



## Activities and Opportunities

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### February 11, 2018

#### Announcements

**Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 14.** Services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes will be in the Sanctuary at 12:30 and 6:15 pm. Additional Lenten opportunities are available as described within this publication.

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

**Child Protection Policy Training - Sunday, February 25, 1:00 pm, Assembly Room.** All volunteers who interact with children in any capacity need to complete the Child Protection Training Program. This includes, but is not limited to, volunteers who help with the nursery, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, LCY, children's groups and choirs, athletic teams and GAIHN. A training class for adults who are interested in working with youth and children is being offered on Sunday afternoon, February 25. Participants must sign up with Kay Cook through the Church Office or by emailing [kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws) no later than Friday, February 23.

**Lenten devotional materials** are available in the Narthex, by the Sacristy, and in the Multipurpose Room for adults, for families, and for children.

#### Education

**Sunday School - Today, 10:10 am.** Sunday School is offered for all ages every Sunday between the 9:00 and 11:15 am services. Preschoolers (infants through children under the age of four) may attend the *First Faith* class with their parents. A nursery is also available. Children's Sunday School for those who were four or five on September 1 meets on the first floor of the Education Building, across from the elevator. Children in grades 1 through 5 meet in *Grace Place*, upstairs in the Education Building. Youth Sunday School for middle and high school students meets in the Youth Center for "pick up" breakfast items, games, fellowship and devotions.

Adult Sunday School always begins with Coffee and Conversation in the Multipurpose Room beginning at 9:50 am. Three new adult classes begin today. *No Fear in Love*, taught by Pastor Crowell, will explore God's call on our lives to love all people, even, and perhaps especially, those we view as very different from ourselves. *Which Way Lord?*, taught by Bill Renninger, will explore participants' life's purpose by studying the journeys of Paul. *You Are the Way*, taught by Terry Morgan, will follow the ELCA Lenten devotional *You Are the Way*, and discuss Lenten themes surrounding the *I am* statements of Jesus.

## Relational Groups

**Quilting Group - Monday, February 12, 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. For more information, contact Amy Brown at 242-5702.

**Men's Group - Tuesday, February 13, noon.** All men of the congregation and friends are invited to meet at *Kitchen Sync* on Laurens Road. Contact Joe Rice with questions at [saluda171@yahoo.com](mailto:saluda171@yahoo.com) or 864-704-4616.

**Prayer Group - Wednesday, February 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](mailto:marmulcahy@icloud.com). All are invited to attend.

**Book Group - Thursday, February 15, 7:00 pm, Parlor.** Adults of all ages are invited to come and discuss a variety of books. The next meeting is February 15 when the group will discuss *The Association of Small Bombs* by Karan Mahajan. The selection for April 19 is *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck.

**Young Adults Group - Saturday, February 24, 4:00 pm.** Participants will gather at the home of Bryan and Jessica Cegelis, 820 Plantation Drive in Simpsonville. A main dish will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Children are welcome. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP to Mandi Whitley no later than Wednesday, February 21 so that the hosts can prepare accordingly.

## Children and Youth

**Youth Gathering Meeting - Today, 12:15 pm, Youth Center.** Youth and adults who are attending the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas continue their mandatory monthly meetings. These meetings will help the group bond and prepare for this summer's trip. Each youth is asked to bring \$5.00 to help cover the cost of lunch. The meetings will last about an hour. Additional dates are: March 11, April 22 and May 6. Parents should plan to attend the May 6 meeting. Youth who are unable to attend a meeting should let Mandi Whitley know in advance.

**LCY - Today, 6:00 pm.** Youth and advisors will meet at the Red Canopy Door to travel by bus to Star Lanes for pizza and bowling. The cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes pizza, soda, shoes and two games of bowling. Pick up time is 8:00 pm at the Church. Speak with Mandi Whitley this morning if not signed up.

**Kids' Stuff and Club 345 Sleepover - Friday, February 23 - Saturday, February 24.** Children in K-5 through 5th grade are invited to the annual sleepover. Drop off on Friday is at 6:00 pm at the trophy case door of the Activities Building. Children must eat dinner before arriving. The group will then travel by bus to Greenville Gymnastics, returning to the Church around 9:30 pm. Pick up time is at 8:00 am on Saturday. The cost is \$15.00 per child, which covers the cost of gymnastics and breakfast. Registration forms have been emailed, and are due, along with payment, to Mandi Whitley no later than Sunday, February 18. Parents are needed to chaperone.

**Basketball Banquet - Thursday, March 1, 5:45 pm, Multipurpose Room.** Cost is \$5.00 per person for this dinner to recognize players and thank coaches. Reservations and payment may be made through the Church Office by Sunday, February 25. Jerseys, gym bags and keys should be turned in at this time.

## Lent 2018 at Trinity

The Lenten season at Trinity is a special time of the church year that offers opportunities to more deeply connect to the life we share together in this congregation. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. During the season of Lent, the congregation is invited to daily engage in devotions. A variety of devotional materials will be available in the Narthex and outside the Sacristy. All are invited to take part in the worship, education, fellowship, and outreach opportunities that will take place during the Lenten season.

**Ash Wednesday Services** will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 14 at 12:30 pm and 6:15 pm and will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

**Mid-Week Worship.** On Wednesdays at 12:30 pm during Lent, the congregation is invited to gather in the Sanctuary for a worship service that includes Holy Communion and a meditation by Vicar Ellen Clough on the spiritual practice of radical hospitality. The congregation will reflect on stories of God's radical and active love and welcome of all, and the ways each of us can extend that welcome and love in our daily lives.

On Wednesdays at 6:15 pm during Lent, the congregation is invited to gather in the Sanctuary for Holden Evening Prayer. These services will also include a meditation by Vicar Ellen Clough on the spiritual practice of radical hospitality. The congregation will reflect on stories of God's radical and active love and welcome of all, and the ways each of us can extend that welcome and love in our daily lives.

**Fellowship.** Members of the congregation are invited to gather in the Assembly Room from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm each Wednesday in Lent to enjoy lunch prior to the worship service. These lunches will include soup, sandwich, and dessert. Cost is \$5.00. Please register through the Church Office by noon on the prior Monday.

**Lenten Bible Study** - Members and friends are invited to gather on Wednesday mornings during Lent for Bible study prior to lunch and worship. Gathering at 10:30 am in the Library, the group will explore how we view God and our relationship with God by watching and discussing clips from the movie, *The Shack*. Beginning on Wednesday, February 14, Amy Brown will lead this group. Participants may register through the Church Office.

**Lenten Discipleship Group** - A new discipleship group will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning February 14 through March 21 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Assembly Room, immediately following Holden Evening Prayer. Led by Amy Brown, the topic will be *Back to The Shack*. A light meal will be provided for participants. The group will explore how we view God and our relationship with God by watching and discussing clips from the movie *The Shack*. Limited to 15 persons, registration is now open through the Church Office.

**Lenten Food Drive.** The Outreach Committee will be collecting food for *Triune Mercy Center*. Donated items should be placed in the baskets found in the Multipurpose Room, the Breezeway and the Narthex. Items to be collected are peanut butter, jelly, sugar, canned fruit, canned meats, pasta sauce, bottled water, canned soups, pasta, rice, dry beans, cereal, and macaroni and cheese.

**LWR Project Promise Personal Care Kits.** The Outreach Committee will be collecting items for school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Each week, please bring in the featured kit items. A basket will be located in the Breezeway. The week of February 18 - Light-weight bath sized towels (20" X 40" to 27" X 52"), dark color recommended. The week of February 25 - Bath-sized bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping. The week of March 4 - Adult-sized toothbrush. The week of March 11 - Sturdy combs, removed from packaging. The week of March 18 - Metal nail clippers, attached file optional. The week March 25 - Light-weight bath sized towels (20" X 40" to 27" X 52"), dark color recommended.

## Music Ministry

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

**Youth Choir - Today, 5:00 pm, Choir Room.** Youth Choir is for those in grades 6 through 12.

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

## 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.

**Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network - Sunday, March 4 - Sunday, March 11.** Volunteers are needed in all areas including setup, breakfast and dinner preparation, evening and overnight hosts, day center, and takedown. Contact Cathy Westbrook at [cwestbrook8114@bellsouth.net](mailto:cwestbrook8114@bellsouth.net) or 370-8114 or Louise Fletcher at [lfletcher@c3cp.com](mailto:lfletcher@c3cp.com) or 420-5494 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinators, Amanda Cook at [amanda.cook@fluor.com](mailto:amanda.cook@fluor.com) or 905-7940, or Lara Wannemacher at [wannemacherc@bellsouth.net](mailto:wannemacherc@bellsouth.net) or 630-5325 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 is located in the Parlor. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, March 4.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11 THROUGH FEBRUARY 18

### TODAY - FEBRUARY 11

8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup  
8:45 am Children's 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  
12:15 pm Youth Gathering Meeting  
1:30 pm Congregation Council  
3:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 pm Parish Life Committee - Library  
4:00 pm Education Committee - Assembly Rm  
5:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm LCY

### WEDNESDAY

10:30 am Lenten Bible Study  
11:30 am Prayer Group  
11:45 am Lunch  
12:30 pm Holy Communion  
with Imposition of Ashes  
5:45 pm Adult Choir Warmup  
6:15 pm Holy Communion  
with Imposition of Ashes  
7:15 pm Furman LSA Dinner  
7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm Lenten Discipleship Group

### THURSDAY

7:00 pm Book Group

### MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
9:30 am Quilting Group  
6:30 pm Radical Hospitality Discipleship Group

### TUESDAY

12:00 noon- Men's Group

### NEXT SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 18

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  
12:45 pm Out to Lunch Bunch