



*The
Newsletter of
Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church*

Worship Services

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

Sunday 11:00 am

Sunday School 9:45 am



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The Trumpet

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*From the pen
of Pastor Mark*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The church has been really busy with holidays. In 2022 we finished the year with both Christmas and New Year's Day on a Sunday. Not to be outdone in 2023, we celebrated Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both on Sundays too. Hmmm, I wonder about Easter. Do you know what day of the week Easter falls on this year? (Sorry, couldn't resist!)

Well, since Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday and this year so is the 4th of July, and considering Memorial Day, MLK Day and President's Day are Mondays, I guess we can finally relax now that pretty much all the major holidays have had their Sunday fill. But then, as soon as we think our worship is safe for a while from holidays, here comes Valentine's Day on of all days, Ash Wednesday! Woo Hoo! Isn't that romantic? (Feel free to insert sarcastic tone or eye roll while reading.)

Actually, if we think about it, maybe it is. Maybe it's a great way to enter into Lent, remembering that the love of our life has given his very life for us on the cross in what is truly the greatest love story of all time. What better day to also remember Saint Valentine, then on the day of Ash Wednesday when we also remember our own mortality and how brief this life truly is, in the marking of an ashen cross on our forehead and the fateful words spoken, "*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*"

Yes, this life is truly brief, and we are called to cherish it and all the love we can give and share during this momentary blooming in our time on earth. Fairy tales tell us love is forever. Death reminds us that all is temporary and fleeting. Yet, that ashen symbol of mortality is in the shape of a cross, the very symbol and witness of the Good News of the Gospel and of our baptisms. It reminds us that love truly is forever, and so is our relationship with Christ through what the Lord has done for us. So maybe, just maybe, the best day this year for Valentine's Day is on Ash Wednesday after all, the day we begin the journey toward the one who loves us more than life itself.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Mark

Council President's Letter



It's hard to believe that we are going into the Lenten season in just a few short weeks. Please plan to attend our Ash Wednesday service either at Noon or the evening service after the WELCA Soup Supper. I look forward all year to the grilled cheese sandwiches (they take me back to my childhood). We will continue to share hosting of Lenten Services with First United Lutheran Church. Our annual Celtic service will still be hosted by Holy Trinity.

In continuing our efforts to facilitate better lines of communication, we are opening up the first 30 minutes of our February council meeting (February 18 at 12:45 pm) to anyone who would like to attend. We welcome your "Roses" (good news), "Thorns" (improvements needed) and "Buds" (looking forward). In attending, we just ask that you are speaking for yourself and that there be no personal attacks. We will be having these open council meetings once a quarter.

A goal of mine this year is to update our Constitution (from 1997), along with revising all of our current policies, if needed. This includes our Wedding and Funeral policies, along with any other policies that our individual committees deem necessary.

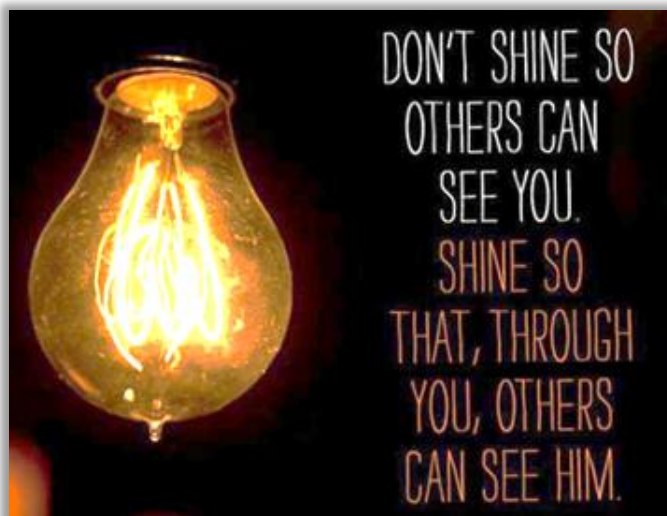
We are also looking for a council representative for the Property committee. If this is any interest to you, please reach out to myself or Shyla. We will be glad to answer any questions that you have.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or comments.

In God's peace,

Sabra Black

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Matthew 6:3-4

Stewardship



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My name is Kip Johnson and I am your incoming Stewardship Committee Chair. As a relatively new member of the congregation, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota attending Bethlehem Lutheran Church. As a young person, I developed a passion for service, routinely traveling on mission and service trips. A favorite of mine was Habitat for Humanity. This is what first brought me to visit Georgia while in high school and where I first experienced true southern hospitality.

After that it was an easy choice to attend Georgia Tech where I studied Aerospace Engineering. It is also where I met my now wife, JLL, a native of Stone Mountain, GA in 2006. After graduating with my master's degree, I moved to Richmond, VA to work for Capital One, joining Epiphany Lutheran Church. In 2014 JLL and I were married at Redeemer Lutheran Church here in Atlanta. We moved back to the Atlanta area from Richmond in 2021 to be closer to family after the birth of our first child, Claire, in 2019. We welcomed a second daughter, Charlotte, in 2022 who was baptized at Holy Trinity this past summer. As a life-long Lutheran, I am thrilled to have joined such a welcoming, active, and mission-driven church.

I would also like to use this opportunity to thank Bill Van Buskirk for his leadership as Stewardship Chair and Mark Ritter for his engagement over the past several years. I appreciate their ongoing dedication to the Stewardship Committee in 2024 as I take the helm.

Finally, I'd like to thank each of you in Holy Trinity's steadfast and devoted congregation. With your generous gifts at the end of 2023, we were able to close the year ahead of our budget, kicking off 2024 in a strong position. If you have not yet shared your 2024 commitment to giving, you are still invited to do so by giving it to Shyla or dropping it in the offering plate during service.

I look forward to serving the congregation faithfully in 2024.

In His service,

Kip Johnson

February Gospel Readings

Feb 4	Mark 1:29-39
Feb 11	Mark 9:2-9
Feb 14	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb 18	Mark 1:9-15
Feb 25	Mark 8:31-38

AFTER SIX DAYS JESUS TOOK WITH
HIM PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN,
AND LED THEM UP A HIGH
MOUNTAIN BY THEMSELVES. THERE
HE WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE
THEM.
- MARK 9:2



Youth + Children + Family Ministries

Where has the time gone? We're in high gear coming into this second month of 2024, there are so many great things going on with our Children, Youth & Family Ministries! Our Valentine's Dinner is just around the corner and the annual All Georgia Youth Conference is just a few weeks away. It's going to be non-stop for a while with all the things we have planned and we're so grateful for all the ways you support our Student Ministries. Thank you for loving us so well! ❤️

-Sal



Please join us this Saturday, February 10th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a Valentine's dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We are planning a fun celebration that includes a spaghetti dinner, dessert and live music. All are invited - couples, singles, friends, families, etc. No RSVP needed. Feel free to bring your own bottle of wine to enjoy with your dinner. This is a FREE dinner hosted by the Youth Ministry, however, love offerings are appreciated. ❤️



Psalm 150

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

God commands us to sing His praises, and music is central to worship. Holy Trinity is blessed to have a multi-generational program of voices and instruments. We hope there is a place for you to share in the joy of music!

The Chancel Choir



The chancel choir sings on Sunday mornings most weeks and for special services. We rehearse on Thursday nights at 7:15 pm. Singers high school age and above are welcome to participate.

The King's Ringers



The King's Ringers is a handbell group for ages high school and up. The King's Ringers participates in worship about once a month and for special services. The group meets weekly on Monday nights at 7:15 pm. Some music reading experience is necessary.

The Children's Choir



The children's choir is a fun place to dance and sing praise to the Lord. The children's choir meets during Sunday school time and sings occasionally in worship.

The Jubilate Ringers

The Jubilate ringers is a new intergenerational group for beginner ringers of all ages. No experience is necessary. All you need is your curiosity and sense of adventure!

The Holy Trinity Orchestra

The Holy Trinity orchestra is another intergenerational group for instrumentalists of all types. We participate in worship in various configurations throughout the year.

For more details, contact Thomas Eisnor at teisnor@holytrinitymarietta.org.





Join us for Worship

12:00 pm and 7:30 pm
Wednesday, February 14th

Imposition of Ashes
Communion

Special time for repentance and prayer



Wednesday *Lenten Services*

February 21st	12:00 pm		Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
February 28th	12:00 pm		First United Lutheran Church
February 28th	7:30 pm	(Healing Service)	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
March 6th	12:00 pm		Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
March 13th	12:00 pm		First United Lutheran Church
March 13th	7:30 pm	(Celtic Service)	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
March 20th	12:00 pm		Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

First United Lutheran Church is located at 3481 Campus Loop Road
in Kennesaw near Kennesaw State University



Ash Wednesday

SOUP SUPPER

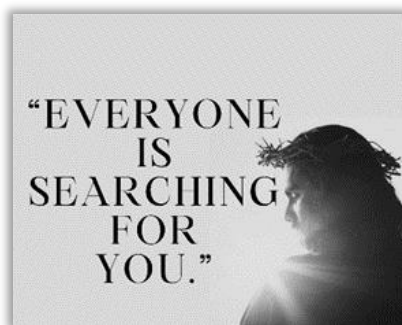
Event Sponsored by Holy Trinity Circle of Women

Join us on
Wednesday,
February 14th
6:00 pm in Upper Room

Reservations for Event Strongly Recommended

To RSVP, please fill out the
Yellow Reservation Card and return in
the offering or to the church office

**Sign-up to donate soup,
set-up & clean-up for event at ministry station
in Fellowship Hall**



Mark 1:29-39



It's time for the annual Hunger Walk Run event that supports Atlanta Community Food Bank and Inspiritus. This Walk Run provides most of the funding to Blessings in a Backpack – a program that provides backpacks of food to over 150 area children who suffer from food insecurity. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Walk Run.

If you would like to join me, use the link below, click on Register, click on Inspiritus, then click on the "Join a Team" button. Look for the team "Holy Trinity, Marietta" or my name, Sabra Black, as team captain. If you simply want to donate, we welcome that as well. Instead of Register, click on Donate. Then you can donate to a team or an individual. Or, if you'd like to simply write a check payable to "Hunger Walk Run", I will make sure that it gets to where it needs to go.

Look for a ministry station in the near future. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Let's make this year the highest participation and fundraising that we've ever had for the Hunger Walk Run!

Link:

http://engage.acfb.org/site/TR/2024HungerWalk/HungerWalk?fr_id=2144&pg=entry

Thanks,

Sabra Black



CHURCH FAMILY CAMPING



This Spring we will be camping again. The dates are May 17-19. The location is Victoria Campground in Woodstock on Lake Allatoona. There are sites available from 44 - 75.

Reservations can be made at <http://www.Recreation.gov>.

This is a Holy Trinity tradition that has been on-going for about 40 years.

If you are not an overnight camper, please join us on Saturday, May 18, for socializing and a Potluck Supper.

Any questions? Just ask Steven Reece, Jen Cowan, or David Fricke.

We'd LOVE TO see YOU THERE.



***LUTHERAN COALITION
FOR HABITAT***

NW Metro Habitat for Humanity is planning their Spring 2024 builds. The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat will be participating in the build at 106 Griggs Street, Marietta, GA. This is very near the Marietta Square.

The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat will be assigned several slots over many Saturdays for this build. We need volunteers. No real experience is necessary. I am sure most of us can swing a hammer and pound a nail. Or, use a paint brush and paint roller. If you like to plant bushes or do landscaping, those skills are also required. The Saturdays for the Lutheran Coalition designated work days are still being determined.

The first nail date is February 24, 2024. We usually work from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Volunteers should bring their own lunches.

NW Metro Habitat for Humanity online volunteer sign-up on website

Link - <https://habitatnwma.org/lutheran>

Password - **LUTHERAN**

Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping,
and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.
Joel 2:12-13

Mark 8:31-38





HT Men's Ministry Bible on Tap

*Called to love, serve
and give through faith.*

Come join us twice a month (the 2nd Saturday @ 12:00 noon and 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm of every month) at the Coastal Bar & Grill for food, fellowship, devotional readings and project planning. Join us and learn what God is calling you to do in your Church and your Community!

Coastal Bar & Grill is located at 10930 Crabapple Rd, Roswell.

For additional information about BOT, email or subscribe to BOT.HolyTrinityMarietta@gmail.com
Or call: Guy Gebhardt 404-889-4849
Jeff Fischer 678-642-5678
Craig Stack 770-696-0156

*This is the day that
the Lord has made...
and we are grateful
for it!*



We would love to have you join us! We are excited as we are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book titled "Help is Here" which is a beautiful study about the importance of "The Holy Spirit" in our lives and in our hearts...it is our Triune God speaking to us...one on one...through the whispers of the Spirit. This book can be purchased on Amazon or Christianbook.com. Please consider joining us at our rectangular circle of Sisters in Christ. If you have any questions, please contact:

Marcia Heinzer 404-405-1853

Patti Ritter 770-597-5520

Alice Rohrbach at 770-973-7205

*Looking forward already to welcoming
you with hugs, coffee and laughter!*

A Special Thank You...

My family and I would like to say thank you to everyone who came to the Celebration of Life for my husband, Mark Bessey. The service was very moving and the choir was wonderful, and gave such a heart felt performance in Mark's honor.

I also want to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the "Love Gift" that was presented to me at the Reception that I held at La Strada.

I am so grateful for each and everyone who came and also those who participated in the celebration of such a Godly man.

With heartfelt love and gratitude,

Lea R. Bessey

Women, Wine and Word



Look for an email regarding future events.
If you are not on our mailing list, please email swimmomblack@yahoo.com.

Thanks, Sabra and Leigh

The Envelope of the Month for February



HT's Bridge the Gap Fund

Holy Trinity can provide temporary financial assistance, up to three months, for members experiencing an unexpected life event such as job loss or illness. Requests are made to the Pastor and then confidentially reviewed by a small committee to consider approval.



MUST MINISTRIES



Birthday Cake Kits for MUST

Who doesn't love a Birthday Party? The response to our MUST Ministries Birthday Cake Kit initiative has been wonderful. We delivered 18 kits to MUST in January and hope to keep up that pace throughout the year. Thanks to everyone who helped make the startup of this ministry a success. Please keep an eye out for sales on the ingredients, so we can continue this great project all year. You can pick up a list of needed items and drop off your donations at the Ministry Station in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Jane Langdon at (770) 971-8768 or grandmaJanel@comcast.net.

Senior Food Program

Our Holy Trinity team helped deliver food boxes and goodie bags to 84 seniors at Walton Renaissance Apartments in Marietta in January. Residents are grateful not only for the food assistance and occasional extras (such as puzzle books, slipper socks, lip balm, hand cream), but for the visit itself...a smile and a few words to brighten their day. If you'd like to join our team for this once-a-month ministry on the 3rd Thursday of each month, please contact Sharon Kane at (727) 641-7389 or srkane65@gmail.com

Bin, Barrel and Cart

Blankets and warm winter clothing for all ages are urgently needed. Also needed are underwear in all sizes, for men, women and children, and incontinence supplies for seniors. Food needs include hearty soups, pasta, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, rice, peanut butter and cereal. Please place donations in the Undies bin, the MUST barrel, or the grocery cart in the "MUST Corner" of the Fellowship Hall.

MUST Lunches

We served 130 hungry members of our community in January at the Hope House. Due to the weather and the warming centers opening, this is the most we have ever served!

We need more volunteers to provide food and to join our team! If you would like to pay for a casserole, purchase peaches, salad fixings or cookies, please let me know.

Laurie Johnson
laurasiebertjohnson@gmail.com



Sharing some appreciation for the Circle of Women's Giving...

In addition to supporting the annual recipient of The Judy Blackwell Memorial Scholarship for Women, we support selected organizations each year. Here are a few notes of thanks recently received:

From Grace House/Lutheran Campus Ministry, Georgia Tech

Thank you for making a space where students are transformed by Jesus.

- Pastor Andrew

From LiveSafe Resources, Marietta

Thank you for your generous support of LiveSafe Resources! Your contribution is greatly appreciated as you help fulfill our mission to provide safety and healing to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

- Cindy Fennel, Director of Development

From Ronald McDonald House Charities, Atlanta

Thank you for your very generous donation of aluminum pop tabs to help take care of the families we serve. Without your donations, our mission would not be possible.

- Sincerely, Lilly, Guest Services Volunteer



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TOGETHER AT THE TABLE

Women of the ELCA Circles . . .

If you would like to join one of these groups, Circle Leaders are listed below.

<p><u>CIRCLE OF PEACE</u> met on Tuesday, February 6th in room 7/8 at 12:30 pm. Next meeting will be Monday, March 11th at 12:30 pm in room 7/8. For more information, call Joy Schill at 770-639-7209.</p>	<p><u>GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE</u> will meet on Wednesday, February 21st at 10:30 am in room 7/8. The circle has chosen "God Breathed" by Zack Hunt to read and discuss. Any questions, call Sherrill at 770-597-1480.</p>	<p><u>TENDER LOVING CARE CIRCLE</u> Join us on Tuesday, February 15th from 10:00 am to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, call or text Annette Rhadans at 404-493-4449.</p>
<p><u>RAINBOW QUILTERS</u> Will meet Tuesday, February 13th at 9:00 am in room 7/8. Please join us as we continue our Quilt ministry for LWR. Call Joy Schill at 770-639-7209 for more information.</p>	<p><u>PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY</u> Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 pm in EB Room 7/8. For more information, call Pam Stack at 770-975-8675.</p>	

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (W-ELCA)

W-ELCA IS THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA. HERE, YOU WILL FIND: SUPPORT OF YOUR FAITH JOURNEY; OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD; AND A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WHO PRAY TOGETHER, SHARE IN BIBLE STUDY, AND EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GROWING IN FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP. HOLY TRINITY'S W-ELCA PROVIDES GROUPS, KNOWN AS CIRCLES.

Holy Trinity Member Milestones - February

Anniversaries

February 2nd

2011 Bob & Kim Anderson

February 7th

1969 Richard & Karen Nelson

** 55 Years**

1976 Bob & Caron Goin

February 15th

1986 Cindy & Dietmar Breitzkreuz

1986 Kristi & Roger Hedges

February 18th

1978 Richard & Sandy Radke

1995 Richard Murphy & Irene Katen-Murphy

February 19th

1977 Doug & Sandy Rogers

February 22nd

1964 Jim & Luray Wiberg

** 60 Years**

February 27th

1982 Bill & Karen Van Buskirk

Birthdays

February 2nd

Stephen Stark

February 4th

Jerry Sykora

Kiley Anderson

Chelsey Harris

February 6th

Sarah Willmott

Talan Willmott

February 7th

Mark Hinkson

February 8th

Luray Wiburg

February 9th

Marion Moody

February 13th

Nick Tupper

February 14th

Betty Bachman

Kris Lodde

February 16th

Gail Carone

February 17th

Trudy Kraemer

Michael Gordon

Myles Brown

February 18th

Lois Pardue

February 19th

Jon Lecke

February 21st

Joyce Miller

Suzanne Noble

Chuck Borysiak

Anna Bjork

February 23rd

Rick Walls

February 24th

Doug Eyrich

Rob Krenz

February 25th

Beverly Baker

Debbie Benson

Eva Czubik

February 26th

Christine Fritsch

February 28th

Pattie Burwick

Happy Anniversary



Happy Birthday!





Easter Lily Orders



We would like Holy Trinity members and friends to have an opportunity to place an Easter lily in the church this Easter in honor and/or memory of loved ones.

We have 20 plants available and the price is \$10. You can dedicate one Lily to many people, or purchase multiple Lilies to dedicate to any number of people.

If interested, you can find the form in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete it exactly the way you want it to read in the Easter bulletin, attach a check for \$10 and place in basket next to the forms or bring to Church Office.



Good Grief Meeting

With

Pastor Mark Beatty

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday
@ 2pm

• **Next Meetings February 8th and 22nd**

Where: *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*
Upper Room

*If you are having a
difficult time after
experiencing loss, we
encourage you to join us.*

Please call or email our church administrator if you have any questions: sfiles@holymarietta.org or 770-971-4600



HOLY TRINITY COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a beautiful repose for the cremated remains of our loved ones. This offers a permanent place for an urn located in a niche in the garden where a family can relax and pray and visit. A columbarium niche is easily purchased and is maintained by the church.

Contact Keith Retterer at 770-833-4579 to begin the simple process.

Just a friendly reminder that private flower vases or memorials are not allowed in the Columbarium.

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary in memory of someone special or in honor of a special event, you can find the sign-up sheets in the binder located in the Fellowship Hall. Please fill out form and submit payment to the Church Office.

NOTE: FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS COST \$65 AND THE PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE ORDER CAN BE PROCESSED.



Prayer Requests

Just a reminder that prayer request submissions should be received in the Church Office by 3:00 pm on Monday in order to make Tuesday's E-News. Before requesting someone be added to the prayer list, make sure you have their permission. Names will be listed in E-News and bulletins in the same way they are listed in the request - if full name is provided it will be listed; if only the first name is provided, then only the first name will be listed. Due to privacy concerns, we will not be able to provide the reason for prayer requests. In addition to submitting prayer requests on the blue cards handed out with the service bulletins, you can also email a request to

churchoffice@holyltrinitymarietta.org. ** Requests remain on list for 2 weeks.**



♪ "Oh What Fun" ♪
Pinochle Club Christmas Party

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Loving, Living, Serving, Giving, In God's Name.



March Trumpet submissions due by February 21st. Email your articles to: dchavez@holytrinitymarietta.org.