



Activities and Opportunities

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Death

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Jennifer Mangels at her death on September 16 and to Jim Fulmer and his family at the death of his father.

Announcements

Youth Sunday. Today at both the 9:00 and 11:15 am services, the youth of our congregation will lead worship. Youth in grades six through twelve will preach, serve communion, offer prayers, read the lessons, provide musical leadership, and serve as ushers and greeters. It will be an uplifting, meaningful experience for the entire congregation!

2018 Stewardship Campaign. In the coming weeks the congregation will be learning more about *Trinity 501 - the Reformation Continues* - Trinity's annual stewardship campaign. How will you celebrate the gift of 500 years of Reformation in your life and in the life of our Trinity family? Learn more about this campaign by visiting the Stewardship Celebration Room at *Reformation Road: Journey Through Luther's Life* next Sunday, October 1 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Activities Building.

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.

Wednesday Evening Worship - Wednesday, October 4, 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.

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.

Hurricane Relief Efforts. Prayers and gifts are urgently needed for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. 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.

Announcements (Cont'd)

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 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.

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

Education

Sunday School. Sunday School is offered for all ages every Sunday. Youth Sunday School is in the Youth Center. Meeting as separate groups, youth will enjoy "pick up" breakfast items, games, fellowship and devotions in a new format for this school year. Adult Sunday School always begins with Coffee and Conversation in the Multipurpose Room beginning at 9:50 am. Three classes continue this morning. The class *Right Click: Parenting Your Teen in a Digital Media World* is a class recommended for parents of children of any age. This class will explore and discuss issues related to digital media including cell phone usage, gaming and social media, as well as setting limits, bullying and responsibility. A second class is called *Wearing God*. Based on the book by Lauren F. Winner, this class will delve into overlooked ways of meeting God. The final class is *Reformation Through the Lens of Scripture*. This class will study texts and hymns related to the Reformation and Martin Luther.

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.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir - Today, 3:30 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. This choir is for children in K5 through grade 5.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, September 27, 6:00 pm, Rehearsal Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. This choir is open to youth and adults.

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

Relational Groups

Out to Lunch Bunch - Today, 12:45 pm. The Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all Trinity adults who want to join for Sunday lunch on the fourth Sunday of each month after the 11:15 am worship service. The group will meet at *Copper River Grill* on Haywood Road.

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. On September 24 the group will discuss chapter 2 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 864-704-4616.

TLC4TLC - Today, 4:00 pm, Library. 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. For additional information, please contact Mary Valenti at 322-5450.

Quilting Group - Monday, September 25, 9:30 am, Activities Building. The group makes quilts which are distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Participants do not need to know how to sew in order to make quilts. Willing volunteers who can cut fabric, iron, thread a needle or tie knots are welcome. Participants may bring their lunch, and can work as little, or as long, as they would like. The group will meet each Monday through October. For more information, contact Amy Brown at 242-5702.

Prayer Group - Wednesday, September 27, 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.

Leisure/Action Gameday - Wednesday, September 27, noon, Parlor. Gameday is a time for Church members to gather for Bridge and other games. Those attending are invited to bring their lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Empowering and Encouraging Girls and Their Moms - Wednesday, September 27, Youth Center. Girls in grades three, four and five, and their moms will gather in the Youth Center on Wednesday, September 27 from 6:00 to 7:15 pm for dinner, devotions, and relationship building activities. This group is led by Pastor Crowell and Mandi Whitley, and focuses on encouraging, equipping, and empowering girls and their moms.

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Groups - Thursday, October 5, 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. These groups, led by Pastor Crowell, will continue to gather on the first Thursday of the each month. *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.

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.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24 THROUGH OCTOBER 1

TODAY - SEPTEMBER 24

8:15 am LCY / Youth Choir - Assembly Room
9:00 am Holy Communion
9:50 am Coffee & Conversation
10:10 am Sunday School
11:15 am Holy Communion
12:30 pm LCY Lunch
12:45 pm Out to Lunch Bunch
3:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm TLC4TLC
4:00 pm Theology Roundtable
4:00 pm Outreach Committee - Assembly Room

MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting
9:30 am Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am *Mark* Study - Rooms 12 & 13 of the
Activities Building
11:30 am Prayer Group
12:00 noon Leisure/Action Gameday

WEDNESDAY (CONT'D)

6:00 pm Empowering/Encouraging Girls and
Their Moms - Youth Center
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Furman LSA
6:30 pm Discipleship Group
7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY - OCTOBER 1

9:15 am Adult Choir Warmup
10:00 am Reformation Hymn Festival
with Holy Communion
11:00 to 2:00 Reformation Road: Journey
through Luther's Life
and
Trinity 501 - The Reformation
Continues
3:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal