



Activities and Opportunities

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December 11, 2016

Hospital Patients

Erna Adamson - 356, St. Francis Eastside Heather Chapman - discharged

Members Receiving Communion at Home Today

George Heer, Jack Massey, Raymond Poore, Jim and Pat Wood, JoLyn Wood, and Chris Wunderlich

Announcements

Lessons and Carols - Today, 5:00 pm. - *We Hope; We Adore; We See* will include scripture readings interspersed with prayers, carols and beautiful choral and handbell music. We read, reflect and sing about Christ promised, Christ with us and Christ revealed to us. Trinity's Adult, Children, Youth and Handbell Choirs will be joined by a 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.

Wednesday Evening Worship - this Wednesday, December 14, 6:15 pm, Multipurpose Room. The congregation is invited to gather for Holden Prayer Around the Cross. 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. 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. Gathering music will begin at 6:07 pm.

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

Special Worship Opportunity - next Sunday, December 18, 10:00 am, Gym. The congregation is invited to gather 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, 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.

2017 Envelopes. The offering envelopes for next year will be available in the Multipurpose Room this morning. The envelopes will be on tables in alphabetical order for members to pick up. Envelopes that are not picked up this morning will be mailed later this week. 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.

Announcements (Cont'd)

Christmas Worship Schedule. On Saturday, 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. On Sunday, December 25, there will be one service at 10:00 am.

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.

The cross in the Breezeway is available for anyone wishing to make a special request for prayers for relationships. Paper is available on the stand beside the cross. In a few weeks, those requests will be given to Trinity's prayer team to be included in their prayers.

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

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.

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

Relational Groups

Men's Group - Tuesday, December 13, noon. The group will meet *The Trappe Door*, 23 West Washington St. Contact Joe Rice with questions at 246-8661 or saluda171@yahoo.com. All men of the congregation and friends are invited.

Prayer Group - Wednesday, December 14, 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.

Book Group - Thursday, December 15, 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.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir - Today, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary. The choir will meet to warmup for the service of Lessons and Carols. In addition, there will be a rehearsal on Saturday morning at 9:30 am in preparation for the pageant.

Youth Choir - Today, 3:45 pm, Sanctuary. The choir will meet to warmup for the service of Lessons and Carols.

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 14, 7:15 pm, Choir room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

Education

Sunday School -Today. Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will have classes as usual. Middle and High School youth and all adults will meet in the Multipurpose Room for an *Outrageous Outreach* opportunity.

Children and Youth

LCY - Today, 6:00 pm. Youth who have signed up will meet at the Red Canopy Door 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.

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.

Outreach Opportunities

Project Host Soup Kitchen - Today. A number Trinity's youth are staffing the soup kitchen this morning.

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 Food Collection. Trinity is collecting 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 will be 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 or 233-1500 or Maureen Rose at mrose5@bellsouth.net or 346-4889.

Gifts of Hope - through next Sunday, December 18. *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 18. 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, 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. For more information, contact Cheryl Spiers at 233-1500 or spiershome@charter.net.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 THROUGH DECEMBER 18

TODAY - DECEMBER 11

7:00 am GAIHN Takedown
8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
9:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Project Host Soup Kitchen
9:50 am Coffee & Conversation
10:10 am Sunday School
10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
11:15 am Holy Communion
1:30 pm Congregation Council
3:30 pm Children's Choir Warmup - Sanctuary
3:45 pm Youth Choir Warmup - Sanctuary
4:00 pm Handbell Choir Warmup - Sanctuary
4:15 pm Adult Choir Warmup - Choir Room
5:00 pm Lessons and Carols
6:00 pm LCY

MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting
8:00 pm Sr Girls BB game @ 4th Pres
8:00 pm Sr Boys BB game @ St. George

TUESDAY

12:00 noon Men's Group

WEDNESDAY

11:30 am Prayer Group
6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship
7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

4:00 pm Minor Boys BB Practice @ 2nd Pres
5:30 pm Mites Girls BB Practice @ St. George
7:00 pm Book Group
9:00 pm Men's BB game @ St. Matthew

SATURDAY

8:30 am Mites Girls BB game @ 1st Baptist
9:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Jr Boys A BB game @ St. Matthew
10:30 am Minor Girls BB game @ 1st Baptist
10:30 am Jr Boys B BB game @ St. George
11:30 am I-Mites BB game @ Christ Church
12:00 noon Minor Boys BB game @ Westmin Pres
12:30 pm Mites Boys BB game @ 1st Baptist
1:30 pm Jr Girls B BB game @ 4th Pres

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 18

9:00 am Instrumentalists' Rehearsal
10:00 am Holy Communion and Pageant with
Brunch to follow
3:30 pm Children's Choir
4:00 pm Theology Roundtable
5:00 pm Youth Choir

2016 Poinsettia Order Form

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.

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$____

In () honor of, In () memory of

Given by: _____