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*Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10*

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

Advent, these days of watching and waiting for the coming of Christ, are often filled with busyness, lots of frenetic activity, and lists of tasks to accomplish. There is so much to do and so many expectations to meet. We are hurried and harried, completely exhausted from the pace of our Advent schedule.

One of the great challenges of the spiritual life is, in the midst of chaos, to find peace. How do we as disciples of Christ learn to carry the stillness of God within our hearts, minds, and bodies? In spite of my high-strung personality, God is teaching me to carry the stillness of God in my heart. This means that I am learning to be calm, still, and content even in situations that are fraught with turmoil, conflict, and fear. Regardless of what the world throws at me, I am learning to embrace the peace of Christ.

This year during the Advent season, I encourage you take on a new spiritual practice. This practice centers around the goal of stillness. Take a few moments each day to be still and quiet. Spend these minutes in gratitude for all the blessings in your life. Give thanks for the gifts of friends, family, health, faith, a warm bed, plenty to eat, our community of faith at Trinity. In these few moments focus on what you have and notice the blessings of each moment. Even if your world is in turmoil, these few minutes of stillness and quiet can ease your worries and fears, replacing them with peace, calm, and contentment. With God's help and guidance, each of us has the capacity to carry the stillness of God in our hearts and in our lives. May God bless you with peace and contentment as we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

## COUNCIL NOTES

At the November meeting of the Congregation Council, the council

---learned that expenses for October were \$1,356 less than anticipated; and

---approved the Stewardship Committee's proposed budget of \$1,261,566 for the year 2017 and recommended its adoption to the congregation.



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

- 3:00 pm Holy Communion - Children and Youth Choirs  
5:00 pm Holy Communion - Adult Choir with Brass  
7:00 pm Holy Communion - Adult Choir with Brass

(A nursery will be provided at the 3:00 and 5:00 pm Services.)

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

- 10:00 am Holy Communion - Adult Choir with Strings

(No nursery will be provided as all are welcome in worship.)

## 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.

## 2017 ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for next year will be available in the Gym at the Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 4. The envelopes will be on tables in alphabetical order for members to pick up before and after the meeting. The following Sunday, the envelopes will be available in the Multipurpose Room. Envelopes not picked up on that Sunday will be mailed the following week. Please wait until the new year to begin using the new envelopes. 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.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Congregation will meet in the Gym on Sunday, December 4, at 10:00 am to adopt a budget and elect members of the Congregation Council. The ten nominees for the five three-year terms are Terry Batts, John Beckford, Mike Boliek, Ralph Born, Frank Green, Cathie Landreth, Amanda Mast, Jimmy Reynolds, Margaret Roth and Bob Whitley. The nominees for the one-year youth term are Andrew Rose and Jack Wilcox.

Those who attend the meeting are asked to bring a breakfast finger food for the brunch, which will follow the meeting. Coffee and juice will be provided.



## SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

On Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 am the congregation is invited to gather in the Gym for a unique Advent and Christmas worship experience that will include an interactive, inter-generational Christmas Pageant entitled *The Very First Christmas*. This service will include musical leadership from the Children's Choir and Trinity instrumentalists. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Following worship, a festive brunch of breakfast casserole, mini quiches, sausage biscuits, fresh fruit, muffins, orange juice, coffee and apple cider will be served in the Multipurpose Room. This 10:00 am service will take the place of both the 9:00 and 11:15 am services. Please make plans to attend this unique and meaningful experience of worship and fellowship.



### CREATION CARE TEAM

Trinity's Creation Care Team is exploring issues regarding recycling, energy efficiency, and care for the earth. Current projects include washing the china mugs after Coffee and Conversation each Sunday, picking up the recycling (plastic, cans, and paper), and investigating ways to make the campus more green. Persons who are interested are invited to speak with David Potts, Peggy Schotsch, Lura Godfrey or Mark Godfrey.

### PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group meets at 11:30 am in the Library every Wednesday. The group meets for thirty minutes to share prayer concerns and celebrations and pray for individuals and ministries in the life of Trinity. Prayer requests may be emailed to Merry Mulcahy at [marmulcahy@icloud.com](mailto:marmulcahy@icloud.com). All are invited to attend.



### MEN'S GROUP

The group will meet on Tuesday, December 13 at noon at *The Trappe Door*, 23 West Washington St. Contact Joe Rice with questions at 246-8661 or [saluda171@yahoo.com](mailto:saluda171@yahoo.com). All men of the congregation and friends are invited.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

**MORNING SESSION:** A Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group led by Pastor Crowell will meet on Thursday, December 1 at 9:30 am in Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. *The Promises of God* is the theme for the year. All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy muffins and coffee, prayer and fellowship.

Women's Bible Study



and Fellowship Group

**EVENING SESSION:** A Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group led by Pastor Crowell will meet on Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 pm in Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. *The Promises of God* is the theme for the year. Participants are invited to bring refreshments to share with the group. All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy refreshments, study, prayer and fellowship.

## ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

*We Hope; We Adore; We See* will be on Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm. Scripture readings interspersed with prayers, carols and beautiful choral and handbell music carry the congregation through the *incarnation cycle* of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany). We read, reflect and sing about Christ promised, Christ with us and Christ revealed to us. Trinity's Adult Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choir, and Handbell Choir will be joined again by the Pinner String Quartet to offer a rich worship experience for strengthening our faith and as a reminder of the true meaning, beauty and gift of this sacred season.



### HOLDEN PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

The congregation will gather on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:15 pm in the Multipurpose Room for Holden Prayer Around the Cross. This contemplative service is a peaceful experience that included silence and singing, light and darkness, stillness and movement, and culminates with prayer around the cross and the lighting of candles. This service will lift up Advent themes of peace, hope, and waiting. Members of the congregation and friends are encouraged to participate in this service.

### ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir is open to youth and adults. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights in December as follows: December 7 at 7:00 pm (in the balcony with strings for Lessons and Carols); December 14 at 7:15 pm; December 21 at 7:00 pm (in the balcony with brass for Christmas Eve). Adult Choir also sings for the Lessons and Carols Service on December 11 at 5:00 pm and for the Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 7:00 pm. In addition, Adult Choir will sing for the one Christmas Day service at 10:00 am.

### HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbell Choir is open to youth and adults. Rehearsals are at 6:00 pm on December 7 (in the Sanctuary) and December 21 (in the Handbell Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building). Handbell Choir plays for Lessons and Carols on December 11 at 5:00 pm, and for the Christmas Pageant on December 18 at 10:00 am.

### YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir, for those in grades 6 through 12, will rehearse on Sunday afternoons, December 4 and 18, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth Choir sings for the Service of Lessons and Carols at 5:00 on December 11 and for Christmas Eve at 3:00 pm.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir is for children in K5 through grade 5. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons on December 4, 11 and 18 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Children's Choir sings for the Service of Lessons and Carols on December 11 at 5:00 pm, the Christmas Pageant on December 18 at 10:00 am, and for the 3:00 pm service on Christmas Eve.

### TRINITY'S INSTRUMENTALIST COMMUNITY

Members are invited to bring their instrument and play for the Christmas Pageant on December 18. Pastor Parham will have parts available. Instrumentalists gather at 9:00 am on Sunday, December 18 to tune up and run through the hymns. If interested, please contact Pastor Parham via email at [jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws) or by phone at 242-5702.



## Order Your Poinsettias



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 no later than Wednesday, December 14. Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the 10:00 am Service on Sunday, December 25 or on Wednesday, December 30.

### 2015 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

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

in ( ) honor of

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in ( ) memory of

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

### BOOK GROUP

The Trinity Book Group meets in the Parlor at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of even numbered months. Adults of all ages are invited to come and discuss a variety of books.

On Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 pm, group members will meet at the home of Janna Kelley, 40 Wood Pointe Dr., Apt 36. Greenville, for a holiday get together and book exchange. The book to be discussed is *The Signature of All Things*, by Elizabeth Gilbert. Those attending are invited to bring a new, wrapped paperback book they think members of the group might like to read. The books will then be exchanged and swapped. Participants are also invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Other upcoming meeting dates and selections include *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown on February 19; and *Eligible*, by Curtis Sittenfeld on April 20.



### FURMAN LSA

The Lutheran Student Association meets every Wednesday from 6:15-7:30 to break bread, pray together, and talk about life as a student at Furman. The group is currently looking forward to participating in the Sharing Tree Ministry at Trinity during Advent. Mandi Whitley and Vicar Will Wing are the co-coordinators for this ministry. Vicar Will is looking for volunteers to cook meals during the Spring semester. Please contact him at 864-242-5702 or [wmw@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:wmw@trinitylutheran.ws) to offer help.

## SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP DURING EPIPHANY

On Sundays, January 8 and 22 and February 12 and 26, the congregation is invited to gather in the Sanctuary at 5:30 pm for Holden Evening Prayer. These thirty minute services will include meditations from members of the congregation on the theme *Jesus is the Light of the World*. All are welcome to these special opportunities to worship during this season of light.



### LOVING THREADS

Loving Threads is a ministry that knits and crochets handmade prayer shawls, baby blankets and bandages for those in the community and around the world. Most work is done at home, and members gather quarterly to enjoy fellowship and to pray for those receiving the shawls. Anyone who can knit or crochet, or would like to learn, is invited to participate. For more information, contact Amy Brown through the Church Office.

### QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group meets in the Activities Building at 9:30 am, usually twice a month. The group makes quilts which are distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Participants do not need to know how to sew in order to make quilts. Willing volunteers who can cut fabric, iron, thread a needle or tie knots are welcome. Some group members bring their lunch on the days they meet. Work is usually finished around 2:00 pm. Participants can work as little, or as long, as they would like. There are also at-home sewing opportunities. The group will not meet in the month of December. For more information, contact Sarah Weeks at 246-7862 or Amy Brown at 242-5702.

### LYDIA GROUP

The Lydia Group will meet for lunch at noon on Tuesday, December 6 (a week earlier than usual) at *DaVinci's Ristorante*, 27 South Pleasantburg Drive. Contact Beverly Henderson at 297-8625 with questions.

### LEISURE/ACTION

The Leisure/Action Group is for retirees or those who would like to be. The group meets on occasion for social events or outings to places of interest. Adults of any age are always welcome to join the group.



The group will have a Christmas covered dish luncheon on Thursday, December 8 at 11:45 am in the Multipurpose Room. Those attending are asked to bring meat, vegetables, side dishes or dessert to share. A musical program will be provided by the *Yesteryukes*, a group of upstate seniors who play ukuleles. Call the Church Office at 242-5702 by Tuesday, December 6, if planning to attend.

Gameday is a time for Church members to gather for Bridge and other games. The group will not meet in December, due to holiday schedules.

### OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Out to Lunch Bunch will not meet in December due to the brunch on December 18 and Christmas Day.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>9:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP</p> <p>4:00 MINOR BOYS BB PRACTICE @ 2ND PRES</p> <p>5:30 MITES GIRLS BB PRACTICE @ ST GEORGE</p> <p>6:00 JR BOYS BB PRACTICE</p> <p>6:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP</p> <p>7:00 SENIOR BOYS BB PRACTICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>6:00 MINOR GIRLS BB PRACTICE</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL</p> <p>6:15 FURMAN LSA</p> <p>7:00 JUNIOR GIRLS BB PRACTICE</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INTERFAITH</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>11:45 LEISURE/ACTION LUNCHEON</p> <p>4:00 MINOR BOYS BB PRACTICE @ 2ND PRES</p> <p>5:30 MITES GIRLS BB PRACTICE @ ST GEORGE</p> <p>6:00 JR BOYS BB PRACTICE</p> <p>7:00 SENIOR BOYS BB PRACTICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOSPITALITY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>6:30 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NETWORK</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>9:00 CHRISMON TREE DECORATING</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>6:15 WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP</p> <p>7:15 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>4:00 MINOR BOYS BB PRACTICE @ 2ND PRES</p> <p>5:30 MITES GIRLS BB PRACTICE @ ST GEORGE</p> <p>7:00 BOOK GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>9:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL</p> <p>10:00 PAGEANT REHEARSAL</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>2:15 CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH CHOIRS WARMUP</p> <p>3:00 HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>4:15 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP</p> <p>5:00 HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>7:00 HOLY COMMUNION</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>

# RESPONSIBILITIES FOR

	<u>4th</u>	<u>11th</u>	
9:00 am	Lector Prayers Cantor Acolytes	David Nichols Chris Barnett Rowan Brown Anna Lee Henry Andrew Smith Maggie Boliek, Mike Boliek Bridget Gossett	Debbie Varner John Otten Russ Wise Madison Mercer Conyers Wingard Cathy Baus, Fred Baus Jo Glymph
	Greeters	Casey Delap, Jacob Delap Conyers Wingard	Mary Margaret Delap, Richard Delap Anna Lee Henry
	Nursery Nursery Aide		
Sunday School Nursery	No Sunday School	Terry Batts	
11:15 am	Lector Prayers Cantor Acolytes	Jeff Rehm Tom DiAntonio Ann Coon Everett Lawrence Taylor Poole	Caitlin Littlejohn Barbara Corell Richard Moose Charlie Ives Delaney Wannemacher
	Greeters	Ed Holliday, Judy Holliday Herb Lembcke	Darwin Cline, Susan Cline Paul Miller
	Nursery Nursery Aide	Susan Burton Bailey Hoffert	Henry McGee Caitlin Littlejohn
Communion Fill Communion Clean-up (9:00) (11:15)	Helen League (Intinction) Barbara Beckford Lisa Black	Geraldine Weyermann Donnie and Karla Koon Dale and Sandra Hamann	

Ushers 9:00 Todd Reichard (Captain), Ken Branham, Tim Keaton, Lani Ludian  
11:15 George Corell (Captain), Lisa Black, Barbara Corell, Herb Lembcke

## Offering Tellers

Team 1 Sarah Weeks (Captain)  
Andrew Weiner, Joyce Weiner

Team 2 Brian Craig (Captain)  
Lisa Black, Angela Glass

Wednesday Evening Worship  
December 14, 6:15 pm

Ushers Joe Mulcahy, Margaret Wyatt

*Lessons and Carols* - Sunday, December 11, 5:00 pm

Ushers Gene Bowman, Mary Todd Bowman

### REMINDER FOR WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*If you are unable to be here on your scheduled week, please find a replacement and notify the Church Office as soon as possible so that the bulletin may be corrected.*



# DECEMBER 2016

## 18th

One Service at 10:00 am

### Greeters

Jeanne Blinkoff, Debbie Farstad  
Jan Koerber, Linda Nagel  
Henry Wilcox, Robyn Wilcox

### Ushers

Lisa Black, Ken Branham  
Barbara Corell, George Corell  
Tim Keaton, Herb Lembcke  
Lani Ludian, Todd Reichard

### Communion Fill

Karen Craig (Intinction)

### Communion Cleanup

Al and Mary Valenti

## CHRISTMAS EVE

### 3:00 pm service

Lector Ken Branham  
Prayers Margaret Roth  
Cantor Children/Youth Choirs  
Acolytes Bailey Hoffert

Ushers Ellen Spiers  
Michael Spiers (Capt)  
Ken Branham  
Rob McCormack  
Jeff Roth

Comm Clean Margaret Wyatt  
Nursery Ashley Forbes, Scott Forbes  
Beth Oswald

### 5:00 pm service

Lector Barbara Corell  
Prayers Frank Green  
Cantor John Park  
Acolytes Caitlin Littlejohn

Andrew Smith  
Ushers Mike Boliek (Capt)  
Ralph Born  
John Glymph  
David Potts

Comm Clean Mike and Maggie Boliek  
Nursery Beth Oswald  
Melanie Wessinger

### 7:00 pm service

Lector Henry Wilcox  
Prayers Joe Rice  
Cantor John Park  
Acolytes Sammy Mosher  
Jack Wilcox

Ushers Paul Miller (Capt)  
Susan Burton  
Bobbi Metz  
Mike Metz

Comm Clean Susan Burton

## CHRISTMAS DAY

One Service at 10:00 am

### Lector

Kaitlin Moose

### Prayers

Stephen Troutman

### Cantor

Amanda Cook

### Acolytes

Daniel Fisher

Andrew Rose

### Greeters

Merry Mulcahy

Nancy Teachey

Margaret Wyatt

### Ushers

George Corell (Captain)

Barbara Corell

Joe Mulcahy

Todd Reichard

### Communion Clean-up

Carolyn Wyatt

### Audio Ministry

David Troutman

Nursery Captains

9:00

Ashley Macek

SS

Karen Craig

11:15

Susan Burton

Audio Ministry

Stephen Kirven

Visiting First Time Worshipers

Susan Burton, Betsy League

Sanctuary Preparation

Melanie Wessinger

United Ministry Food Baskets

Maureen Rose

# December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY 4</p> <p>8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 CONGREGATION MEETING 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:00 GAIHN SETUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION 1:30 KIDS' STUFF AND CLUB 345 3:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE 5:00 YOUTH CHOIR 6:00 LCY 6:00 LCY PARENT EVENT</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 5</p> <p>GREENVILLE</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00 LYDIA GROUP</p> <p>6:00 I-MITES BB PRACTICE 7:00 SR GIRLS BB PRACTICE</p> <p>AREA</p>
<p>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT 11</p> <p>7:00 GAIHN TAKEDOWN 8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:00 PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN 9:50 COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION 1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL 3:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR WARMUP 3:45 YOUTH CHOIR WARMUP 4:00 HANDBELL CHOIR WARMUP 4:15 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 5:00 LESSONS AND CAROLS 6:00 LCY</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:00 MEN'S GROUP</p>
<p>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT 18</p> <p>EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00 INSTRUMENTALISTS' REHEARSAL 10:00 HOLY COMMUNION AND PAGEANT WITH BRUNCH TO FOLLOW</p> <p>3:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE 5:00 YOUTH CHOIR</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 19</p> <p>10:30 COFFEE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 25</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>9:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 10:00 HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>26</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>

## CONFIRMATION

The confirmation program at Trinity has been revised, and had a successful kick-off in October. This program, for eighth and ninth graders and their parents, will involve Saturday and Sunday events during the school year. Upon completion, ninth graders will be confirmed on Palm Sunday each spring. Upcoming events include:

Saturday, January 7, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm: *Bible Event* for eighth graders and a parent

Saturday, January 7, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm: *Cross Event* required for all ninth graders

Sunday, January 22, 12:30 to 2:30 pm: lunch and *Catechism Event* for eighth or ninth graders and a parent

Saturday, February 4, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm: *We Are Lutheran Event* for eighth or ninth graders and a parent

Saturday, March 4, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm: *Worship Event* for eighth or ninth graders and a parent

Saturday, April 8, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm: *Service Event* for eighth graders and a parent

Saturday, April 8, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm: *Ready to Affirm Event* for ninth graders

Sunday, April 9, 2017, 11:15 am: Confirmation

Sunday, July 16 to Saturday, July 22, 2017: CAMPfirmation Week at Lutheridge for rising ninth graders

The registration deadline for each event is the Sunday prior to the event. For more information, contact Amy Brown in the Church Office.



Confirmation

## THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

This group for adults usually gathers on the first and fourth Sundays of the month at 4:00 pm. Participants will gather on December 4 and 18 to discuss *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. All adults are welcome to participate. Joe Rice facilitates the discussion. Questions may be directed to him at [saluda171@yahoo.com](mailto:saluda171@yahoo.com) or 246-8661.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is offered for all ages every Sunday. Classes are provided for children two years old or before September 1 through those in Grade 12. A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers who missed the September 1 deadline. Young adults who have graduated from high school are invited to attend adult classes.

During the Advent and Christmas seasons in December, the adult class schedule will vary. On Sunday, December 4 during the Sunday School hour, adults will meet in the Gym for the annual Congregation Meeting. On December 11, children in Preschool through Grade 5 will have classes as usual. Middle and High School youth and all adults will meet in the Activities Building for an *Outrageous Outreach* opportunity. On December 18, brunch will take the place of Sunday School. There will be no Sunday School classes on Christmas Day. New classes for all ages will begin on January 1.



## LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

Lutheran Church Youth is Trinity's ministry program for youth in grades 6-12. All youth in these age groups are invited to participate. The group meets on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Youth Center unless otherwise noted.



Lutheran Church Youth

### December 4 - CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS

After dinner, youth will work on a variety of service projects that will support various service agencies in the community such as Safe Harbor, Mental Health America and Pendleton Place.

### December 11 – TACKY CHRISTMAS SWEATER BOWLING

Youth will meet at the Red Canopy Door at 6:00 pm to travel by bus to Star Lanes for pizza and bowling. The group will return to Trinity at 8:30 pm. All attending are encouraged to wear tacky Christmas sweaters. A prize will be given to the tackiest boy and girl. Those who wish to participate must sign up no later than Sunday, December 4. The cost of the event is \$20.00 per person.

December 18, December 25, and January 1 – NO LCY



Just for Kids!

### KIDS' STUFF AND CLUB 345

KIDS' STUFF will meet at the Red Canopy Door on Sunday, December 4 at 1:30 pm to travel by bus to the Children's Museum of the Upstate. The group will return to the Church at 3:30 pm in time for Children's Choir or pick up at the Red Canopy Door. The cost is \$8.00 per child. Those interested in attending should speak with Mandi Whitley immediately.

CLUB 345 will gather in Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building on Sunday, December 5 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. The group will work on a service project, play games, make a craft, and enjoy a snack.

### LCY PARENT EVENT

Parents of Trinity's 6th through 12th graders are invited to a dinner and discussion on Sunday, December 4. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room followed by a speaker from Mental Health America. The group will learn about and discuss the signs of depression and anxiety, as well as suicide awareness. Those who are interested in attending but have not yet signed up should speak with Mandi Whitley immediately.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS TEAM BUILDING

Trinity's boys in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited gather in the Youth Center on Wednesday nights during the month of January. The events will begin at 6:00 pm with a meal, followed by a variety of team building activities and devotions. Pick up time is 7:00 pm. Those who plan to attend are asked to sign up with Mandi Whitley the Sunday before the event. Parents who are willing to provide meals for each week are asked to speak with Mandi Whitley this month.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Adults of all ages will gather at 6:30 pm on Friday, December 9, for a Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange at the home of Michael and Cheryl Spiers, 94 Woodvale Ave. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share with the group and a wrapped Christmas tree ornament for the gift exchange. Soft drinks will be provided. Reservations can be made by calling the Church Office by Wednesday, December 7. Those who wish to participate in the ornament exchange must be there at 7:30 pm, which is the start of the exchange.

## Ornament Exchange



## 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.

## 2017 HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

LCY's High School Mission Trip will be Sunday, June 11 through Saturday, June 17, 2017 in Golden Isles, Georgia. Working with TEAMEffort, the group will minister to children and adults through service projects and working to repair homes. A \$50.00 deposit is due to Mandi Whitley no later than December 31.



## YOUTH BASKETBALL

Trinity's basketball program, which is run through the Church League Basketball for Youth (CLBBY), continues practices this month. Games continue through the month of December. The practice schedules are listed below.

- I-Mites - Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Mites Girls - Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at St. George
- Mites Boys - Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Minor Girls - Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Minor Boys - Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at 2nd Presbyterian
- Junior Girls 1 - Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Junior Girls 2 - Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Junior Boys 1 - Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Junior Boys 2 - Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Senior Girls - Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Senior Boys - Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm



## GREENVILLE AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Trinity will host guests from the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network Sunday, December 4 through Sunday, December 11. Volunteers are needed in all areas including setup, breakfast and dinner preparation, evening and overnight hosts, day center, and takedown. Contact Rachel Balck at [rachel@balckfamily.org](mailto:rachel@balckfamily.org) or 232-6969 or Paige Dillon at [pdillon2@bellsouth.net](mailto:pdillon2@bellsouth.net) or 288-3190 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinator, Bev Bresette, at [bresette@bellouth.net](mailto:bresette@bellouth.net) or 627-9211 if you would like to volunteer.

Food items are needed to pack lunches and provide snacks for GAIHN guests during host week. A display containing a list of needed items as well as a sign up sheet is located in the Parlor. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, December 4.

## SHARING TREE

The Outreach Committee will sponsor a Sharing Tree to provide Christmas gifts for needy persons in the community including Mental Health America clients, the teen girls at Pendleton Place, the boys at Generations Group Home, Trinity's Aids Care Team family, as well as other families through United Ministries/GAIHN. Trees with ornaments listing gift choices are in the Church Parlor and Multipurpose Room. After taking an ornament and making a purchase, please place the item in a gift bag with the ornament attached and return to the Parlor by Sunday, December 11. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Bridges at 292-3640 or Melanie Wessinger at 228-0368.



## FRUIT BASKETS FOR TOWERS EAST

Help wish our neighbors at Towers East a Merry Christmas! Youth and adults will be packing fruit bags for the residents during the Sunday School hour in the Gym on December 11.

## 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 COLLECTION

Trinity will collect 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 are 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](mailto:spiershome@charter.net) or 233-1500 or Maureen Rose at [mrose5@bellsouth.net](mailto:mrose5@bellsouth.net) or 346-4889.

## COUNSELING SERVICES

Because Trinity Lutheran Church participates in a Membership Assistance Program with Canterbury Counseling Center, members of the congregation pay a fee of \$25 per session for the first four sessions of counseling. To make an appointment, speak with Pastor Crowell or call the Canterbury Counseling Center at 235-7501.

# WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

## HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Louie Chemell, Trinity Larsen and Joe Mulcahy have been discharged.

## BAPTISM

Carroll Eugene (Tad) League, Jr. on November 13  
Breonah Noelle and Tyler Joseph Small, children of Tom and Lori Small, on November 27

## DEATHS

the mother of Patti Parker

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Jeff and Lisa Phillips and their children, Alex and Erin,  
to Messiah Lutheran Church, Mauldin, SC

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### ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

	<u>11/6</u>	<u>11/13</u>	<u>11/20</u>	<u>11/27</u>
9:00	166	171	165	147
11:15	<u>203</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>148</u>
TOTAL	369	332	276	295
SUNDAY SCHOOL	151	150	89	99
LCY	30	38	-	-

### OFFERING SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 102,877	\$ 1,131,649
Given to Budget	<u>70,821</u>	<u>938,701</u>
Difference	- \$32,056	- \$192,948
Given to World Hunger	\$1,371	\$15,556
Given to Preserving Our Heritage	\$44,156	\$557,065 (Campaign to date)



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## GIFTS OF HOPE: A SEASON OF GIVING

*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.

The Outreach Committee will be offering an opportunity to participate in *Gifts of Hope*. Continuing through December 18, *Gifts of Hope* may be purchased at Trinity each Sunday morning in the Multipurpose Room during Coffee and Conversation. The *Gifts of Hope* catalog will offer 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. To review the gifts that may be purchased, please visit [www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org](http://www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org). For more information, contact Cheryl Spiers at 233-1500 or [spiershome@charter.net](mailto:spiershome@charter.net).

