

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH DECEMBER 2

TODAY - NOVEMBER 25

8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
 9:00 am Holy Communion
 9:50 am Coffee & Conversation
 10:10 am Sunday School
 11:15 am Holy Communion
 12:45 pm Out to Lunch Bunch

MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting
 9:30 am Quilting Group
 6:30 pm Senior Girls Basketball Game @ Edwards Road Baptist
 7:30 pm Senior Boys I Basketball Game @ St Matthew
 8:30 pm Senior Boys II Basketball Game @ St George

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Men's Basketball Game @ St Mary's
 7:00 pm Senior Boys Basketball Practice

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 2

8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
 9:00 am Holy Communion
 10:00 am Congregation Meeting
 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



Activities and Opportunities

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Today's Baptism

Robert James "RJ" Phillips, son of Jim and Rebecca Phillips

Announcements

Mandi Whitley is away today.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Today. The first session will be held immediately after each service this morning. The proposed budget for 2019 will be introduced and nominations for Congregation Council will be finalized. The meeting will then be recessed until 10:00 am next Sunday, December 2. On that day, the Congregation will adopt a budget and elect members of the Congregation Council. Those attending are asked to bring a breakfast finger food for the brunch, which will follow the meeting in the Gym. Coffee and juice will be provided.

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.

Spiritual Life Inventory. Anyone who did not participate in the Spiritual Life Inventory on Sunday, November 11 is encouraged to do so either online at z.umn.edu/SLI-Trinity-Greenville or by filling out a paper copy, available from an usher or in the Church Office. The survey takes approximately eight minutes to complete. All surveys must be completed no later than tomorrow.

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.

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.

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.

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: _____

Relational Groups

Out to Lunch Bunch - Today, 12:45 pm. The Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all Trinity adults who want to join in the fellowship. The group will meet at the *City Range* on Haywood Road. Speak with Amy Brown before the 11:15 am service if you would like to attend.

Quilting Group - Monday, November 26, 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, November 28, 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.

Children and Youth

LCY will resume on Sunday, December 2.

Music Ministry

Handbell Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, November 28, 6:00 pm, Handbell Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

Adult Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, November 28, 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. 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 to enjoy food and fellowship, faith sharing and hands on service projects. Adult Sunday School begins each Sunday at 9:50 am in the Multipurpose Room for coffee, conversation, announcements and prayer. One adult class will meet in the Multipurpose Room for a *pre-Advent* study. *Home for Christmas: Tales of Hope and Second Chances* is a study which will help participants to get their hearts and minds in the right place for the Advent season.

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 will be offering an opportunity to participate in *Gifts of Hope* through December 17. Catalogs will be 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 will be 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.