



Activities and Opportunities

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December 20, 2014

Hospital Patients

Juliana Weeks - 901, St. Francis Downtown

Announcements

The Church Office will close at 10:00 am this morning.

Christmas Worship Schedule. On Thursday, 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.

2016 Envelopes. The offering envelopes for next year have been mailed. 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.

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

Preserving Our Heritage - While the capital campaign to raise funds for deferred maintenance will kick off in the new year, gifts to the campaign are currently being received.

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 2015. During the last week of the year, the Church Office will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 29, Wednesday, December 30, and Thursday, December 31.

Advent Devotional booklets are available in the Narthex and the Multipurpose Room for adults and families with children.

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

Relational Groups

Prayer Group - Wednesday, December 23, 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 emailed to Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com. All are invited to attend.

Children and Youth

High School Small Group will resume on Wednesday, January 6.

LCY will resume on Sunday, January 10, 2016.

Education

There will be no Sunday School this morning.

Music Ministry

Handbell Choir - Wednesday, December 23, 6:00 pm. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm, right before Adult Choir. There will be no rehearsals on Wednesday, December 30. The Handbell Choir will play on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 and 7:00 pm services.

Adult Choir - Wednesday, December 23, 7:00 pm. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. There will be no rehearsal on Wednesday, December 30.

Outreach Opportunities

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. The Outreach Committee will be offering an opportunity to participate in *Gifts of Hope* through December 20. A display will be set up each Sunday morning in the Multipurpose Room during Coffee and Conversation. The *Gifts of Hope* catalog will offer 38 gift choices offers 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.com. For more information, please call Karla Koon at 609-6617 or kwkoon11@gmail.com or Cheryl Spiers at 233-1500 or spiershome@charter.net.

Advent Food 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 Bill Renninger at 232-4877 or Betsy League at 271-9556.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20 THROUGH DECEMBER 27

TODAY - DECEMBER 20

7:45 am Holy Communion - Sanctuary
10:00 am Holy Communion
and Christmas Pageant - Gym
11:00 am Brunch

MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Sr Girls BB Game @ Trinity
7:00 pm Sr Boys II BB Game @ Trinity
8:00 pm Sr Boys I BB Game @ St. Matthew

WEDNESDAY

11:30 am Prayer Group
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

2:15 pm Children & 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

FRIDAY

Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 27

7:45 am Holy Communion
8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
9:00 am Holy Communion
9:50 am Coffee and Conversation
10:10 am Sunday School
10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
11:15 am Holy Communion