



Activities and Opportunities

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Announcements

The Church Office will close at 9:55 am this morning.

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule. On Saturday, December 24, at 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm, the congregation will gather to worship and celebrate the Nativity of Christ. The children's and youth choirs will sing at 3:00 pm, and the adult choir will sing at 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Worshipers are encouraged to come early as these services (especially 5:00 pm) fill quickly. A nursery will be available at the 3:00 and 5:00 pm Services.

Christmas Day Worship. There will be one worship service on Christmas Day at 10:00 am. No nursery will be provided.

Chrismon Tree - Brochures which give a brief history of the tree and description of the Chrismons are available in the Narthex.

2017 Envelopes. The offering envelopes for next year will be mailed this week. Note that those who contribute by bank draft will not receive envelopes, but are welcome to use the envelopes in the pew racks for additional offering. Please wait until the new year to begin using the new envelopes.

End of Year Giving. According to IRS regulations, gifts should be made on or before December 31 to be considered tax-deductible for the year 2016. During the last week of the year, the Church Office will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Wednesday, December 28, Thursday, December 29, and Friday, December 30.

The cross in the Breezeway is available for anyone wishing to make a special request for Advent prayers for peace and hope during this season of waiting. Paper is available on the stand beside the cross. In a few weeks, those requests will be given to Trinity's prayer team to be included in their prayers.

The December issue of the *Living Lutheran* magazine and the November/December issue of the *SC Lutheran* are available in the Narthex, the Pence Building hallway, and the Multipurpose Room.

Prayer Requests. If anyone has a special request to share with Trinity's Prayer Ministry Team, please write your request on a Prayer Card located in the pew racks and place it in the wooden Prayer Box located on the table close to the Pulpit.

Relational Groups

Theology Roundtable - Today, 4:00 pm, 2nd Floor of the Pence Building. The group will discuss *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. All adults are welcome to participate. Joe Rice facilitates the discussion. Questions may be directed to him at 246-8661 or saluda171@yahoo.com.

Caffeine and Conversation - Monday, December 19, 10:30 am. All college students are invited to gather at the Starbucks on Augusta Road for coffee and fellowship.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir - Today, 3:30-4:30 pm, Choir Room, 2nd floor of the Pence Building. This choir is for children in K5 through Grade 5. The Choir will sing at the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.

Youth Choir - Today, 5:00 pm, Choir Room. Youth Choir, for those in grades 6 through 12. Youth Choir sings at the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 21, 6:00 pm, Handbell Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 pm, Choir room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

Education

Sunday School classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 1.

Children and Youth

LCY will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

LCY Ski Retreat. LCY's annual ski retreat will be Friday, January 27 through Sunday, January 29. Registration forms and payment information have been emailed to parents and are due to Mandi Whitley no later than Sunday, January 1, 2017.

Outreach Opportunities

United Ministries. Trinity continues to receive food for the United Ministries Food Pantry on the first and third Sundays of each month. There is a particular need for beef stew, green beans, canned fruit and ramen noodles. Other items are appreciated as well.

Advent Food Collection. Trinity is collecting food and toiletry items during Advent for AID Upstate. AID Upstate is a non-profit organization that provides case management services to HIV-positive clients and HIV testing, counseling, and education to the general public. Bags with needed items will be available in the Narthex, Breezeway and the Multipurpose Room. Please bring some of the items on the list to the Narthex during Advent. For more information, contact Cheryl Spiers at spiershome@charter.net or 233-1500 or Maureen Rose at mrose5@bellsouth.net or 346-4889.

Gifts of Hope - Today. *Gifts of Hope* is an alternative gift-giving program in the SC Synod (ELCA). This Christmas, give gifts to family and friends that give hope to others. The gifts are represented by institutions and Social Ministry Organizations affiliated with the SC Synod and South Carolina companion foreign synods. Every penny of *Gifts of Hope* will be distributed to help the poor, educate students from elementary school to seminary and support the elderly here and throughout the world. A display is set up in the back of the Gym. The *Gifts of Hope* catalog offers 38 gift choices, ranging in price from \$10 to \$130. Included are choices such as new shoes or a backpack for impoverished children, transportation for a homeless Veteran, or food for a refugee family. For each gift that is purchased, a gift card and an insert describing the chosen gift will be received. These may be sent to a friend or family member.

2016 Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Church at the 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Services, as well as the 10:00 am Christmas Day Service. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below and return it with \$16.00 for each poinsettia this morning. Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the 10:00 am Service on Sunday, December 25 or on Wednesday, December 30.

Enclosed/attached is my \$16.00 for each poinsettia given.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

In () honor of, In () memory of

Given by: _____

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18 THROUGH DECEMBER 25

TODAY - DECEMBER 18

9:00 am Instrumentalists' Rehearsal
10:00 am Holy Communion and Pageant with
Brunch to follow
3:30 pm Children's Choir
4:00 pm Theology Roundtable
5:00 pm Youth Choir

MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Coffee for College Students

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

2:15 pm Children's and Youth Choirs Warmup
3:00 pm Holy Communion with Candlelighting
4:15 pm Adult Choir WARMUP
5:00 pm Holy Communion with Candlelighting
7:00 pm Holy Communion with Candlelighting

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 25

9:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
10:00 am Holy Communion