



## Activities and Opportunities

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### September 1, 2019

#### Announcements

**Amy Brown is away today.**

**Camp Worship - Wednesday, September 4, 6:15 pm, Front Lawn of the Sanctuary.** All are invited to gather 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.

**Circles of Healing - Thursday, September 5, 6:15 to 8:15 pm, Multipurpose Room.** All women of the congregation and their friends are invited to attend *Circles of Healing*. Ana Tampanna, the author of *The Womanly Art of Alligator Wrestling*, will be the featured speaker. 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.

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

**REALM - The Church Staff needs your help in populating the REALM community.** Please email Kay Cook at [kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws), including your name, address, email address and birth date. You will then receive an email from Trinity/REALM with the subject **Trinity Lutheran Church: Our Ministry Needs You**, which will provide a link to take you to [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org) to change your password. Your email address will be your user id. Contact the Church Office with any questions.

**New Member Class - Sunday, October 6.** 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 extending 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.

**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.

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

## Announcements (Cont'd)

**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.

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

### Music Ministry

**Handbell Choir Rehearsals will resume next Wednesday, September 11.**

**Adult Choir Rehearsals Wednesday, September 4. 7:00 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.** Youth are also welcome.

**Children's Choir rehearsals will begin next Sunday, September 8.** Early and Upper Elementary Children's Choirs will rehearse at 2:45 pm on September 8.

**Youth Choir Rehearsal - next Sunday, September 8, 4:15 pm, at the Sease's home.**

### 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. This class meets on the first floor of the Education Building, across from the nursery. 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 are invited to meet outside Mandi Whitley's office immediately after the 9:00 am worship service to walk as a group to *Starbucks* for fellowship, devotions, and prayer. Next Sunday, youth will resume meeting in the Youth Center to enjoy food, learning, and service projects

Adults will meet as one class, in the Multipurpose Room. Following Coffee and Conversation, to explore the concept of *Sanctuary Church*, one of the major decisions made at the ELCA National Assembly.

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

**Financial Peace University - Mondays, beginning September 9, 6:30 pm.** Trinity will offer Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* for nine weeks. This class is for adults of all ages and stages. Couples and single adults who would like to learn more about budgeting, saving, paying off debt, planning wisely, and giving more are encouraged to attend. 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 online at [FPU.com/1094618](http://FPU.com/1094618).

**Bible 101: What is the Bible? - Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 pm, Assembly Room.** This fall, Trinity will begin a new Bible study series for adults, entitled *Exploring the Bible*. 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.

## Relational Groups

**Manna for Mamas - Tuesday, September 3, 11:00 am, Assembly Room.** A new Bible study and support group for mothers with children still at home will begin in September. At this first meeting, the group will make plans and look over the book *Loving My Actual Life* by Alexandra Kuykendall, which will be the program material for the year. Questions may be addressed to Jennifer Fenske or Lara Godfrey.

**LAUNCH Group - Wednesday, September 4, 6:15 pm.** 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.

**Freed Hearts: LGBTQIA and Allies Fellowship Group - Thursday, September 12, 6:30 pm, Dining Room/Multipurpose Room.** Please come for an evening of fun, laughter, and good food. All are invited whether you identify as LGBTQIA or as an ally. Please park in the lot adjacent to the Playground. 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.

**Congregational Book Discussion - Thursday, September 19, 6:30 pm.** 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 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.

## Children and Youth

**There will be no LCY this evening.** The group will meet at 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 8 to continue preparing for Youth Sunday.

**Children's Ministry Lunch and Squads - next Sunday, September 8, 12:30 pm.** Children's Ministry at Trinity will be ALL NEW this year! 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 is for all parents (Preschool siblings are welcome at this group). Squad 2 is the K5 through 3rd Grade Gang. Squad 3 is the Preteen Crew (aka 4th and 5th grade students).

**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 next Sunday, September 8.

**Empowerment Event for Middle and High School Girls and their Moms - Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Youth Center.** Middle and high school girls and their moms are invited to attend a female empowerment event. 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.

## 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.

**Bingo Prizes for Towers East - Wednesday, September 18, 2:00 to 3:30 pm, Multipurpose Room.** Trinity will host an afternoon of Bingo for our neighbors at Towers East. 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 box 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.

**LWR School Kit Collection - Sundays in September.** A collection basket for items donated will be in the Breezeway near the Church Office. On September 1, 70 sheet wide or college-ruled spiral notebooks will be collected. On September 8, rulers (with cm and inches) as well as pencil sharpeners will be collected. On September 15, blunt scissors for children will be collected. On September 22, unsharpened #2 pencils and black or blue ball-point pens will be collected. On September 29, 2 1/2 inch erasers will be collected.

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

**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](mailto:lfletcher@c3cp.com) or 420-5494 or Paige Dillon at [pdillon2@bellsouth.net](mailto:pdillon2@bellsouth.net) or 982-2141 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 September 8. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, September 29.

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8

TODAY - SEPTEMBER 1	WEDNESDAY	NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8 (CONT'D)
8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup	10:30 am <i>Isaiah</i> Bible Study	10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
9:00 am Holy Communion	11:30 am Prayer Group	11:15 am Holy Communion
9:50 am Coffee & Conversation	6:15 pm Camp Worship	12:15 pm Confirmation Orientation
10:10 am Sunday School	6:15 pm Furman LSA	12:30 pm Parish Life Committee
11:15 am Holy Communion	6:15 pm LAUNCH Group	12:30 pm Children's Ministry
	7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Lunch and Squads
<b>MONDAY</b>		1:30 pm Congregation Council
OFFICE CLOSED	<b>THURSDAY</b>	2:45 pm Children's Choirs
	6:30 pm Circles of Healing	Rehearsal
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8</b>	4:00 pm Theology Roundtable
9:00 am Staff Meeting	8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup	4:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Manna for Mamas	9:00 am Holy Communion	5:00 pm LCY
	9:00 am Project Host Soup Kitchen	
	9:50 am Coffee & Conversation	
	10:10 am Sunday School	