



## Activities and Opportunities

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### December 30, 2018

#### Death

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Jack Massey at his death on December 24.

#### Announcements

**Amy Brown and Mandi Whitley are away today.**

**End of Year Giving.** According to IRS regulations, gifts should be made on or before December 31 to be considered tax-deductible for the year 2018. The Church Office is open this morning from 8:30 to 11:00 am, and will be open tomorrow, December 31, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

**2019 Envelopes.** The offering envelopes for next year have been mailed. If you have not received your envelopes, please call the Church Office.

**Chrismon Tree.** Brochures which give a brief history of the tree and description of the Chrismons are available in the Narthex.

**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.

**A Congregational Beach Retreat will be held June 16 through June 23** at the Coastal Retreat Center on the Isle of Palms. All members are invited to participate. Options for the beginning of the week, end of week, or full week are available. Reservation forms will be sent to those who participated in last year's retreat. Others may request forms by contacting the Church Office in January at [kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws) or 242-5702.

**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.

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

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

#### Relational Groups

**New G.I.F.T. Group Forming.** A new G.I.F.T. Group will be forming for those who missed the fall registration deadline. G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) groups are adult small groups that meet monthly for food, fellowship, Bible study and spiritual growth opportunities. Adults who would like to participate in a week-night meeting at the Church should contact Amy Brown through the Church Office.

**Theology Roundtable - next Sunday, January 6, 4:00 pm, Room 302, 2nd Floor Pence Building.** This group for adults gathers on the 1st and 4th Sundays of each month. All adults are welcome to discuss *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Joe Rice facilitates the discussion. Questions may be directed to him at 864-704-4616 or [saluda171@yahoo.com](mailto:saluda171@yahoo.com).

**Young Adults Group - Thursday, January 10, 7:00 pm.** Trinity's Young Adults Group will meet for dinner and fellowship at The Trappe Door, 23 W. Washington Street. Those interested in going are asked to RSVP to Mandi Whitley no later than Monday, January 7 so that a reservation can be made.

**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.

## Music Ministry

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

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

## Children and Youth

**LCY will resume next Sunday, January 6.**

**LCY Ski Retreat.** LCY's annual ski retreat will be Friday, January 25 through Sunday, January 27. Registration forms and payment information have been emailed to parents and are due to the Church office this morning.

**High School Mission Trip.** The 2019 High School Mission Trip will be Sunday, June 23 through Saturday, June 29 in Clarkesville, Georgia. Registration information has been emailed. A registration form and a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit are due to the Church Office tomorrow.

## Education

**Sunday School classes for all ages will resume this morning.** 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 always begins with Coffee and Conversation in the Multipurpose Room beginning at 9:50 am. There will be one adult Sunday School class. Pastor Parham will lead a study of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.

**Confirmation Event - next Sunday, January 6, 12:30 to 3:30 pm.** A *We Are Lutheran Event* for 8th or 9th graders and at least one parent. Lunch will be served. Today is the registration deadline for this event.

## 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.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23 THROUGH DECEMBER 30

### TODAY - DECEMBER 30

9:00 am Holy Communion  
9:50 am Coffee and Conversation  
10:10 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Holy Communion  
2:00 pm Memorial Service for Jack Massey

### TUESDAY

Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

7:00 pm Senior Boys Basketball Practice

### SATURDAY

9:30 am Minor Boys BB Game @ St. Mary's

### NEXT SUNDAY - JANUARY 6

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  
12:30 pm Confirmation Event  
4:00 pm Theology Roundtable  
5:00 pm Youth Choir  
6:00 pm LCY