



Activities and Opportunities

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Announcements

Second Session of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Today, 10:00 am in the Gym. The Congregation will meet to adopt a budget and elect members of the Congregation Council. The ten nominees for the five three-year terms are Fred Baus, Heidi Goodwin, Valerie Hollinger, Melissa Kolb, Ryan Koon, Angie McCormack, Merry Mulcahy, Franklin Sease, Chris Sorenson, and Brad Wood. The nominees for the one-year youth term are Sydney Hoffert and Mac Wallace. A nursery will be provided for children through age 4, in the regular space. Children K5 through fifth grade are encouraged to attend the meeting with their parents.

The Church Office will be open this morning from 8:30 to 10:00 am.

Wednesday Evening Advent Worship - Wednesday, December 5, 6:15 pm. The congregation is invited to gather for worship in the Multipurpose Room at 6:15 pm. Music begins at 6:07 pm. Holden Evening Prayer around the Cross is a contemplative, peaceful service that will focus on advent themes of healing, longing, hope, and reconciliation.

Grace Bags. 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.

Advent devotional booklets are available in the Narthex for adults and for children.

Living Lutheran magazine. The November issue, as well as the November/December issue of the *SC Lutheran* are available in the Narthex and the Pence Building hallway.

Lessons and Carols - Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary. Trinity's annual service of Lessons and Carols will be on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This service is based on the Great *O Antiphons* as they come to us in the hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. We will read scripture, as well as sing other carols, hymns and motets related to the images and mission of Christ proclaimed in these ancient antiphons. *O Magnum Mysterium* by Tomás L de Victoria tells of the wonder of the sight of the newborn Christ child. Trinity's choirs will be supported by the Pinner Quartet.

Congregational Christmas Pageant - Sunday, December 16, 10:00 am, Gym. The congregation is invited to gather for a unique Advent and Christmas worship experience that will include an interactive, inter-generational Christmas Pageant entitled *The ABC's of Christmas*. This service will include musical leadership from the Children's Choirs and Trinity instrumentalists. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Following worship, a festive brunch will be served in the Multipurpose Room. This 10:00 am service will take the place of both the 9:00 and 11:15 am services. Please make plans to attend this unique and meaningful experience of worship and fellowship. Additional parking will be available on both sides of Townes Street.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services - Monday, December 24. The following services of Holy Communion will be celebrated: 10:00 am with Children and Youth Choirs. 5:00 and 7:00 pm with Adult Choir and Brass.

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.

Relational Groups

Quilting Group - Monday, December 3, 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, December 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.

Women's Morning G.I.F.T. Group - Thursday, December 6, 9:30 am, Rooms 12 & 13, Activities Building. All women of the congregation are invited to gather for fellowship, prayer, and faith conversation. Questions may be directed to Lura Godfrey, the group's coordinator, at 423-7567 or luradg@charter.net.

Women's Evening G.I.F.T. Group - Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm, Rooms 12 & 13, Activities Building. All women of the congregation are invited to gather for fellowship, prayer, and faith conversation. Participants are encouraged to bring a food item to contribute to the group's dinner. Questions may be directed to Sue Boeker, the group's coordinator, at sueboeker@charter.net or 284-0077.

Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange - Friday, December 7, 6:30 pm. Trinity adults are invited to gather for the annual Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange at the home of Chris and Karine Lawrence, 306 Henderson Road. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share with the group and a wrapped Christmas tree ornament for the gift exchange. Soft drinks will be provided. Reservations can be made by calling the Church Office by Monday, December 3. The ornament exchange will begin at 7:00 pm.

LGBTQIA Fellowship Group - Thursday, January 17, 6:00 pm, Assembly Room. Trinity invites members and friends who identify as LGBTQIA+ to a fellowship group. Participants will share dinner and conversation. Please contact Bob Whitley at 610-620-5921 or Vicar Mary Dickman Parris at 242-5702 with any questions. The meal will be provided.

Education

There will be no Sunday School this morning due to the meeting of the congregation. A nursery will be provided for children through age 4, in the regular space. Children K5 through fifth grade are encouraged to attend the meeting with their parents.

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. This choir is for youth in grades 6 through 12.

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

Children and Youth

LCY - Today, 6:00 pm. After dinner, youth will divide into small groups to learn more about Advent and Christmas.

Kids' Stuff and Club 345 - next Sunday, December 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. The group will gather on Sunday, December 9 for an Advent and Christmas event. While the groups meet at the same time, children are typically divided into groups by grade. Early elementary students who participate in Children's Choir will be walked to the Choir Room in time for their 3:00 pm rehearsal.

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.

Gifts of Hope - through December 16. *Gifts of Hope* is an alternative gift-giving program in the SC Synod (ELCA). This Christmas, give gifts to family and friends that give hope to others. The gifts are represented by institutions and Social Ministry Organizations affiliated with the SC Synod and South Carolina companion foreign synods. Every penny of *Gifts of Hope* will be distributed to help the poor, educate students from elementary school to seminary and support the elderly here and throughout the world. The Outreach Committee is offering an opportunity to participate in *Gifts of Hope* through December 16. Catalogs are available in the Narthex. Display and ordering information will be available in the Multipurpose Room. For each gift that is purchased, a gift card and an insert describing the chosen gift will be received. These may be sent to a friend or family member. Contact Bette Anderson at betteonthego@gmail.com or Paige Dillon at pdillon2@bellsouth.net with any questions.

Sharing Tree - The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Sharing Tree to provide Christmas gifts for needy persons in the community including Mental Health America clients, the teen girls at Pendleton Place, the boys at Generations Group Home, Sole Hope, GAIHN/United Ministries families, and Serenity Place. Trees with ornaments listing gift choices are in the Church Parlor and Multipurpose Room. After taking an ornament and making a purchase, please place the item in a gift bag with the ornament attached and return to the Parlor by Sunday, December 9. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Bridges at 292-3640 or Melanie Wessinger at 616-1725.

Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network - Sunday, December 16 through Sunday, December 23. 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 will be located in the Parlor beginning on Sunday, November 25. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, December 16.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2 THROUGH DECEMBER 9

TODAY - DECEMBER 2

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Congregation Meeting
- 10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
- 11:15 am Holy Communion
- 3:00 pm Early Elementary Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 3:30 pm Upper Elementary Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir
- 6:00 pm LCY

MONDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 9:30 am Quilting Group
- 7:30 pm Sr Girls BB Game @ John Knox
- 7:30 pm Sr Boys II BB Game @ Buncombe St
- 8:30 pm Sr Boys I BB Game @ John Knox

TUESDAY

- 6:00 pm Minor Boys Basketball Practice
- 7:00 pm Senior Girls Basketball Practice

WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 am Prayer Group
- 6:15 pm Advent Holden Prayer
Around the Cross
- 7:00 pm Furman LSA
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 9:30 am Women's Morning G.I.F.T. Group
- 6:30 pm Women's Evening G.I.F.T. Group
- 7:00 pm Sr Boys Basketball Practice
- 7:30 pm Men's Basketball Game @ St Mary's

FRIDAY

- 6:30 pm Ornament Exchange

SATURDAY

- 8:30 am Minor Boys BB Game @ St Mary's

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 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 Congregation Council
- 1:30 pm Kids' Stuff and Club 345
- 3:00 pm Early Elementary Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 3:30 pm Upper Elementary Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir
- 6:00 pm LCY
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

2018 Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Church at the 10:00 am, 5:00 and 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Services. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below and return it with \$16.00 for each poinsettia no later than Wednesday, December 12. Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the 7:00 pm Service on Monday, December 24 or on Thursday, December 27.

Enclosed/attached is my \$16.00 for each poinsettia given.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$____

In () honor of, In () memory of

Given by: _____