
April 02 – 08, 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

◆NEWS FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH◆

A SURPRISE MIRACLE...NEED A PET? In spite of our efforts to keep the preschool class pet guinea pigs separate, God has somehow blessed us with three adorable guinea pig babies! You just never know what spring will bring...If you or someone you know is interested in a furry friend, talk to Kristin Schmidt or Melissa Fowler.

Name Tags: We have seen a lot of Name Tags the past two weeks and had many positive comments on them. "I knew that person but I really didn't know her name. Now I do!" We want our new music people to get to know us, but we also want visitors and new members to get to know us by name. So, please wear your name tag.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OF ATHENS VOLUNTEER

MEAL ASSISTANCE IHNA has asked Trinity Lutheran to help provide meals for their guests the week of April 9th. Trinity has agreed to provide meals during that week. At the present time, we have volunteers for four of the nights. Volunteers are needed for Sunday, April 9, Monday, April 10 and Saturday, April 15. The guests will be staying at the IHNA Day Center on Hancock Street. The meals are expected to be delivered at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jo-Ann Thorne at 706-202-2740 as soon as possible. Thank You.

TRINITY KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS – COMING SOON to our Trinity Fellowship

Hall kitchen is a new commercial under counter dishwasher! The academy is purchasing this for TLA and church use. TLA spends about \$500/month on disposable tableware, so we are looking forward to this new purchase. Dishes will be washed in less than two minutes! We hope it will also be of some use to our church groups during Advent, Lent, and other occasions.

COMMUNITY, CANDY, CONTRIBUTIONS? EGG-CELLENT! As we march through

Lent, the time is swiftly approaching for our Sunday School Easter Egg hunt! This event will take place on Palm Sunday, April 9th, during the Sunday School hour (8:45-9:45). We are inviting the Academy as well as all kids and their friends, so we hope to have a good turn-out. This means we need contributions of candy (wrapped please) and/or small stickers/toys to stuff the eggs. If you have an extra basket to loan, we will likely need those too. Please leave donations through **Sunday, April 2nd**. Thank you!

CHOIR PRACTICES RESUME: It is with excitement that we welcome our new Music Director, Ken Powers, and his family to our Trinity Family. They are not wasting anytime getting things going again. The schedule for upcoming rehearsals are as follows: On Wednesday, March 29, April 5, and 12, the bells will practice from 6:30- 7:00, and the choir will rehearse from 7:45-8:15. (service is at 7:00 pm). Regular Wednesday bell practice will begin April 19 from 6:30-7:30, and choir will work from 7:30-8:30. With this fresh start before us, now is the perfect time to get involved in the music ministry! Contact Ken at kepphd@yahoo.com.

STILL FINDING JUNK IN THE BASEMENT? THERE'S ROOM FOR MORE! THE YARD SALE IS COMING!!! That time is approaching again...the youth group is getting ready for another exciting yard sale fundraiser! This year we will be holding the event on **Friday April 28th & Saturday, April 29th**. We are taking donations now, though, so start going through those old tool boxes, records, and cassette tapes (they still have those?), and bring them on in! No adult clothing, please. Contact Shashana Reinking or Kristin Schmidt for more information or particularly large item storage. We will take donations through April 23rd. Thank you!

LOVE OUR LORD ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS This Sunday the LOL Sunday School class will discuss the last week of Jesus' life. The next Sunday (Palm Sunday) we will not meet in the school, but will have fun watching the Sunday School children find the Easter eggs.

LWML NEWS: This Sunday April 2nd is Mite Box Sunday. Please bring your filled boxes and put them in the Bigger Box and then pick up an empty one on your way out to fill for next month. This money is used to provide Grants for the projects that voted on at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League District and National level. We have a National convention coming this summer. So look for the new projects.

PEDALING FOR A CAUSE... This week in preschool we learned about tricycle safety rules, as part of our annual fundraiser for St. Jude children's cancer research center. The culmination of our week is the family potluck celebration and "trike-a-thon" time, where we enjoy (safely) riding our trikes at school with friends. This is always a good opportunity not only to learn about safe trike practice, but also about children who are sick and need extra special care. This week we ask **prayer** for each child and teacher in the school, especially several with recent illnesses and family issues. We also ask specific prayer for Melissa and her family, for Ms. Jessica and family, and for new prospective students. We pray for upcoming transitions within the school and staff, too. We give **praise** for St. Jude's and tricycle celebrations, and spring flowers on the way. Thank you, Trinity family, for your support of the academy and its mission. Please contact Shannon Veeder or Kristin Schmidt for involvement questions.

YOUTH GROUP EGGS ON THE CHILDREN... The Trinity Teens are preparing to honor the remainder of Lent and joy of Easter, and are also ready to rock it out with the little ones! Coming up, we are looking forward to involvement with the Sunday School Easter Egg hunt, as well as Easter and our yard sale fundraiser in April! The middle and high school students of Trinity are growing and serving and eager to engage. This current and future heartbeat of the church needs your support in prayer, care, and interaction. Thank you for taking notice! Do you have or know a teen that needs a little extra engagement, social interaction, prayer, and Biblical truth in their life? There's loads of room in the youth group! We always have great things coming up, so please keep these events and teens in prayer. For information and involvement, please contact Kristin Schmidt: keschmidt87@gmail.com

PRAYERS

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

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| <p>✦ Michael & Sandra Hammons,
<i>healing</i></p> <p>✦ Eric & Laurie Bunker, <i>healing</i></p> <p>✦ Tom D'Errico, <i>Joe D'Errico's brother, healing</i></p> <p>✦ Myrtle LaHullier, <i>healing</i></p> <p>✦ Sonia Peterson, <i>Dorothy Balgemann's son-in-law's mom, brain tumor</i></p> <p>✦ Carol Griffis, <i>friend of Bill Maleng, cancer</i></p> <p>✦ William Gordy, <i>David Gordy's brother, kidney failure</i></p> | <p>✦ Janet & Ronnie Morris, <i>friends of Amy Williams, both have cancer</i></p> <p>✦ Amy Usalavage, <i>Glenn and Jane Husfeldt's daughter, stage three breast cancer</i></p> <p>✦ Donna Parrish, <i>Patti Stansell's sister-in-law, breast cancer</i></p> <p>✦ Kathy Rigdon, <i>breast cancer</i></p> <p>✦ Margie Klein, <i>complications from knee surgery</i></p> <p>✦ Tiffany Griner-Esslinger, <i>healing</i></p> |
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SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Frank Gile, US Army

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- ✦ **BIRTHDAYS:** 04/02: Kathie Wickwire, Vic Meinert; 04/04: Hannah Malueg
- ✦ **ANNIVERSARIES:** 04/08: Fred & Sherry Jones

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study (TABS)
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Sew N Sows
	11:30 a.m.	Lenten Service
	11:45 a.m.	Potluck Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Supper hosted by Board of Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
Next Sunday:	8:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service	

SERVING IN WORSHIP

THIS WEEK	SUNDAY
	10:00 a.m.
PASTOR:	Rev. David Heller
ELDERS:	Bill Malueg Joe D'Errico (ic)
HEAD USHER:	David Triplett
USHERS:	1. Mandy Dixon 2. Melanie Driskill
GREETER(S):	1. Jean Weinrich 2.
MUSIC:	Kenneth & Renee Powers
ACOLYTES:	Zoe Davidson
READERS:	Kristin Schmidt
FELLOWSHIP TIME:	Spencer & Adoline Hollis
SOUND SYSTEM:	Lynn Wolfe
ALTAR GUILD:	Stephanie Lambert
ALTAR FLOWERS	<i>The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Glenn & Jane Husfeld</i>
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SOUND SYSTEM:	George Baughman
ALTAR GUILD :	Stephanie Lambert
ALTAR FLOWERS:	<i>The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sonia Adsit in memory of her husband, Milton Adsit</i>

Trinity Shut-In List

If you'd like to send a note or visit our members who can't make it out to church you can find their contact info below.

Dorothy Lewis
The Oaks of Athens
Room 507
490 Kathwood Drive
Athens, GA 30607
706-355-7400

Carol Stoll
Lanier Gardens
801 Rivercliff Drive
Apt. 106
Athens, GA 30606
706-549-9016

Eleanor Kunis
The Oaks at Braselton
5373 Thompson Mill Road
Hoschton, GA 30517
770-965-7003

Shirley Collins
Silverleaf Assisted Living
705 Whitehead Road
Room 29
Athens, GA 30606
706-549-9800

Eric and Laurie Bunker
4363 Snows Mill Road
Monroe, GA 30655
678-464-6552

Dot Smith
801 Riverhill Drive
Apartment 418
Athens, GA 30606
706-316-9880

Michael and Sandra Hammons
370 Sandstone Drive
Athens, GA 30605
706-201-2330

Roy Walker
Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens
801 Riverhill Drive
Apt 659
Athens, GA 30606
706-621-0681

Thelma Rodekohr
Arbor Terrace of Athens
Room 8
170 Marilyn Farmer Way
Athens, GA 30606
706-353-0400

Jack Hahn
Atria Senior Living
24431 Lyons Ave. Apt 233
Santa Clara, CA 91321

Dee Burke
801 Riverhill Drive
Apartment 225
Athens, GA 30606
770-367-8970



FINANCIAL & WORSHIP REPORTS

GENERAL FUND	2017		2016	
	March 26th		March 27th	
SERVICE	<i>Attnd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>	<i>Attnd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>
Sunday 10:00	102	\$1,357.00	175	\$2,957.00
<i>(Preceding Week)</i>	March 19th		March 20th	
SERVICE	<i>Attnd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>	<i>Attnd.</i>	<i>Giving</i>
Sunday 10:00	112	\$7,224.00	133	\$4,708.00
Simply Giving for Month		\$5,963.00		
Thrivent Choice Dollars		\$488.00		

February		
	Month	Y-T-D
Contributions	\$ 27,448	\$ 56,572
TLA Income	\$ 59,870	\$ 116,876
TOTAL	\$ 87,318	\$ 173,448
EXPENSES	\$ 86,804	\$ 171,295
BALANCE	\$ 514	\$ 2,153

Exciting News! Within the next few weeks you will have the option to donate to Trinity through an online link on our website. Check back here for more details.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
for
Holy WEEK

Palm Sunday—April 9th @ 10:00 AM
 Maundy Thursday—April 13th @ 7:00 PM
 Good Friday—April 14th @ 7:00 PM
 Easter—April 16th @ 10:00 AM
 Easter Breakfast following the service



Featuring Social Security Expert, Mr. Jim Caulder

Thursday, April 20 at 12 Stone Church – Snellville Campus
11:30 am – 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
1709 Scenic Hwy.S, Snellville, GA 30078

This Event is FREE!

Please Register by April 17 at 770-982-0420,
Kristen.Silveus@Thrivent.com

<https://service.thrivent.com/forms/events/find.php>

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Keynote speaker Jim Caulder was employed with the Social Security Administration for over 33 years. Widely recognized as a technical expert on Social Security and Medicare entitlement programs, he is known for his witty and entertaining presentations that explain complex Social Security laws in a way that is easily understood by all.

Topics include:

- What your full retirement age is and how your benefit is determined
- How to maximize your benefits and avoid costly mistakes
- How retiring earlier than, or later than, your full retirement age will affect your benefits

You are invited to attend this **FREE** Social Security Educational Workshop hosted by Thrivent Financial. Refreshments will be provided. This educational workshop is open to the public, so please invite a guest!

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One In Christ – Complete Together

You are invited to the

LWML Zone Rally

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Oak Road Lutheran Church
1004 Oak Road
Lilburn, Georgia 30047

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. \$10 fee includes materials and lunch. Please return the enclosed card, email christinedehnke@yahoo.com or call Chris Dehnke at 678-344-6326 to R.S.V.P for your unit by April 23.

Gifts from the Heart collection is four specific, most-needed, food items for Nothing But The Truth ministry that provides food every Friday for children in our local schools who would otherwise go hungry every weekend. Please note the expiration date on the *individual* items: Mac 'n Cheese, Pop-tarts, Fruit Cups (jello, pudding, or fruit), individual boxes of cold cereal.