



## Activities and Opportunities

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### January 20, 2019

#### Today's Baptism

Caroline Frances Long, daughter of Charlie and Clare Long

#### Death

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Brad Wood at his death on January 16.

#### Members Receiving Communion at Home Today

Jennings Cook, Bob Coon, DeLoris Fellers, Debbie Jo Forbes, Arthur Jordan, and Raymond Poore

#### Announcements

**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.

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

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

**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.

**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.

## 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.

**Prayer Group - Wednesday, January 23, 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.

**Gameday - Wednesday, January 23, noon, Parlor.** Gameday is a time for Church members to gather for Bridge and other games. Those attending are invited to bring their lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

**Congregational Book Discussion - Thursday, January 24, 6:30 pm, Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building.** All members of the congregation are invited to read *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr and to gather at the Church for a book discussion. In *Falling Upward*, Father Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and to show them that those who have fallen, failed, struggled, or deeply transgressed are the only ones who can understand and grasp the reality of “up.” According to Rohr, what looks like falling down, can largely be experienced as “falling upward.” All members and friends are invited to participate in this discussion.

**FAVOR Family Recovery Group - Thursday, January 24, 6:30 pm, Youth Center.** Trinity is pleased to be partnering with FAVOR (Faces and Voices of Recovery) to sponsor a Family Recovery Group for all people who are impacted by a family member struggling with addiction to alcohol or drugs. Meetings will be led by Jerry Wesley, a FAVOR Recovery Coach, and will usually occur on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Participants may enter via the steps under the red awning. All members and friends are invited to participate in this group. For additional information about FAVOR, please visit their website at <https://favorgreenville.org>.

**Out to Lunch Bunch - Sunday, January 27, 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 *Harbor Inn* on Haywood Road. Speak with Amy Brown if you would like to attend.

**Theology Roundtable - Sunday, January 27, 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 discuss *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. 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.

## Relational Groups (Cont'd)

**TLC4TLC - Sunday, January 27, 4:00 pm, Parlor.** Adults are invited to gather to write notes and cards for members who are ill, grieving, or unable to attend worship, as well as for those who are celebrating joys. For additional information, please contact Mary Valenti at 322-5450.

**Welcoming ALL of God's Children - Thursday, February 21, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Multipurpose Room.** Do you or someone you love identify as LGBTQIA+? Are you striving to be an ally? Are you seeking knowledge or a deeper understanding of our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ? Please join our congregational family for learning and conversation, led by Mandy Achterberg, a candidate for ordained ministry in the ELCA and a Chaplain for *Reconciling Works*. This educational opportunity will help the Trinity family continue to embrace our identity as a Reconciled in Christ congregation and encourage and empower our efforts to truly and authentically love, honor, value, welcome, and celebrate all of God's people. Please register for this event through the Church Office by Tuesday, February 19. Child care will be available upon request.

## Education

**Sunday School - Today.** 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 were 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 are two adult classes offered. *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* looks at our struggles with fear and Jesus' command to not be afraid. *God's Messy Family: Finding Your Place when Life Isn't Perfect* is a study of brokenness and redemption in the families we find in the book of Genesis.

**Confirmation Events - Saturday, February 9, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.** A Bible Event for 8th graders and at least one parent, as well as a Cross Event for 9th grade students will be held. The deadline to sign up for these events is Sunday, February 3.

## Music Ministry

**Handbell Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, January 23, 6:00 pm, Handbell Room** on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

**Adult Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 pm, Choir Room** on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

**Youth Choir - next Sunday, January 27, 5:00 pm, Choir Room** on the 2nd Floor of the Pence Building. This choir is for youth in grades 6 through 12.

## 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.

**Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network - Sunday, February 24 through Sunday, March 3.** Volunteers are needed in all areas including setup, breakfast and dinner preparation, evening and overnight hosts, day center, and takedown. Contact Louise Fletcher at [lfletcher@c3cp.com](mailto:lfletcher@c3cp.com) or 420-5494 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinators, Amanda Cook at [amanda.cook@fluor.com](mailto:amanda.cook@fluor.com) or 905-7940, or Lara Wannemacher at [wannemacherc@bellsouth.net](mailto: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, February 3. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, February 24.

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20 THROUGH JANUARY 27

#### TODAY - JANUARY 20

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  
4:00 pm Internship Committee  
5:00 pm Property Committee

#### MONDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

#### TUESDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Minor Boys Basketball Practice  
7:00 pm Senior Girls Basketball Practice  
8:30 pm Sr Boys 1 BB Game @ Christ Church

#### WEDNESDAY

11:30 am Prayer Group  
12:00 noon Gameday  
6:00 pm Furman LSA  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY

6:30 pm FAVOR Family Recovery Group  
6:30 pm Congregation Book Discussion  
7:00 pm Senior Boys Basketball Practice  
8:30 pm Men's BB Game @ St. Mary

#### FRIDAY

6:00 pm LCY Ski Retreat Begins

#### SATURDAY

11:30 am Minor Boys BB Game @ St. Mary's

#### NEXT SUNDAY - JANUARY 27

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  
12:45 pm Out to Lunch Bunch  
1:00 pm LCY Ski Retreat Ends  
3:00 pm Early Elementary Children's Choir Rehearsal  
3:30 pm Upper Elementary Children's Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 pm Theology Roundtable  
4:00 pm Parish Life Committee  
4:00 pm TLC4TLC