, heating and food prices into account.
3. **Cut back on debt** by paying off a credit card balance, foregoing unnecessary purchases or adding \$50 a month to your mortgage payment.
4. **Prioritize major purchases** you want to make and figure out how to pay for them out of your current income.
5. **Meet with a legal professional to review your will or estate plan** to ensure it reflects your current life situation.

For help achieving your 2012 financial strategy, contact Don Goldsmith, Financial Consultant at 770-982-0420 or don.goldsmith@thrivent.com today or visit Thrivent.com.

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