



Activities and Opportunities

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September 4, 2016

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11

TODAY - SEPTEMBER 4

- 7:45 am Holy Communion
- 8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Project Host Soup Kitchen
- 9:50 am Coffee and Conversation
- 10:10 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
- 11:15 am Holy Communion
- 3:00 pm Memorial Service for Miriam Kirkpatrick
- 4:00 pm Theology Roundtable - Library

MONDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 10:00 am Romans Bible Study
- 11:30 am Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm High School Small Group
- 6:15 pm Furman LSA
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group
- 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group

NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 11

- 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
- 1:00 pm Kids' Stuff and Club 345
- 1:30 pm Congregation Council
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir
- 6:00 pm LCY and Leisure/Action

Death

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Miriam Kirkpatrick at her death on August 30.

Announcements

Mandi Whitley is away today.

Changes in Sunday Morning Worship - While a handful of Trinity's dear and faithful members continue to worship on Sunday morning at the 7:45 am service, the attendance at this service has declined over the past several years making it difficult to sustain this service. After hours of thought, study, prayer, and consideration, the Congregation Council, at the unanimous recommendation of the Worship Committee, made the decision to eliminate the 7:45 am Sunday morning service beginning on October 2. The Sunday morning worship schedule which includes Holy Communion at 9:00 and 11:15 am with Sunday School at 10:10 am will continue. Pastor Crowell, Pastor Parham, and the Worship Committee are working to find a time, day of the week, and plan for a third worship service. Possibilities will be explored over the next months.

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 16. This five week class is designed for those who are exploring the possibility of joining Trinity. Members will be received on Sunday, November 13 at the 11:15 am Service. Questions may be directed to Pastor Crowell.

The 2015 Annual Report and 2016 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.

On Sunday, September 18 at 10:00 am in the Multipurpose Room, the Stewardship Committee will host Trinity's annual stewardship event entitled *Let Your Light Shine*. This event will include a video presentation, refreshments, and information about Trinity's plans for mission and ministry in 2017. Loyalty Sunday, the annual opportunity to offer gifts of time, talent, and financial resources, will be held the following Sunday, September 25.

Wednesday Evening Worship - Wednesday, September 14, 6:15 pm, Multipurpose Room. On the second Wednesday of each month beginning in September and extending through December, the congregation is invited to gather for worship. This contemplative service is a peaceful experience that includes silence and singing, light and darkness, stillness and movement and culminates with prayer around the cross and the lighting of candles. Members of the congregation and friends are encouraged to participate in this service. The theme for September is *Praying for Healing*.

Announcements (Cont'd)

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

The Church Office will be open from 8:30 to 11:00 am.

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

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, Library. The group will resume discussing topics from *Devotional Classics*, edited by Foster and Smith. All adults are welcome to participate. Joe Rice facilitates the discussion. Questions may be directed to him at 246-8661 or saluda171@yahoo.com.

Prayer Group - Wednesday, September 7, 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 8, 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. These groups are led by Pastor Crowell. 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.

Leisure/Action - next Sunday, September 11, 6:00 pm, Multipurpose Room. Leisure/Action has been invited to LCY. Meat, beverages, and dessert will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring side dishes or salads to share. After dinner, participants will play Bunco. Please reserve your seat through the Church Office by Wednesday, September 7.

Music Ministry

Handbell Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 pm, Handbell Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.

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

Children and Youth

There will be no LCY this evening. The group will meet at 6:00 pm on Sunday, September 11 in the Multipurpose Room.

High School Small Group - Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 - 7:15 pm, Youth Center. This group is for youth in grades 9 through 12. Those attending should bring their own dinner. The group will enjoy a variety of ice breakers.

Kids' Stuff and Club 345 - next Sunday, September 11, 1:00 pm. Families of children in K5 through 5th grade are invited to the Kids' Stuff and Club 345 kick-off event at Heritage Park in Simpsonville from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch. The groups will then enjoy fun, games and music.

Registration for Youth and Adult Basketball. The basketball playing season will begin in November. All registration forms and payments are due no later than next Sunday, September 11. Trinity offers basketball teams for children in K-4 through Grade 12, as well as adult men. All teams are organized under the direction of the Church League Basketball for Youth. Practices will begin in mid-October. Registration forms have been emailed to potential participants. Practice schedules will be announced when they are finalized. Questions should be directed to Mandi Whitley.

Education

Sunday School - Today, 10:10 am. Sunday School classes are available for all ages this morning. Three new adult Sunday School classes will begin. Topics include *Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why*, *Faithful Parenting: Life with Children*, and *Prostitutes and Polygamists: A Look at Love, Old Testament Style*.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Wednesday, September 7, 10:00 am, Rooms 12 & 13, Activities Building. Adults are invited to a study on the book of *Romans*. It will be taught by Vicar Will Wing. The registration fee of \$20.00 can be paid in the Church Office.

Outreach Opportunities

Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network - Sunday, September 18 through Sunday, September 25. 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 or 232-6969 or Paige Dillon at pdillon2@bellsouth.net or 288-3190 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinator, Bev Bresette, at 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 will be located in the Parlor beginning on Sunday, August 28. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, September 18.

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 canned fruit, saltine crackers, canned peas, canned Treet, and hot and cold cereal. Other items are appreciated as well.