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*Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us.*

Hebrews 12:1b

Forgive one another as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32b

Dear members of the Trinity family,

When I was a college student it was a tradition to throw one's friends into the Furman lake on his or her birthday. I have little personal experience with this tradition but did manage to witness it at least once. The poor guy! It was January, and he was dressed in jeans, a sweatshirt, jacket, and tennis shoes, and he was soaking wet, dripping water, trying his best to make it back to his dorm room. Of course, his friends had deserted him. All that water clung to him, weighing him down, making the short distance to the warmth and comfort of his room a long and arduous journey.

That's how sin works in our lives. It lingers close, has a grip on us, refuses to let go, holds us captive, does not want us to be free. The hurtful, hateful things that people have done to us, those feelings of pain, resentment, and bitterness cling to us, making it difficult to perform the simplest tasks. All our attention and energy become focused on the sin done to us or the sin we committed against another. We hold it closely, refusing to relinquish it.

But God calls us to forgive, to forgive one another, to forgive ourselves, and to do it over and over again. It is the only way we can be free, the only way we can be the people God intended us to be. We must forgive, and we must accept the gift of forgiveness. Sin clings closely, but God in Christ has the power to free us from our sin and the sin of others. Accept this gift today. For the sake of yourself and the world, let it go. Bask in the reality of God's love and forgiveness. It will change your life. It will bring you peace. It will make you whole, well, and free.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the August meeting of the Congregation Council, the council

- noted that expenses year-to-date through July were \$24,544 less than projected;
- learned from the Executive Committee that the loan on the purchase of the 429 North Main Property, which is due in October, has been renegotiated to continue at the currently paid interest rate;
- learned that under the leadership of Dale Hamann, who is serving as the manager for the columbarium project, that, in spite of some delays over the summer, the hope is to sign a contract with Columbarium Planners, Inc. this fall;
- learned that the contract with David Schroth Organ Builders has been signed. It is anticipated that the work will begin in summer, 2020;
- learned that plans are being made for a capital campaign to raise the remainder of the funds needed for the organ project; and
- learned that the Trinity website is being updated to include videos of weekly sermons; and REALM, a new administrative software program, that will allow online giving, access to the directory, and online registration for ministries and events, will be implemented.

CONGREGATION BOOK DISCUSSION

September: All members of the congregation and friends are invited to read Rachel Held Evans' book entitled *Searching for Sunday* and to gather at the Church on Thursday evening September 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. In the book, Rachel Held Evans does not want to go to church anymore. She is frustrated and overwhelmed by the hypocrisy, the politics, the huge building budgets, and the scandals. The church seemed so far removed from Jesus. The book explores how, despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing her back to church. Penny Bostain will be leading the discussion. To register, please call the Church Office by Monday, September 15.

November: Members of the congregation are invited to read *Dear Church: A Love Letter to the ELCA, the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* by Lenny Duncan, a black, queer pastor in the ELCA. While this book is a fairly quick and easy read, please be advised that not only does it contain difficult topics and profanity but it also challenges many of the ELCA's currently held practices. Members will gather to discuss the book on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm in the Activities Building. Please register through the Church Office if you plan to attend.



FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation is receiving grant applications from September 1 to 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.

CAMP WORSHIP

On Wednesday, September 4 at 6:15 pm all are invited to gather on the front lawn of the Sanctuary for Camp Worship, a relaxed, casual, less-than-thirty-minute worship service that will include scripture reading, a meditation, and singing camp songs. All are encouraged to wear cool, comfortable clothes and to gather on the front lawn with a blanket or lawn chair. The service will be followed by ice cream and fellowship. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Assembly Room.



SAFE@HOME

On Sunday, November 10, Trinity will offer *Safe@Home* from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. This program is targeted to fourth through sixth graders and is meant to prepare them to stay home alone (with parental approval and oversight). It covers basic safety skills and very basic first aid skills for themselves while alone. The cost of the program is \$12.00 per person, which covers materials and snacks. Parents are asked to sign their child/children up through the Church Office no later than Sunday, November 3. Questions may be directed to Mandi Whitley.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

A new member class, entitled *What Does It Mean To Be a Lutheran?*, will be taught during the Sunday School hour beginning Sunday, October 6 and extends through November 10. This six 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 10. Questions may be directed to Pastor Crowell.



WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

On the first Wednesday of each month beginning in October and extending through December, the congregation is invited to gather for worship in the Multipurpose Room at 6:15 pm. Holden Evening Prayer around the Cross is a contemplative, peaceful service that includes silence and singing, light and darkness, stillness and movement, and culminates with individual prayer around the cross and the lighting of candles. These services will focus on healing and reconciliation. Worship dates are Wednesday, October 2, Wednesday, November 6, and Wednesday, December 4

FREED HEARTS: LGBTQIA AND ALLIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Please come for an evening of fun, laughter, and good food on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm in the Dining Room/Multipurpose Room. Please park in the lot adjacent to the Playground. All are invited whether you identify as LGBTQIA or as an ally. Participants are encouraged to bring a food item to share with the group. Please register through the Church Office, and feel free to invite friends. This group will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month.

SAFE SITTER

Trinity is a *Safe Sitter* site, which is a babysitting class that youth must take in order to volunteer in the Church Nursery. There will be a class held on Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Assembly Room. Trinity members Cathie Landreth, Rachel Balck, and Terry Batts are the instructors. The cost is \$25.00 per student, which covers the cost of materials, snacks, and lunch. Youth in grades six through twelve are eligible to attend the class. Sign up through the Church Office no later than Sunday, September 29.

PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group will meet each Wednesday at 11:30 am in the Library. 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 emailed to Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com or Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com. All are invited to attend.



Prayer

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Trinity's Young Adults group will gather for dinner and fellowship on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 pm at *Limoncello*, 401 River Street. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP to Mandi Whitley no later than Monday, September 23 so that a reservation can be made.



LAUNCH GROUP

Launch is Trinity's fellowship group for young adults who are recent college graduates through around age 30. The group will worship together at Trinity on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:15 pm, after which dinner will be provided. The group will also enjoy a game night at the home of Matt Wessinger, 11 Langley Drive, on Wednesday, September 18 beginning at 7:00 pm. Contact Mandi Whitley with any questions.

TLC4TLC

Adults are invited to gather once a month for TLC4TLC (Tender Loving Care for Trinity Lutheran Church) 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. The group will meet on Sunday, September 22 at 4:00 pm in the Parlor. For additional information, please contact Mary Valenti at 275-4996.



COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Compassionate Friends, a monthly grief support group for families who have experienced the death of a child, sibling, or grandchild, meets monthly at Trinity. The group's next meeting is Thursday, September 12 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Parlor. For more information, please contact Heidi Goodwin at 803-389-0851 or heidi.goodwin5@gmail.com or tcfgreenville@gmail.com.



**The
Compassionate
Friends**
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

All women of the congregation are invited to participate in this group that meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. The group's first meeting will be on September 5 and will be held in conjunction with the *Circles of Healing* event.



GAMEDAY

Gameday is a time for Church members to gather for Bridge and other games. Participants will meet in the Parlor on Wednesday, September 25 at noon. Those attending are invited to bring their lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

BOOK GROUP

The Trinity Book Group meets in the Parlor at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of even numbered months. Adults of all ages are invited to come and discuss a variety of books. The next meeting is October 17 when the group will discuss *Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips. On December 19, the book selection is *Varina* by Charles Frazier. On February 20 *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee; April 15, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan; and June 18, *The Wife* by Meg Wolitzer will be discussed.

LOVING THREADS

Loving Threads is a ministry that knits and crochets handmade items. Participants work at home to create prayer shawls and baby blankets for those in the Church and community. Trinity members who have a loved one in need of a shawl can contact Amy Brown through the Church Office.

THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

This group for adults will gather on Sundays, September 8 and 29 at 4:00 pm in Room 302 on the 2nd Floor of the Pence Building. The discussion will be on *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rhor. All adults are welcome to participate. Joe Rice facilitates the discussion. Questions may be directed to him at 864-704-4616 or saluda171@yahoo.com.

CIRCLES OF HEALING: AN EVENT FOR WOMEN

All women of the congregation and their friends are invited to attend *Circles of Healing* on Thursday, September 5 from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Ana Tampanna, the author of *The Womanly Art of Alligator Wrestling*, will be the featured speaker. In addition to being an author, life coach, and speaker, Ana is also a beautiful, brave, resilient, and grace-filled human being whose story of love, loss, and forgiveness will inspire and encourage. Ana will help participants find hope and grace through healing connections with other women. A baked potato bar, salad bar, tea, and dessert will be provided. Reservations should be made through the Church Office by Tuesday, September 3. Questions may be directed to Pastor Crowell.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Out to Lunch Bunch is a group that enjoys Sunday lunch together on the third or fourth Sunday of each month after the 11:15 am worship service. The group is open to all Trinity adults who want to join in the fellowship. The group will meet on September 29 at *The Cheesecake Factory* at Haywood Mall at 12:45 pm. Contact Amy Brown before 11:00 am on that day if you plan to attend.

LWR QUILT MINISTRY

The Quilting Group meets in the Activities Building at 9:30 am on Mondays several times a month. 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. Work is usually finished around noon, and participants can work as little, or as long, as they would like. There are also at-home sewing opportunities for those who cannot come to the gatherings. The group will meet on Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Items needed for this ministry include cotton or mostly cotton fabric, and sheets. Sheets are used for the backing on the quilts. Sheets can be new or very gently used. The preferred size is twin flat, in all colors except white or cream. Donations for this ministry may be brought to the Church Office.



QUILTING GROUP

MUSIC MINISTRY

September is a great time to join Trinity's music community. Rehearsals are getting into full swing, and music groups are beginning preparation for big musical events including Youth Sunday, Reformation Sunday, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Eve services. Please contact Pastor Jim Parham with any questions.

ADULT CHOIR is open to youth and adults. The choir rehearses on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.

HANDBELL CHOIR is open to youth and adults. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Rehearsal Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building on September 11, 18, and 25.

YOUTH CHOIR, for those in grades 6 through 12, rehearses on Sunday afternoons at 4:15 pm. In the fall, the choir will be working with LCY on preparing music for Youth Sunday, September 22. Youth Sunday warmups begin at 9:00 am in the Gym. Note the following locations for rehearsals this month. September 8 - off site at the Sease's home; September 15 and 21 in the Gym; and September 29 in the Choir Room.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

The early elementary choir is for children in K5 through Grade 1. Rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 8, from 2:45 to 3:15 pm in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.

The upper elementary choir is for children in Grades 2 through 5. Rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 8 from 2:45 to 3:15 pm (with the younger children) in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. The usual rehearsal time will be from 3:15 to 4:00 pm, except for the first Sunday of each month.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Anyone interested in sharing instrumental skills in worship, please contact Pastor Parham.



BINGO PRIZES FOR TOWERS EAST

Trinity will host an afternoon of Bingo for our neighbors at Towers East in the Multipurpose Room on Wednesday, September 18 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. The Outreach Committee is asking members to donate prizes for this event. Suggested prizes are kitchen tools and gadgets, bath towels/washcloths, paper towels/toilet paper, dish or laundry detergent, toiletries (particularly hair care for persons of color), small toys or games, word search or Sudoku books, and snacks. These items may be dropped off by September 13 in the labeled basket in the Breezeway. Call the Church Office if willing to host or provide lemonade, diet sweet tea, cookies, or sugar-free cookies/snacks. Contact Amanda Mast at 864-293-0320 or Mandi Whitley with questions.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>6:15 CAMP WORSHIP 6:15 FURMAN LSA 6:15 LAUNCH GROUP 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>6:30 CIRCLES OF HEALING</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>10:00 <i>ISAIAH</i> BIBLE STUDY 11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:15 FURMAN LSA 6:30 BIBLE 101 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>6:30 FREED HEARTS 7:00 COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>10:00 <i>ISAIAH</i> BIBLE STUDY 11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>2:00 BINGO FOR TOWERS EAST</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:15 FURMAN LSA 6:30 BIBLE 101 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 LAUNCH GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>6:30 CONGREGATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>9:00 TO 11:00 YOUTH SUNDAY REHEARSAL</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>10:00 <i>ISAIAH</i> BIBLE STUDY 11:30 PRAYER GROUP 12:00 GAMEDAY</p> <p>6:00 EMPOWERMENT EVENT 6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:15 FURMAN LSA 6:30 BIBLE 101 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>7:00 YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR

	<u>1st</u>	<u>8th</u>
9:00 am Lector Prayers Cantor Acolytes Greeters Nursery Nursery Aide	Terry Batts Chris Harmon Russ Wise Anna Havens Rice, Ryan Sease Lani Ludian, Mike Parker Sarah Weeks Bryan Cegelis, Jessica Cegelis Karinn Delap	Sue Boeker Penny Bostain Amanda Cook Campbell Balck, Evan Otten Marilyn Boeker, Ralph Boeker Stephen Troutman Casey Delap, Jacob Delap Marie Koon
Sunday School Nursery	Jacob Delap	Melanie Wessinger
11:15 am Lector Prayers Cantor Acolytes Greeters Nursery Nursery Aide	Mark Allen Joe Rice Richard Moose Liam Forde, Will Mosher Jeanne Blinkoff, Dale Hamann Sandra Hamann Robyn Wilcox Paul Glass	Peggy Schotsch Lisa Rehm Jeff Rehm Mac Wannemacher, Lance Wilcox Al Banister, Henry Wilcox Robyn Wilcox Melissa Kolb Emmie Wannemacher
Communion Fill Communion Clean-up (9:00) (11:15)	Karen Craig (Intinction) Al and Mary Valenti WW and Mary Frances Martin	Bonnie Bridges (Intinction) Tanya Huber Chip Bettler and Bob Whitley
Ushers 9:00 11:15	Jeff Roth (Captain), Ralph Born, David Potts, Carolyn Wyatt Susan Burton (Captain), Mark Allen, Erin McCall, JR Wood	
Offering Tellers		
Team 1 Terry Morgan (Captain) Andrew Weiner, Joyce Weiner	Team 2 Lisa Panhorst (Captain) Heidi Goodwin, Jimmy Reynolds	

SEPTEMBER 2019

15th

Heather Peden
 Steve Boguski
 John Park
 Jack Rice, Ryann Roth
 Beth Henry, John Henry
 Kerry Sease
 Heidi Goodwin, Sarah Jo Harmon
 Peyton Roth

Anne Branham

Chris Sorenson
 Terri Sullivan
 Ann Coon
 Annie Ives, Emmie Wannemacher
 Bonnie Farmer, Laurie Horsfall
 Rick Horsfall
 Karen Craig
 Stefani Robinson

Geraldine Weyermann
 Jacob and Casey Delap
 Dale and Sandra Hamann

22rd 10:00 am (YOUTH SUNDAY)

Trinity Youth

Tad and Betsy League

29th

John Otten
 Mary Mueller
 Children's Choir
 Campbell Balck, Ryan Sease
 Pattimarie Janssen, Lisa Osborn
 Marty Osborn
 Jeff Roth, Margaret Roth
 Ryann Roth

Bev Bresette

Henry Wilcox
 Melissa Kolb
 Bob and Sheryl Schirmer
 Bo Wallace, Mac Wallace
 Mary Frances Martin, WW Martin
 Terry Morgan
 Angela Glass
 Mac Wannemacher

Betsy League (Intinction)
 Carolyn Wyatt
 Mary Beth Ridenhour

Nursery Captains

9:00
 SS
 11:15

Anne Branham
 Bev Bresette
 Melissa Kolb

Audio Ministry

Amanda Cook

Visiting First Time Worshipers

Pattimarie Janssen

Sanctuary Preparation

Helen League

United Ministry Food Baskets

John Beckford, Zerle Hubbard

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY 1</p> <p>8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED 2</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 3 11:00 MANNA FOR MAMAS</p>
<p>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8</p> <p>8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:00 PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN 9:50 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION 12:15 CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION 12:30 PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE 12:30 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LUNCH AND SQUADS 1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL 2:45 CHILDREN'S CHOIRS REHEARSAL 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE 4:15 YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00 LCY</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 9 9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p> <p>6:30 FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY 15</p> <p>8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION 2:45 EARLY ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL 3:15 UPPER ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL 4:15 YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00 LCY</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 16 9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p> <p>6:30 FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 22</p> <p>9:00 YOUTH CHOIR WARMUP 10:00 YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP IN GYM FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH 11:45 EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2:45 EARLY ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL 3:15 UPPER ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL 4:00 TLC4TLC</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 23 9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p> <p>6:30 FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 29</p> <p>8:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:00 STEWARDSHIP EVENT 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:00 IHN SETUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION 12:45 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 2:45 EARLY ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL 3:15 UPPER ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE 4:15 YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00 LCY</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 30 9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p> <p>6:30 FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY</p>	<p>NETWORK</p>

LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

LCY WILL BE MEETING FROM 5:00 TO 7:00 PM THIS PROGRAM YEAR!

Lutheran Church Youth is Trinity's ministry program for youth in grades 6-12. All youth in these age groups are invited to participate.



Lutheran Church Youth

September 1 – NO LCY DUE TO LABOR DAY

September 8 – BURGERS AND BIBLES AT THE SEASES' HOME

Youth and advisors will meet at the home of LCY members Ryan and Abby Sease for a cookout, games, Bible study and to continue to prepare for Youth Sunday. Drop off is 5:00 pm and pickup is at 7:00 pm at the Sease's home, 2 Club Forest Lane, Greenville.

September 15 – YOUTH SUNDAY PREP

After dinner, youth will continue to prepare for Youth Sunday.

September 21 – YOUTH SUNDAY DRESS REHEARSAL 9 - 11 AM IN THE GYM

All youth who have roles in Youth Sunday should attend.

September 22 – YOUTH SUNDAY

All youth who are participating in Youth Sunday should meet in the Gym at 9:00 am.

September 29 – ART NIGHT

After dinner, youth will participate in an art project to be led by Wynne Boliek. Youth should wear clothes that can get messy, and are asked to bring \$5.00 to help cover the cost of supplies.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: LCY's ski retreat will be Friday, January 31 through Sunday, February 2 at Lutherock, which is just outside of Boone, NC. Information will be emailed to families later this fall.

NEW FORMAT FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

Children's Ministry at Trinity will be ALL NEW starting in September! First Sunday Squads will be for families with children in elementary school and siblings are welcome! All families are encouraged to worship at 11:15 am on the first Sunday of the month which will be followed by a FREE family lunch from 12:30 to 1:15 pm. From 1:15 to 2:45 pm, squads will break out for learning, service, and fellowship activities designed just for them!

Squad 1: All Parents (Preschool siblings are welcome at this group)

Squad 2: K5 through 3rd Grade Gang

Squad 3: Preteen Crew (aka 4th and 5th grade students)



Just for Kids!

The dates for the 2019-2020 program year are: September 8 (2nd Sunday due to Labor Day), October 6, November 3, December 8, January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, and May 3.

Also on the first Sunday of each month, children's choirs will rehearse together from 2:45 to 3:15 pm. On the remaining Sundays, the younger choir will rehearse from 2:45 to 3:15 pm and the older children's choir will rehearse from 3:15 to 4:00 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is offered for all ages every Sunday between the 9:00 and 11:15 am services.

PRESCHOOLERS (infants through children under the age of four) may attend the *First Faith* class with their parent(s) 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL for middle and high school students will meet outside Mandi Whitley's office on Sunday, September 1, to walk as a group to *Starbucks* for fellowship, devotions and prayer. On Sunday, September 8, youth Sunday School will resume meeting in the Youth Center to enjoy food, learning and service projects.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL begins each Sunday at 9:50 am in the Multipurpose Room for coffee, conversation, announcements and prayer. On Sunday, September 1, the adult class will explore the concept of *Sanctuary Church*, one of the major decisions made at the ELCA National Assembly. On Sunday, September 8, the class will discuss other actions from the Assembly, including diversity, sexism, *Thursdays in Black*, and the *Emmanuel 9*. On Sunday, September 15, members of Trinity's Hospitality Working Group will lead the group in exploring how to become a more welcoming congregation. On Sunday, September 22, all ages are invited to enjoy brunch after the Youth Sunday worship service. On Sunday, September 29, the congregation will gather in the Multipurpose Room during the Sunday School hour for the Stewardship Event. New adult Sunday School classes will begin in October.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adults are invited to a Wednesday morning Bible study on the book of *Isaiah*, chapters 40-66. It will begin on Wednesday, September 11 at 10:00 am in Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. The study will be taught by Vicar Luke Delasin. The registration fee of \$20.00 may be paid in the Church Office.



Bible Study

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Trinity's confirmation program for eighth and ninth graders and their parents will begin with an Orientation Event on Sunday, September 8 at 12:15 pm in the Youth Center. Lunch will be provided. Expectations and a schedule of events will be shared at this gathering.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

This fall, Trinity will begin a new Bible study series for adults. The series is called *Exploring the Bible. Bible 101: What is the Bible?* will be offered, on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, beginning on September 11, in the Assembly Room. This six week course will explore how the Bible came to be, translations, archaeology and a general overview. Future courses will delve into the Old and New Testaments. Philip Wessinger will teach the course. Cost per student is \$12.00. Registration and payment can be made in the Church Office.

Did you know:

The average consumer debt in America includes

\$180,018 in mortgages

\$50,868 in student loans

\$29,058 in auto loans

\$16,425 in credit card debt

66% of Americans would struggle to pay for a \$1,000 emergency

78% of people live paycheck to paycheck

7 out of 10 couples do not budget consistently

This fall, Trinity will offer Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* on Monday nights at 6:30 pm, beginning on September 9. This nine week class is for adults of all ages and stages. Anyone who would like to learn more about budgeting, saving, paying off debt, planning wisely, and giving more is encouraged to attend. Couples and single adults of any age are welcome. 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. Registration and payments for the class should be made in the Church Office as soon as possible.

EMPOWERMENT EVENT FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS AND THEIR MOMS

On Wednesday, September 25, middle and high school girls and their moms are invited to attend a female empowerment event from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Youth Center. Led by Pastor Crowell and Mandi Whitley, this event will focus on empowering and encouraging women. Dinner is provided and an RSVP is needed no later than Sunday, September 22.



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 and are due to Mandi Whitley no later than Sunday, September 8.



FURMAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Trinity is once again working with Furman University to create a space for Lutheran and non-Lutheran students to gather once a week for a home-cooked meal, fellowship, devotion and prayer. The group meets on Wednesday evenings on campus. Anyone interested in providing a meal for the group of about 10 people should contact Vicar Luke Delasin.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KIT ITEM COLLECTION

While prices are low for back-to-school, please consider picking up needed items for collection dates below:



- September 1: 70 sheet wide or college-ruled spiral notebooks
- September 8: rulers (with cm and inches) and pencil sharpeners
- September 15: blunt scissors for children
- September 22: unsharpened #2 pencils and black or blue ball-point pens
- September 29: 2 1/2 inch erasers

A collection basket has been placed in the Breezeway near the Church Office.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Trinity Church will host guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network Sunday, September 29 through Sunday, October 6. 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 or 420-5494 or Paige Dillon at pdillon2@bellsouth.net or 982-2141 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 IHN 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, September 8. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, September 29.

PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

Several times a year, Trinity provides assistance to Project Host Soup Kitchen located on South Academy St., a Greenville facility serving lunch to those in need. Volunteers are needed for the next hosting date on Sunday, September 8 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Contact Mike Parker at mikeparker1110@gmail.com or 864-608-2569 or Sonny Gomez at randjgomez@charter.net or 864-483-1462.

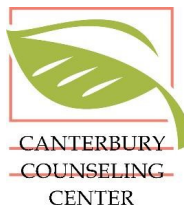


UNITED MINISTRIES

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.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Because Trinity Lutheran Church participates in a Membership Assistance Program with Canterbury Counseling Center, members of the congregation pay a fee of \$25.00 per session for the first four sessions of counseling. To make an appointment, speak with Pastor Crowell or call the Canterbury Counseling Center at 235-7501.



WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Jeff Greene and Karen Nichols have been discharged.

DEATHS

the brother of Ralph Moyer

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Mark and Roseann Becher requested to be removed, no transfer
Darwin and Susan Cline to St. Paul's Church, Greenville, SC
David Earley to St. Paul's Church, Greenville, SC
Jessica Earley to St. Paul's Church, Greenville, SC
Donnie and Karla Koon and their children, Patrick Childers and Abbie,
to St. Paul's Church, Greenville, SC
Mike and Bobbi Metz to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Anderson, SC

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST

	<u>8/4</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>8/25</u>
9:00	149	130	173	139
11:15	<u>85</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>148</u>
TOTAL	234	231	283	287
SUNDAY SCHOOL	65	54	102	74
LCY	-	-	34	35

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR AUGUST

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 100,364	\$ 802,915
Given to Budget	<u>60,043</u>	<u>737,009</u>
Difference	- \$ 40,321	- \$ 65,906
Given to World Hunger	\$ 1,747	\$ 21,927
Given to Preserving Our Heritage	\$	\$ 693,240 (Campaign to date)



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HERE IN THIS PLACE. . .

The Stewardship Committee invites the congregation to gather in the Multipurpose Room on Sunday, September 29 at 10:10 am for special refreshments and a program. A video presentation entitled *Here in This Place. . .* will feature Trinity members sharing thoughts about how God's light is shining at Trinity. Loyalty Sunday, the annual opportunity to offer gifts of time, talent, and financial resources, will be held the following Sunday, October 6.



YOUTH SUNDAY



Trinity's youth will lead worship on Sunday, September 22 at 10:00 am in the Gym, followed by brunch in the Multipurpose Room. This service will feature the Lutheran Liturgy set to music from the *Beatles*.