



Activities and Opportunities

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Announcements

Mandi Whitley is away today.

Wednesday Evening Worship - Wednesday, September 6, 6:15 pm. - Multipurpose Room. All are invited to gather for this contemplative worship service that includes silence and singing, light and darkness, stillness and movement, and culminates with prayer around the cross and the lighting of candles. This peaceful, calming service will focus on healing. Gathering music will begin at 6:07 pm.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts. Prayers and gifts are urgently needed for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Checks should be written to Trinity Lutheran Church and clearly marked for the Hurricane Relief Fund. Monies will be forwarded to the ELCA Disaster Response.

New Member Class. A new member class, entitled *What Does It Mean To Be a Lutheran?*, will be taught during the Sunday School hour beginning on Sunday, October 8. This five week class is designed for those who are exploring the possibility of joining Trinity. Members will be received on Sunday, November 12 at the 11:15 am Service. Questions may be directed to Pastor Crowell.

Devotional booklets are available in the Narthex for adults and for children.

Foundation Grants. The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation is receiving grant applications from September 1 to October 15. The purpose of the foundation is to enhance the outreach ministry of the congregation by making grants to community human service agencies to which the congregation relates, institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA, and members of the congregation who attend an ELCA seminary or church-related educational, leadership, or service event. Grant applications may be obtained by calling the Church Office.

The 2016 Annual Report and 2017 Church Directory is available to be picked up in the Church Office. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 am.

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.

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

Relational Groups

Theology Roundtable - Today, 4:00 pm, 2nd Floor of the Pence Building. This group for adults gathers on the first and fourth Sundays of the month at 4:00 pm. Participants will discuss chapter 1 of *Quest for the Living God* by Elizabeth A. Johnson. All adults are welcome to participate. Joe Rice facilitates the discussion. Questions may be directed to him at saluda171@yahoo.com or 704-4616.

Prayer Group - Wednesday, September 6, 11:30 am, Library. A prayer group meets 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 placed in the Prayer Box or emailed to Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com. All are invited to attend.

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Groups - Thursday, September 7, 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Assembly Room. These groups, led by Pastor Crowell, will begin meeting on September 7 and continue to gather on the first Thursday of the following months. *Another Look at Spiritual Practices* is the theme for the year. All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy refreshments, study, prayer and fellowship. Muffins and coffee are provided at the morning session. At the evening gathering, participants are invited to bring refreshments to share with the group.

Young Adults Group - Thursday, September 7, 7:00 pm. Trinity's Young Adults Group will meet for dinner at *The Lazy Goat*. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by emailing Mandi Whitley this morning so that a reservation may be made.

Empowering and Encouraging Girls and Their Moms. Girls in grades three, four and five, and their moms are invited to gather in the Youth Center on Wednesdays, September 13, 20, and 27 from 6:00 to 7:15 pm for dinner, devotions, and relationship building activities. This group will be led by Pastor Crowell and Mandi Whitley, and will focus on encouraging, equipping, and empowering girls and their moms. Registration is \$15.00 per family, which will cover the cost of meals and supplies for all three sessions. To be included, please call the Church Office to register.

Families with Young Children - Saturday, September 16, 10:00 am. Families with children who are infants through age 4, and their siblings, are invited to gather at McPherson Park for fellowship. This is a great way to connect with families in a similar stage of life.

Music Ministry

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, September 6, 7:15 pm, Choir room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

Children's Choir, for children in K5 through grade 5, begins fall rehearsals next Sunday, September 10.

Children and Youth

There will be no LCY this evening. The group will meet at 6:00 pm on Sunday, September 10 to continue preparing for Youth Sunday.

Basketball Registration. Trinity participates in a basketball program through Church League Basketball for Youth (CLBBY). Teams are available for youth in grades K5 through 12 and adult men. Registration information has been emailed to potential participants. Registration forms and payment are due no later than next Sunday, September 10.

Kids' Stuff and Club 345 - next Sunday, September 10, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Multipurpose Room. Kids' Stuff is Trinity's fellowship group for children in K5 through second grade and Club 345 is Trinity's fellowship group for children in third through fifth grades. These groups gather with their church friends once a month for fun, food, service projects and learning. The first event for these two groups will be a joint gathering to learn about Noah's Ark through story, games and snacks.

Education

Sunday School. Sunday School is offered for all ages every Sunday. Following Coffee and Conversation, the adult class will meet in the Multipurpose Room and continue exploring the Reformation using the study *Ever Reforming: Lutherans Looking Back and Ahead*. This study looks at reformation history, people and theology from the past and into the present time. This class will continue through Labor Day. Youth in grades 6 through 12 will meet outside Mandi Whitley's office immediately after the 9:00 am worship to walk as a group to Starbucks for fellowship, devotions and prayer.

First Faith. A new Sunday School class for parents and preschoolers continues this morning. Called *First Faith*, this class is a time for parents of children through age 3 to meet together with their children to build relationships. Each Sunday will include time for sharing and Bible stories. The classroom is on the first floor of the Education Building, across from the additional nursery room.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 am, Assembly Room. Adults are invited to a Wednesday morning Bible study on the gospel of *Mark*. The course will begin this Wednesday, September 6 and will be taught by Vicar Ellen Clough. The registration fee of \$20.00 can be paid in the Church Office this morning.

Discipleship Group - Wednesday, September 6, 7:15 pm. A fall discipleship group will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:15 pm in the Assembly Room. Led by Philip Wessinger and Amy Brown, this group will read and discuss the book *Crafting a Rule of Life* by Stephen A. Macchia. *Crafting a Rule of Life* is a twelve week exploration of gifts, values, vision and priorities. Participants will be expected to complete reading and writing assignments in the book prior to participating in the group each week. The goal will be for each group member to craft a personal rule of life. More information about the book is available at www.ruleoflife.com. The registration fee of \$15.00 includes a book. Please register through the Church Office this morning. Those with questions may speak to the leaders. Beginning on September 13, the group will meet at 6:30 pm.

Confirmation Orientation - Sunday, September 17, 12:30 to 3:00 pm, Multipurpose Room. Trinity's confirmation program for eighth and ninth graders and their parents will begin with an Orientation Event. Lunch will be provided. Expectations and a schedule of events will be shared at this gathering.

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.

Trinity is hosting guests from the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network tomorrow through September 10. Food items to pack lunches and provide snacks for GAIHN guests during host week should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am this morning.

The Outreach Committee will be collecting men's underwear (new), size medium and larger during the month of September for Place of Hope, United Ministry's day shelter for the homeless.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10

TODAY - SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
9:00 am Holy Communion
9:50 am Coffee & Conversation
10:10 am Sunday School
10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
11:00 am GAIHN Setup
11:15 am Holy Communion
4:00 pm Theology Roundtable

MONDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am *Mark* Study - Assembly Room
11:30 am Prayer Group
6:15 pm Furman LSA
6:15 pm Holden Prayer Around the Cross -
Multipurpose Room
6:45 pm Discipleship Group - Assembly Room
7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY

9:30 am Women's Bible Study and
Fellowship Group - Assembly Room
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study and
Fellowship Group - Assembly Room
7:00 pm Young Adults Group

NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10

7:00 am GAIHN Takedown
8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
9:00 am Holy Communion
9:50 am Coffee & Conversation
10:10 am Sunday School
10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
11:15 am Holy Communion
1:30 pm Kids' Stuff and Club 345
1:30 pm Congregation Council
3:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm Parish Life Committee
5:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm LCY