



Activities and Opportunities

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Hospital Patients

Arthur Jordan - Discharged

Announcements

Pastor Crowell is away today.

Grace Bags containing canned food and snacks, as well as a list of agencies in the community who can help individuals move beyond poverty, are available in the Narthex for worship guests in need of a meal. In lieu of giving money, worshippers are encouraged to give Grace Bags to guests in need.

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

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 August issue of the *Living Lutheran* magazine and the July/August issue of the *SC Lutheran* are available in the Narthex and the Pence Building hallway.

Relational Groups

Book Group - Thursday, August 16, 7:00 pm, Parlor. Trinity's Book Group meets on the third Thursday of even numbered months. Adults of all ages are invited to come and discuss *This Could Hurt* by Jillian Medoff.

Congregational Book Discussion - Thursday, September 13, 6:30 pm. As Trinity strives to practice radical hospitality – extending love and welcome in Jesus' name to all people – all are invited to read *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown and to gather for discussion with members of Trinity. This book is a helpful resource for opening hearts and minds to the prevalence of racism in our society and for working toward racial reconciliation. Please call the Church Office to register.

Education

Summer Sunday School - Today, 10:10 am. Summer Sunday School will be offered for all ages every Sunday this summer. Preschoolers (infants through children who have not completed K5) are invited to the Nursery. Elementary aged children (those who have completed K5 through grade 5) will meet in one combined class on the first floor of the Pence Education Building. Youth who have completed grades 6 through 12 are invited to meet each Sunday outside Mandi Whitley's office immediately after the 9:00 am worship service to walk as a group to *Starbucks* for fellowship, devotions and prayer. Adults and college students will meet as one class during the summer, in the Assembly Room beneath the Sanctuary. Following Coffee and Conversation, the class will explore the spiritual practices using the study *On Our Way: Christian Practices for Living a Whole Life*. In an effort to be good stewards of resources, the Activities Building will remain locked on Sunday mornings during these summer months.

Back to School Sunday - next Sunday, August 19. The new Sunday School year for children through Grade 5 will begin next Sunday. The day will include a blessing of students and teachers during worship, as well as the start of new Sunday School classes for Trinity's children.

Financial Peace University - Mondays, beginning September 10, 6:30 pm. Trinity will offer Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* for nine weeks. This class is for adults of all ages and stages. Couples and single adults who would like to learn more about budgeting, saving, paying off debt, planning wisely, and giving more are encouraged to attend. The class is video based, and each session is 90 minutes, which includes discussion. Participants will not be asked to share personal financial information that they consider private. The cost of the course is \$109.00 per household, which includes online access for one year (all video lessons, resources, forms, additional reading and support), one year access to *EveryDollar Plus* (the FPU budgeting app), a course book and a workbook. Discussion leaders will be Amy Brown and Terry Morgan. Registration and payments for the class should be made in the Church Office by August 31.

Isaiah Bible Study - Wednesdays, beginning September 5, 10:00 am, Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. Adults are invited to a Wednesday morning Bible study on the book of *Isaiah*. The study will be taught by Vicar Mary Dickman Parris. The registration fee of \$20.00 may be paid in the Church Office.

Music Ministry

Handbell Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, August 15, 6:00 pm, Handbell Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome

Adult Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, August 15, 7:00 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

Youth Choir, for Grades 6 through 12, will have its first rehearsal next Sunday, August 19, at 5:00 pm. The following weekend, rehearsals will be held at the LCY fall retreat on Saturday, August 25. There will be no rehearsal on Sunday, August 26. Through September, the choir will be working with LCY on preparing music for Youth Sunday, September 23.

Children's Choirs, will be divided into early elementary, for children from K4 through Grade 1; and upper elementary, for Grades 2 through 5. Rehearsals for both groups will begin on September 9. The early elementary choir will rehearse on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 3:30 pm, and the upper elementary choir will rehearse on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Children and Youth

LCY Sixth Grade Orientation - next Sunday, August 19, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Youth Center. Rising 6th graders and at least one parent are invited to attend an LCY orientation to meet this year's advisors, play some games and go over some LCY basics.

LCY Kickoff - next Sunday, August 19, 6:00-8:00 pm, Youth Center. Rising sixth through twelfth graders will gather for dinner, games, and fellowship as the group prepares to start a new school year.

LCY Fall Retreat - Saturday, August 25 through Sunday, August 26, Lutheridge. This event is for youth who will be in grades six through twelve in the 2018-2019 school year. The group will enjoy time at camp playing games, planning for Youth Sunday (September 23), swimming and getting to know one another. Registration information has been emailed to families. Today is the deadline to sign up.

Basketball Registration. Trinity participates in a basketball program through Church League Basketball for Youth (CLBBY). Teams are available for youth in grades K5 through 12 and adult men. While the games do not start until mid-November, early registration is key for creating teams, ordering jerseys, recruiting coaches and setting practice schedules. Registration forms will have been emailed and are due to Mandi Whitley no later than Sunday, September 9.

Outreach Opportunities

Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network - Sunday, August 26 through Sunday, September 2. 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 or 370-8114 or Louise Fletcher at lfletcher@c3cp.com or 420-5494 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinators, Amanda Cook at amanda.cook@fluor.com or 905-7940, or Lara Wannemacher at 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, August 26.

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.

G. I. F. T GROUPS REGISTRATION

Trinity's G.I.F.T. Small Group Ministry will begin this fall. Growing in Faith Together, we hope these groups will provide a time for faith sharing and community building among the generations. Groups will meet monthly from October through April in participants' homes, restaurants, or the Church. Participants can choose whether they would prefer a group of all adults, or a group that includes families with children. Once leadership is trained and groups are assigned, leaders will set up the first meetings and the program will begin.

Please register by returning this form to the Church Office by August 31.

G. I. F. T. Group Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Email address: _____

YES, sign me/us up for a G.I.F.T. Group!

I/We prefer an adults only group.

I/We prefer a group that includes families with children.

I/We prefer a group that meets in the daytime.

I/We prefer a group where group members live close to each other.

Growing In Faith Together



G.I.F.T. Small Group Ministry

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12 THROUGH AUGUST 19

TODAY - AUGUST 12

9:00 am Holy Communion
 9:50 am Coffee and Conversation
 10:10 am Sunday School
 11:15 am Holy Communion

MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7:00 pm Book Group

NEXT SUNDAY - AUGUST 19

8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
 9:00 am Holy Communion
 9:50 am Coffee and Conversation
 10:10 am Sunday School
 11:15 am Holy Communion
 1:30 pm Congregation Council
 5:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 pm 6th Grade Orientation to LCY
 6:00 pm LCY Kickoff