



## Activities and Opportunities

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### September 9, 2018

#### Announcements

**2019 Stewardship Campaign.** The Stewardship Committee invites the congregation to gather in the Multipurpose Room on Sunday, September 30 at 10:00 am. Doughnuts, fruit, yogurt and granola parfaits, juice, and coffee will be served. A video presentation entitled *Trinity Changes Everything* will feature Trinity members sharing thoughts and perspectives about how Trinity and Trinity's ministry is making a significant impact on their lives and on the lives of our neighbors in the Greenville community. There will also be a children's craft area.

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 and the Pence Building hallway.

## Relational Groups

**Theology Roundtable - Today, 4:00 pm, Room 302, 2nd Floor of the Pence Building.** This group for adults usually gathers on the first and fourth Sundays of the month. The group will continue the discussion 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](mailto:saluda171@yahoo.com) or 864-704-4616.

**Quilting Group - Monday, September 10, 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. For more information, contact Amy Brown at 242-5702.

**Prayer Group - Wednesday, September 12, 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) or Terry Morgan at [tfmorgan101@gmail.com](mailto:tfmorgan101@gmail.com). All are invited to attend.

**Congregational Book Discussion - Thursday, September 13, 6:30 pm, Assembly Room. Enter through the Red Canopy door.** 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

## Children and Youth

**Kids’ Stuff and Club 345 - Today, 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. Today the groups will enjoy a kickoff event.

**LCY - Today, 6:00 pm, Youth Center.** After dinner, youth will prepare for this year’s Youth Sunday service.

**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. Contact Mandi Whitley this morning if interested in participating.

**Yoga for High School Girls and their Moms - Wednesday, September 26, 6:00 pm.** Trinity member Erin McCall will lead a very special event for high school girls and their moms. The event will start with a light dinner, followed by a partner yoga session. The event will conclude at 7:45 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per family, which helps cover the cost of the meal. Participants should wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat if possible. Please let Mandi Whitley know if you would like to attend by Sunday, September 16.

## 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.

## Music Ministry

**Early Elementary Children's Choir - Today, 3:00 to 3:30 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd Floor of the Pence Building.** This choir is for children from K4 through grade 1.

**Upper Elementary Children's Choir - Today, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd Floor of the Pence Building.** This choir is for children from grade 2 through grade 5.

**Youth Choir - Today, 5:00 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.** The choir, for youth in grades 6 through 12, will work on preparing music for Youth Sunday, September 23.

**Handbell Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, September 12, 6:00 pm, Handbell Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.** Youth are also welcome.

**Adult Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, September 12, 7:00 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.** Youth are also welcome.

## 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 will meet in the Youth Center. Meeting as separate groups, youth will enjoy "pick up" breakfast items, games, fellowship and devotions. Adults and college students will meet as one class, in the Multipurpose Room. Following Coffee and Conversation, the Reverend Tim Bupp, pastor at *Reformation Lutheran Church* in Columbia, along with several members of *Reformation* will share how much it means to them to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

**Financial Peace University - Mondays, beginning September 10, 6:30 pm, Assembly Room.** 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 - Wednesday, 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, which begins this week, is being taught by Vicar Mary Dickman Parris. The registration fee of \$20.00 may be paid in the Church Office.

**Confirmation Orientation - next 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.

# 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 9 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16

#### TODAY - SEPTEMBER 9

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

#### MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
 9:30 am Quilting Group  
 6:30 pm Financial Peace University -  
 Assembly Room

#### WEDNESDAY

10:00 am *Isaiah* Bible Study

#### WEDNESDAY (CONT'D)

11:30 am Prayer Group  
 6:00 pm Furman LSA  
 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY

6:30 pm Congregational Book Study  
 Discussion - Assembly Room  
 6:30 pm FAVOR Family Recovery Group

#### NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 16

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 Confirmation Orientation  
 3:00 pm Early Elementary Children's Choir  
 3:30 pm Upper Elementary Children's Choir  
 5:00 pm Youth Choir