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CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS

Congratulations to the following youth who affirmed their Baptism through the Rite of Confirmation on Palm Sunday, April 9. Pictured on the front row from left to right are Vicar Wing, Natalie Geiger, Corinne Amyette, Ethan Pratt, Sydney Hoffert, Pastor Parham, and Pastor Crowell. On the back row from left to right are Mac Wallace, Anna Havens Rice, Alison Wood, and Bo Wallace.

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, May 4 at 9:30 am in Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. This is the last gathering for the school year. The group will begin meeting again in September. Participants will enjoy fellowship, devotions and study, as well as participate in a service project.

Women's Bible Stud



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NEW INTERN ASSIGNMENT

At the end of August, Ellen Clough will begin serving as Trinity's sixth Pastoral Intern. Ellen is a native of Harrisonburg, Virginia and a 2012 graduate Lenoir-Rhyne of University. Please keep Ellen in your thoughts and prayers as she prepares to join Trinity's ministry team for a one-year internship during the 2017/2018 academic year.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

A new member class, entitled *What Does It Mean To Be a Lutheran*?, is being taught during the Sunday School hour. This four week class, designed for those who are exploring the possibility of joining Trinity, is also a good refresher course for those who have been Lutheran for some time. Members will be received on Sunday, May 21 at the 11:15 am Service. Questions may be directed to Pastor Crowell.



Synod Assembly

Lutherans from across the state will gather at the Marriott in Charleston on May 21 through 23 for the South Carolina Synod Assembly. The theme for this gathering is *You are Salt and Light bringing out God flavors and God colors in the world!* Participants gather for worship, service and learning opportunities, and to conduct the annual business of the synod. Voting members from Trinity include Kay Cook, Louise Fletcher, Deirdre Hixson, Richard Moose, Jimmy Reynolds, Amy Brown, Mandi Whitley, Pastor Parham, and Pastor Crowell. Vicar Wing will also be attending the assembly as a visitor.

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 <u>marmulcahy@icloud.com</u>. All are invited to attend.





Synod Assembly

Out to Lunch Bunch

The Out to Lunch Bunch is a group that enjoys Sunday lunch together on the fourth Sunday of each month after the 11:15 am worship service. The group is open to any Trinity adults who want to join in the fellowship. The group will meet on May 28 at *Ruby Tuesday* Cherrydale at 12:45 pm.

Lydia Group

The Lydia Group will meet on Tuesday, May 9, at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Janna Kelley will be the hostess. The group will assemble LWR Clean Kits. All women of the congregation are welcome.

Leisure/Action

The Leisure/Action Group is for senior adults that meets occasionally for lunch, learning and travel. The group will not meet in May. The next outing will be on Thursday, June 8, when the group will go to the lake home of Luther and Sally Boliek.

Gameday is a time for Church members to gather for Bridge and other games. The group meets at noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Parlor. In May, the gathering will be on Wednesday, May 24 at noon. Participants are invited to bring their lunch. Dessert and beverages are provided.



Youth Choir

Youth Choir, for those in grades 6 through 12, will have the last rehearsal of the season on Sunday afternoon May 7 at 5:00 pm in the Youth Center. Youth Choir will lead worship and sing with the Children's Choir at the 9:00 am service on Sunday, May 14.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir is for children in K5 through grade 5. The last rehearsal of the season will be on Sunday, May 7 at 3:30 pm in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. Children's Choir will sing with the Youth Choir on May 14, the fifth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day, at the 9:00 am service.

ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir is open to youth and adults. The choir will rehearse every Wednesday of May in the Choir Room on the 2nd Floor of the Pence Building. The last rehearsal of the season is on May 24.





HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbell Choir is open to youth and adults. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, May 3 through 24 in the Rehearsal Room on the 2nd Floor of the Pence Building.



TRINITY'S INSTRUMENTALIST COMMUNITY

With the choirs enjoying a summer break from rehearsing, summertime worship abounds with opportunities for instrumentalists to contribute to Trinity's worship life. Contact Pastor Parham at <u>jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws</u> or 242-5702 to discuss the musical possibilities.

Special Musical Event

The Lenoir Rhyne Youth Chorus is celebrating its twentieth season with a concert tour, stopping in South Carolina and Georgia. They will perform at Trinity on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 pm. The Chorus has sung for the installation of bishops, University administration, special synod events, and many choral festivals in the US and abroad. Founded in 1996 by Florence Jowers as part of the Lenoir-Rhyne University sacred music program, the Chorus currently enjoys having more than 60 singers in grades 3-12 in three choirs. They are directed by Cory Westby, who is in his first season with LRYC. Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, NC is affiliated with the NC Synod of the ELCA.



MEN'S GROUP

The group will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at noon at *Pour*. Contact Joe Rice with questions at <u>saluda171@yahoo.com</u> or 246-8661. All men of the congregation and friends are invited.

THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

This group will resume meeting in August.

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, May 21 at 4:00 pm in the Library. For additional information, please contact Mary Valenti at 322-5450 or Tracey Hoffert at 991-8547.



HONORING TRINITY'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Trinity will recognize our high school graduates on Sunday, May 7 at the 11:15 am service. Trinity's high school graduates include Mia Dillon, Daniel Fisher, Jordan Forbes, Anna Lee Henry, Bailey Hoffert, Caitlin Littlejohn, Emily Lynch, Lauren Miller, Micaela Peterson, Abigail Smith, and Delaney Wannemacher. A reception in their honor will be held on the front lawn immediately following the 11:15 am service on that day.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

LUNCH FOR TOWERS EAST RESIDENTS

Volunteers are needed to provide a simple lunch for 10 people on July 6, and October 5. Contact Sarah Weeks at 787-1160.

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. For more information contact Amy Brown through the Church Office.



QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group will meet in the Activities Building at 9:30 am every Monday through June 12, with the exception of May 29. The group makes guilts which are distributed Lutheran World bv Relief. Participants do not need to know how to sew in order to make guilts. Willing volunteers who can cut fabric, iron, thread a needle or tie knots are welcome. Participants can work as little, or as long, as they would like. There are also at-home sewing opportunities. For more information, contact Amy Brown at 242-5702.

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12:00 LEISURE/ACTION GAMEDAY			
7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL			
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Responsibilities

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Ushers 9:00 Cheryl Spiers (Captain), John Henry, Michael Spiers, Margaret Wyatt 11:15 Richard Frye (Captain), Susan Burton, Barbara Corell, George Corell

Offering Tellers

Team 1 Sarah Weeks (Captain) Andrew Weiner, Joyce Weiner Team 2 Lisa Panhorst (Captain) Joanne Jones, Mary Beth Ridenhour

May 2017

<u>21st</u>

Madison Mercer Mike Wilson Mark Godfrey Daniel Fisher Anna Lee Henry Cathy Baus, Fred Baus Eric Rose Anne Branham, Betsy League Ryann Roth

Melanie Wessinger

Christine Elizabeth Owens Dale Hamann Sheryl Schirmer Everett Lawrence Taylor Poole Henry McGee, Alice Smith Andrew Weiner Eric Glass

Caroline Otten (Intinction) Eric and Dawn Lynch Nancy Jones

<u>28th</u>

Brittany Lampson David Crigler Amanda Cook Emily Lynch Hunter Balck Sarah Weeks, Mack Whitley Shirley Whitley Jeff Roth, Margaret Roth Ellen Spiers

Joyce Weiner

Melissa Kolb Chip Bettler Richard Moose Jordan Forbes Jack Wilcox Sharon Earley, Sheely Miller Billie Ann Moseley Brenda Bridges

Caroline Massey (Intinction) Tim and Martha Keaton WW and Mary Frances Martin

Nursery Captains	9:00 SS 11:15	Mary Margaret Delap Karen Craig Eric Glass
Audio Ministry		Todd Wetzel
Visiting First Time Worshipers		Debbie Farstad
Sanctuary Preparation		Susan Troutman
United Ministry Food Baskets		Bob Whitley

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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. The next meeting is June 15 when the group will discuss *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith. Upcoming meeting dates and selections include *The Gentleman from Moscow* by Amor Towles on August 17.





Sunday School is offered for all ages every Sunday. Classes are provided for children two years old on 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.

In addition to the New Member Class, there is one adult Sunday School class meeting in the month of May. Adults will gather in the Multipurpose Room to discuss Jesus and Possessions: How Much is Enough?



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is set for July 24 through July 28, 2017, from 8:45 am until noon each day. The theme this year is *Mighty Fortress: In Jesus the Victory is Won*. The directors are Lura Godfrey and Anne Branham. Mark your calendars for this exciting week of fun and learning!

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.



May 7 - MESSY RELAYS

Lutheran Church Youth

After dinner, youth will enjoy a variety of messy relays and games. Those attending should wear clothes that can get dirty. This is the last LCY of the school year.

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:

May 7: Mothers' Day Discussion and Card Making

May 14: Judaism Discussion

May 21: Finish Discussion of Judaism

May 28: End of School Year Celebration

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' OUTING

Trinity's high school boys will meet at Trinity at 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 20. The group will enjoy a pizza dinner at *Mellow Mushroom* followed by a Drive game. Pick up time is 10:00 pm at the Church. The cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes a ticket for the game and dinner. Those who plan to attend but have not yet signed up are asked to contact Mandi Whitley immediately.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION DAYS

Families with middle school students should mark their calendars for Monday, July 10 through Wednesday, July 12 for Trinity's annual *Middle School Mission Days*. Youth will gather in the Youth Center from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm each day to work on service projects at Trinity and in the Greenville community. The cost is \$10.00 per youth, per day, which covers the cost of snacks, lunches and supplies. Youth can attend one, two or all three days but must sign up no later than Sunday, July 2.

OPERATION INASMUCH

OIAM will take place Saturday, May 6. This day of service in the community will begin at 8:00 am with sign-in in the Multipurpose Room, followed by a commissioning service at 8:30 am. At 9:00 am, community project teams will be released.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH

Trinity Lutheran Church will be joining several Greenville and Golden Strip churches to build a home for a homeless family. Construction begins this spring. Trinity's build day is May 13. Shifts are 8:00 to 11:30 am and noon to 3:00 pm. Lunch is provided for volunteers who work both shifts. Cathy Baus is the project leader. Questions may be directed to her at fbaus@bellsouth.net.



Habitat for Humanity



PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

On Sunday, May 7, 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 <u>mawilson8563@gmail.com</u> or mwilson 01@charter.net.



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. Persons who are interested are invited to the speak with David Potts, Peggy Schotsch, or Mark or Lura Godfrey.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Outreach Committee will sponsor a blood drive in the Gym at Trinity on Sunday, May 7 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. For every pint of blood collected, up to 3 lives can be saved. Reservations may be made in the Narthex after worship each Sunday or by contacting Bob Whitley at 610-620-5921 or <u>wapgit@gmail.com</u>. Donors should remember to bring a driver's license or donor card. Please see the attached article about just one life saved at <u>https://www.ghs.org/healthcenter/patient-returns-say</u>-thank/.



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.



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-





GREENVILLE AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Trinity Church will host guests from the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network Sunday, June 11 through Sunday, June 18. Please note that this is a change from the original dates. Volunteers are needed in all areas including setup, breakfast and dinner preparation, evening and overnight hosts, day center, and takedown. Contact Rachel Balck at <u>rachel@balckfamily.org</u> or 915-6039 or Cathy Westbrook at <u>cwestbrook8114@bellsouth.net</u> or 370-8114 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinator, Rita Kirven, at <u>rkirven@charter.net</u> or 616-9328 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, May 21. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, June 11.



WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

DeLoris Fellers and Beverly Henderson have been discharged.

Death

Maxwell Brent Harris-Elrod on April 20

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

	<u>4/2</u>	<u>4/9</u>	<u>4/16</u> 66 (6:30)	<u>4/23</u>
9:00	151	169	257 (8:30)	135
11:15	<u>138</u>	200	<u>336</u> (10:30)	<u>101</u>
TOTAL	289	369	657	236
SUNDAY SCHOOL	123	75	-	83
LCY	30	20	-	-

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR APRIL (SUMMARY DOES NOT INCLUDE APRIL 30)

	April	YTD
Needed for Budget	\$ 105,130	\$ 420,522
Given to Budget	<u>78,735</u>	<u>445,660</u>
Difference	- \$26,395	\$ 25,138
Given to World Hunger	\$1,797	\$7,310
Given to Preserving Our Heritage	\$5,865	\$ 649,758 (Campaign to date)

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