



Activities and Opportunities

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Announcements

Mandi Whitley is away today.

Wednesday Evening Worship - Wednesday, September 5, 6:15 pm. On the first Wednesday of each month beginning in September and extending through December, the congregation is invited to gather for worship in the Multipurpose Room at 6:15 pm. Holden Evening Prayer around the Cross is a contemplative, peaceful service that will focus on healing and reconciliation.

A new member class, entitled *What Does It Mean To Be a Lutheran?*, will be taught during the Sunday School hour beginning Sunday, October 14. This five 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, November 11 at the 11:15 am Service. Questions may be directed to Pastor Crowell.

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.

Foundation Grants. The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation is receiving grant applications through 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.

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.

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

Prayer Group - Wednesday, September 5, 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 or Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com. All are invited to attend.

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.

Music Ministry

Adult Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

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 next Sunday, 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

There will be no LCY this evening. The group will meet at 6:00 pm next Sunday, September 9 to continue preparing for Youth Sunday.

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 have been emailed and are due to Mandi Whitley no later than next Sunday, September 9.

Kids’ Stuff and Club 345 - next Sunday, September 9, 1:30 pm. Kids’ Stuff is Trinity’s fellowship group for children in K5, 1st and 2nd graders, while Club 345 is Trinity’s fellowship group for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. These groups meet once a month on Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm for games, snacks, learning and outings. While the groups meet at the same time, children are typically divided into groups by grade. Younger elementary students who participate in Children’s Choir will be walked to the Choir Room in time for their 3:00 pm rehearsal. The groups will enjoy a kickoff event on September 9. Child Protection Policy trained parent volunteers are crucial for this ministry. Those interested in helping should contact Mandi Whitley.

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. Children under the age of four may attend the *First Faith* class with their parents, for fellowship and Bible stories. This class meets on the first floor of the Education Building, across from the nursery. A nursery is also available. Children's Sunday School for those who will be 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 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, in the Multipurpose Room. Following Coffee and Conversation, the class will explore the spiritual practices using the study *On Our Way: Christian Practices for Living a Whole Life*. New adult Sunday School classes will begin next Sunday, September 9.

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. Contact the Church Office to see if spaces are still available.

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.

Confirmation Orientation - Sunday, September 16, 12:15 pm Trinity's confirmation program for eighth and ninth graders and their parents will begin with an Orientation Event on Sunday, September 16 at 12:15 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Lunch will be provided. Expectations and a schedule of events will be shared at this gathering.

Outreach Opportunities

United Ministries. Trinity continues to receive food for the United Ministries Food Pantry on the first and third Sundays of each month. A list of suggested items may be found in the Breezeway.

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 as soon as possible as the groups are currently being assigned.

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 SEPTEMBER 2 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9

TODAY - SEPTEMBER 2

7:00 am GAIHN Takedown
 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

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am *Isaiah* Bible Study
 11:30 am Prayer Group
 6:15 pm Holden Evening Prayer
 Around the Cross
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:15 pm Furman LSA

NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 9

MONDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting

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 Kids' Stuff and Club 345
 1:30 pm Congregation Council
 3:00 pm Early Elementary Children's Choir
 3:30 pm Upper Elementary Children's Choir
 4:00 pm Theology Roundtable
 5:00 pm Youth Choir
 6:00 pm LCY