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*The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.*  
Galatians 5:6b

Dear Members of the Trinity family,

Good works are not necessary for salvation. Good works are evidence of salvation. Because God loves us, because God names us and claims us in baptism, because God saves us from our sin and selfishness, we are called to do good works, to reach out in love and grace to this broken, hurting world to bring healing and wholeness.

One of the great privileges of serving as your pastor is the ability to witness all the ways that you do this. The cards you send, the notes you write, the meals you prepare, the words of encouragement you offer, the deeds of love and acts of kindness you perform are all good works that bear witness to your love for God. By uplifting and encouraging one another, you are sharing God's love. You are becoming an instrument of God's love. You are allowing God to work in and through you to bring hope and healing to many of God's beloved, precious children.

As we begin a new year of ministry together, I invite you to focus your time and attention on performing works of love and deeds of kindness. Use your time, your money, your specific gifts for ministry to make this world a brighter, kinder, gentler place for all people. Not only will you make God smile, bring joy, hope, and blessing into the lives of others, but you will also be blessed in ways you could never imagine. Put your faith in action and, in your own unique way, help the world see the love and grace of Christ.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

## COUNCIL NOTES

At the December meeting of the Congregation Council, the council

- welcomed newly elected members of Congregation Council, including John Beckford, Mike Boliek, Cathie Landreth, Jimmy Reynolds, Margaret Roth, and Andrew Rose and expressed gratitude to Debbie Farstad, Rita Kirven, Mike Parker, Michael Spiers, Debbie Varner, and Caitlin Littlejohn whose terms expire at the end of December.
- learned that expenses for November were \$2,239 less than projected;
- received an Annual Report from the Child Protection Team;
- received an Annual Report from the Foundation Committee;
- specified a portion of Pastor Crowell's and Pastor Parham's salaries to be designated as Housing Allowance in 2017;
- authorized the Executive Committee and staff to appoint committee members and lay assistants for 2017;
- elected the following officers for 2017: Dale Hamann, Vice-President; Richard Moose, Treasurer; and Rachel Balck, Secretary;
- noted that all council members and officers will be installed at both the 9:00 and 11:15 services on Sunday, January 8; and
- agreed by consensus that the next meeting of the Congregation Council will take place on Sunday, January 8 at 1:30 pm.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation Committee met in December to consider grant applications for 2016. Eight grants totaling \$65,250 were awarded to the following recipients:

- ELCA, Young Adults in Global Mission - \$8,000 to help fund two potential volunteers for service in YAGM.
- Greenville Free Medical Clinic - \$3,000 to help fund the purchase of a commercial refrigerator to expand a pilot program with Loaves and Fishes to provide fresh vegetables and fruits to patients.
- Loaves and Fishes - \$5,000 to help purchase produce for their agency partners.
- Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation - \$5,000 to help subsidize the care of hospice patients in the Greenville Office of Lutheran Hospice.
- Miracle Hill Ministries - \$10,000 to replace two HVAC units and the surveillance system at Shepherds Gate shelter for women and children.
- South Carolina Synod - \$15,000 to provide funding for an Endowment Scholarship in memory of the Rev. Clementa Carlos Pinckney and the Rev. Daniel Lee Simmons, Sr.
- Trinity Lutheran Church - \$7,500 to provide scholarship assistance to Sarah Delap Bowers for her senior year of seminary.
- United Ministries - \$11,750 to assist in covering the cost of GED testing for 45 students and provide funding for 10 families in the Matched Savings Project.



## 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.



### 2017 ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2017 have been mailed. If you have not received your envelopes, please call the Church Office. 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.

### DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

A new Discipleship Group focused on Prayer and Meditation facilitated by Philip Wessinger and Pastor Crowell will begin meeting on Wednesday, January 18 from 6:30 to 7:45 pm in the Assembly Room. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings through February 15. The group will study scripture, build relationships, and experiment with some alternative prayer and meditative practices. Registration is \$20.00 and the group is limited to fifteen participants.

### 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, January 5 at 9:30 am in Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. In addition to devotions and prayer, participants will engage in a service project. All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy muffins and coffee, prayer and fellowship.

Women's Bible Study



and Fellowship Group

### ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on December 4, 2016, the Congregation adopted a budget of \$1,261,566 for 2017 and elected John Beckford, Mike Boliek, Cathie Landreth, Jimmy Reynolds, Margaret Roth and Andrew Rose to serve on the Congregation Council.



### 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.



Prayer

**EVENING SESSION:** A Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group led by Pastor Crowell will meet on Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 pm in Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. In addition to devotions and prayer, participants will engage in a service project. 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.

## YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir, for those in grades 6 through 12, will rehearse on Sunday afternoons, January 8 and 22, beginning at 5:00 pm in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Holden Evening Prayer begins at 5:30 pm on those dates, so rehearsal will end right before that service. There will be no rehearsal on Sundays, January 15 and 29.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir is for children in K5 through grade 5. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons on January 8 and 22 starting at 3:30 pm in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. There will be no rehearsal on Sundays, January 15 and 29.



## ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir is open to youth and adults. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights in January as follows: January 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. There will be no rehearsal on Wednesday, January 25.



## HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbell Choir is open to youth and adults. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights in January as follows: January 4, 11 and 18 at 6:00 pm in the Rehearsal Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. There will be no rehearsal on Wednesday, January 25.



## TRINITY'S INSTRUMENTALIST COMMUNITY

All are invited to share their musical gifts with Trinity by playing their instruments in worship. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Parham by phone at 242-5702 or via email at [jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws).

## 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. Upcoming meeting dates and selections include *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown on February 16; and *Eligible*, by Curtis Sittenfeld on April 20.



## 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. The next meeting of this group is on Sunday, January 8 at 12:30 pm in the Parlor. Persons who are interested are invited to the speak with David Potts, Peggy Schotsch, Lura Godfrey or Mark Godfrey.



## MEN'S GROUP

The group will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at noon in the Dining Room of the Activities Building for a Bible study of *Kings*. 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.

## 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 January 8 and 22 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.



## FURMAN LSA

The Lutheran Student Association meets every Wednesday from 6:15-7:30 pm to break bread, pray together, and talk about life as a student at Furman. LSA needs volunteers to cook meals for the Spring Semester. Please contact Vicar Will Wing at [wmgwing@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:wmgwing@trinitylutheran.ws) or 864-242-5702 to offer help. This is a very important ministry because it provides a consistent and supportive community where students are free of pressure and obligation. Mandi Whitley and Vicar Will are working with the students to plan outings for the Spring semester.

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Trinity's Young Adults Group will meet for dinner and fellowship on Thursday, January 26 at *The Lazy Goat*, 207 South Main Street, beginning at 7:00 pm. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP to Mandi Whitley no later than Monday, January 23, so that a reservation may be made.



### 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

### 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. January meetings are on January 9 and 23. For more information, contact Sarah Weeks at 246-7862 or Amy Brown at 242-5702.

### TLC4TLC

Adults are invited to gather once a month for TLC4TLC (Tender Loving Care for Trinity Lutheran Church) to write notes and cards for members who are ill, grieving, or unable to attend worship, as well as for those who are celebrating joys. The group will meet on Sunday, January 22 at 4:00 pm in the Library. For additional information, please contact Mary Valenti at 322-5450 or Tracey Hoffert at 991-8547.



### BRIDGE GROUP

Leisure/Action Gameday is a time for Church members to gather for Bridge and other games. Those attending are invited to bring their lunch. Desserts and beverages are provided. The group meets at noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Parlor. In January, the gathering will be on Wednesday, January 25 at noon. All adults are welcome, retired or not.



### OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all Trinity adults who want to join in the fellowship. The group enjoys lunch together on the fourth Sunday of each month. The group will meet at *Harbor Inn* on Haywood on Sunday, January 29 (a week later than usual) at 12:45 pm. Contact Amy Brown if you would like to attend.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p>  <p>6:00 MINOR GIRLS BB PRACTICE  6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL  6:00 MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS GROUP BUILDING  7:00 JUNIOR GIRLS BB PRACTICE  7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>9:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP</p>  <p>4:00 MINOR BOYS BB PRACTICE @ 2ND PRES  5:30 MITES GIRLS BB PRACTICE @ ST GEORGE  6:00 JR BOYS BB PRACTICE  6:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP  7:00 SENIOR BOYS BB PRACTICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>9:30 CONFIRMATION EVENTS</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p>  <p>6:00 MINOR GIRLS BB PRACTICE  6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL  6:00 MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS GROUP BUILDING  6:15 FURMAN LSA  7:00 JUNIOR GIRLS BB PRACTICE  7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>4:00 MINOR BOYS BB PRACTICE @ 2ND PRES  5:30 MITES GIRLS BB PRACTICE @ ST GEORGE  6:00 JR BOYS BB PRACTICE  7:00 SENIOR BOYS BB PRACTICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p>  <p>6:00 MINOR GIRLS BB PRACTICE  6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL  6:00 MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS GROUP BUILDING  6:15 FURMAN LSA  6:30 DISCIPLESHIP GROUP  7:00 JUNIOR GIRLS BB PRACTICE  7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>4:00 MINOR BOYS BB PRACTICE @ 2ND PRES  5:30 MITES GIRLS BB PRACTICE @ ST GEORGE  6:00 JR BOYS BB PRACTICE  7:00 SENIOR BOYS BB PRACTICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP  12:00 LEISURE/ACTION GAMEDAY</p>  <p>6:00 MINOR GIRLS BB PRACTICE  6:00 MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS GROUP BUILDING  6:15 FURMAN LSA  6:30 DISCIPLESHIP GROUP  7:00 JUNIOR GIRLS BB PRACTICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>4:00 MINOR BOYS BB PRACTICE @ 2ND PRES  5:30 MITES GIRLS BB PRACTICE @ ST GEORGE  6:00 JR BOYS BB PRACTICE  7:00 SENIOR BOYS BB PRACTICE  7:00 YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>6:00 LCY SKI RETREAT BEGINS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>

# RESPONSIBILITIES FOR

	<u>1st</u>	<u>8th</u>
9:00 am	Lector John Otten Prayers Christine Elizabeth Owens Cantor Youth Choir Acolytes Rowan Brown  Greeters Fletcher Walker Sarah Weeks, Mack Whitley Shirley Whitley  Nursery Bev Bresette, Caroline Massey Nursery Aide Micaela Peterson	Ryan Macek Sammy Mosher Mark Godfrey Emily Lynch Abigail Smith Lisa Osborn, Marty Osborn Todd Wetzel Bryan Cegelis, Jessica Cegelis Abigail Smith
Sunday School Nursery	Joyce Weiner	Anne Branham
11:15 am	Lector Bill Renninger Prayers Chip Bettler Cantor Russ Wise Acolytes Anna Bennett  Greeters Lauren Miller Beth Renninger, Bill Renninger Alice Smith  Nursery Brenda Bridges Nursery Aide Delaney Wannemacher	Paul Miller Lynne Hunter Richard Moose Jordan Forbes Thomas Rice Chris Sorenson, Chris Wannemacher Andrew Weiner Karen Craig Bailey Hoffert
Communion Fill	Karen Craig (Intinction)	Karen Nichols
Communion Clean-up (9:00 (11:15))	Mike and Patti Parker WW and Mary Frances Martin	John and Beth Henry Jeff Rehm, Mary Beth Ridenhour
Ushers 9:00	Eric Lynch (Captain), Gene Bowman, Mary Todd Bowman, Joe Mulcahy	
11:15	Darwin Cline (Captain), Barbara Corell, Dale Hamann, Alice Smith	
Offering Tellers		
Team 1	Stacy Fisher (Captain) John Beckford, Steve McElhinny	Team 2 David Troutman (Captain) Jeff Balck, WW Martin

Sunday Evening Worship	
January 8, 5:30 pm	January 22
Lector Ryan Macek	Bill Renninger
Acolyte Andrew Rose	Jack Wilcox
Ushers Philip and Melanie Wessinger	Henry and Robyn Wilcox



# JANUARY 2017

## 15th

Ralph Born  
 Joe Rice  
 Amanda Cook  
 Hunter Balck  
 Scott Gifford  
 Ralph Born, Eddie Woodward  
 Kim Woodward  
 Betsy League, Amanda Mast  
 Ellen Spiers

Beth Batts

Henry Wilcox  
 Frank Green  
 Bob Schirmer  
 Everett Lawrence  
 Ryan Semler  
 Bonnie Farmer, Henry Wilcox  
 Robyn Wilcox  
 Melanie Wessinger  
 Caitlin Littlejohn

Randy and Linda Brown  
 Tim and Martha Keaton  
 John and Lynne Hunter

## 22nd

Chris Barnett  
 Mary Brown  
 Rowan Brown  
 James Kirven  
 Sammy Mosher  
 Cathy Baus, Fred Baus  
 Jo Glymph  
 Tracy Dean McElhinny, Steve McElhinny  
 Conyers Wingard

Karen Craig

Paige Dillon  
 Delaney Wannemacher  
 Ann Coon  
 Delaney Wannemacher  
 Fletcher Walker  
 Eric Glass, Ed Holliday  
 Judy Holliday  
 Susan Burton

Caroline Massey (Intinction)  
 Barbara Beclford  
 Eric and Angela Glass

## 29th

John Otten  
 David Nichols  
 John Park  
 Julia McElhinny  
 Madison Mercer  
 Gregg Alley, Sally Boliek  
 Merry Mulcahy  
 Ashley Macek, Ryan Macek  
 Anna Lee Henry

Brenda Bridges

Tom DiAntonio  
 Kaitlin Moose  
 Melanie Helling  
 Bailey Hoffert  
 Lauren Miller  
 Laurie Horsfall, Rick Horsfall  
 Marilyn Koerber  
 Eric Glass

Caroline Otten  
 Eddie and Kim Woodward  
 Lisa Black, Ellen Boler

Nursery Captains

9:00  
 SS  
 11:15

Margaret Roth  
 Anne Branham  
 Brenda Bridges

Audio Ministry

David Troutman

Visiting First Time Worshipers

Debbie Farstad, Sarah Weeks

Sanctuary Preparation

David Nichols

United Ministry Food Baskets

Paige Dillon, Bob Whitley

# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY 1</p> <p>9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED 2</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 3</p> <p>6:00 I-MITES BB PRACTICE 6:00 MITES BOYS BB PRACTICE 7:00 SR GIRLS BB PRACTICE</p>
<p>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8</p> <p>8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>12:30 CREATION CARE TEAM 1:00 EDUCATION COMMITTEE 1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL 1:30 BAPTISM EVENT 3:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE 5:00 YOUTH CHOIR 5:30 HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER 6:00 LCY</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 9 9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>10 10:00 LYDIA GROUP 12:00 MEN'S GROUP</p> <p>6:00 I-MITES BB PRACTICE 6:00 MITES BOYS BB PRACTICE 7:00 SR GIRLS BB PRACTICE</p>
<p>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY 15</p> <p>8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED 16</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 17</p> <p>6:00 I-MITES BB PRACTICE 6:00 MITES BOYS BB PRACTICE 7:00 SR GIRLS BB PRACTICE</p>
<p>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 22</p> <p>8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>12:30 CONFIRMATION EVENT 3:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 4:00 TLC4TLC 4:00 PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE 5:00 YOUTH CHOIR 5:30 HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER 6:00 LCY</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 23 9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>24 6:00 I-MITES BB PRACTICE 6:00 MITES BOYS BB PRACTICE 7:00 SR GIRLS BB PRACTICE</p>
<p>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY 29</p> <p>8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>12:00 SKI RETREAT CONCLUDES 12:45 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 30</p>	<p>31 6:00 I-MITES BB PRACTICE 6:00 MITES BOYS BB PRACTICE 7:00 SR GIRLS BB PRACTICE</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

## BAPTISM EVENT

All children in grades K5 through Grade 5 are invited to meet in the Activities Building on Sunday afternoon, January 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. The afternoon will be a *Baptism Celebration*, sponsored by the Education Committee. There will be crafts, skits, stories and food to help learn about and celebrate each person's baptism. The event will end at 3:30 pm, so children can go to choir.

## 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.

There will be three new adult Sunday School classes beginning in January. *Living Fully, Dying Well* is a course that will help participants make careful, wise and prayerful preparation for life's most important moments. In the class *Knowing Jesus*, students will explore some of the writings of James Alison regarding the witness of the apostles on the resurrection and how it impacted the writing of the gospels and our faith today. The final class *John: the Gospel of Light and Life*, is a study of the stories and themes in the gospel which make it one of the favorites for Christians today.



## 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

January 1 - NO LCY

January 8 – ICE SKATING

After dinner, youth will ride the bus to go ice skating at *Ice on Main*, returning to the Church at 8:00 pm. Cost is \$8.00 per person.

January 15 – NO LCY

January 22 – BIBLE STUDY

After dinner, youth will break into small groups to participate in a Bible Study.

January 29 - NO EVENING LCY DUE TO SKI RETREAT

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' RETREAT

Trinity's 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade girls are invited to attend a retreat at Lutheridge Friday, March 31 through Sunday, April 2. The group will enjoy group building activities, fellowship, devotions and a service project in the Asheville community. Parents have been emailed a registration form. Registration, with payment of \$100.00, should be returned to Mandi Whitley no later than Sunday, February 5.



Just for Kids!

### KIDS' STUFF AND CLUB 345

The Education Committee will host a Baptism Event for all elementary aged children on Sunday, January 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

### 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. Those who have not yet registered their child(ren) should contact Mandi Whitley immediately.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS GROUP BUILDING

Trinity's boys in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to 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 group 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.

## 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. Those who have not yet turned in a registration form and \$50.00 deposit should do so as soon as possible.



### SAFE SITTER

Trinity is now a registered Safe Sitter training site. Moving forward, Trinity youth who wish to volunteer in the Church Nursery must be Safe Sitter certified. The first class will be on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which covers the training materials and a light lunch. Trinity members Rachel Balck, Terry Batts and Cathie Landreth are the instructors. Youth who wish to attend the March 11 training should sign up through the Church Office no later than Sunday, March 5.

### HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited to attend Sunday School each week at 10:10 am in the Youth Center. The class is led by Megan Koon. This month's topics are as follows:

January 1: Discussion of the Moravian Love Feast and New Year's Resolutions.

January 8: Service Project (making hats for hospice)

January 15: Nooma video and discussion

January 22: Judaism and Christianity

January 29: One youth class due to ski retreat, topic to be determined

### 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 January. 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 - Tuesdays 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



## PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

On Sunday, February 5, twelve to fifteen volunteers are needed to staff the soup kitchen from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers must be middle school age or older. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mike Wilson at [mawilson8563@gmail.com](mailto:mawilson8563@gmail.com) or [mwilson\\_01@charter.net](mailto:mwilson_01@charter.net).



## 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.



## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

When there is an accumulation of snow, sleet or ice on the roads on Sunday morning, the 9:00 am Service and Sunday School will be cancelled. A Service will be held at 11:15 am if it is safe for the pastors and staff to travel. When the 11:15 am Service is also cancelled, attempts will be made to announce that decision on local television stations and their websites. Information will also be added to the church voice mail message.



## 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.



## CONGREGATION BEACH RETREAT

A Congregational Beach Retreat will be held June 18 through June 25 at the Coastal Retreat Center on the Isle of Palms. All members are invited to participate. Options for the beginning of the week, end of week, or full week are available. Reservation forms will be mailed to those who participated in last year's retreat. Others may request forms by contacting the Church Office in January at [kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws) or 242-5702.



# WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

## HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Erna Adamson, Heather Chapman, Delaney Childers, and Betsy League have been discharged.

## BAPTISM

Mary Helen Bowers, daughter of Mike and Mallory Bowers, on December 4

## DEATHS

Chris Wunderlich on December 20

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Jim and Carol Christopher to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Simpsonville, SC  
Ron and Cindy Ulmer to Ascension Lutheran Church, South Burlington, VT

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### ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

	<u>12/4</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>12/18</u>
9:00	175	219	400 (10:00)
11:15	<u>135</u>	<u>133</u>	-
TOTAL	310	352	400
SUNDAY SCHOOL	-	135	-
LCY	35	40	-

### OFFERING SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER

(SUMMARY DOES NOT INCLUDE DECEMBER 24 OR 25)

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 102,877	\$ 1,234,526
Given to Budget	<u>94,576</u>	<u>1,033,277</u>
Difference	- \$8,301	- \$201,249
Given to World Hunger	\$1,413	\$16,968
Given to Preserving Our Heritage	\$23,861	\$583,567 (Campaign to date)



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