



Activities and Opportunities

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Announcements

Youth Sunday - Sunday, September 22, 10:00 am, Gym. All are invited to join the youth of the congregation for *Jesus, Justice, Joy*. This specially designed service will feature the Lutheran Liturgy set to music from the Beatles. Trinity's youth will serve in leadership roles and Holy Communion will be celebrated. At the conclusion of worship brunch will be served in the Multipurpose Room.

Wednesday Morning 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 books of *Amos* and *Hosea*. 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, 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 to change your password. Your email address will be your user id. Contact the Church Office with any questions.

Stewardship Event Here in This Place - Sunday, September 29, 10:10 am, Multipurpose Room. The Stewardship Committee invites the congregation to gather for refreshments and a video presentation featuring Trinity members sharing thoughts about how God's light is shining at Trinity.

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

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.

Foundation Grants. The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation is receiving grant applications through 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.

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.

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.

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

Relational Groups

Quilting Group - Monday, September 9, 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.

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.

Compassionate Friends - Thursday, September 12, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Parlor. Trinity is pleased to be partnering with Compassionate Friends to host a monthly grief support group for families who have experienced the death of a child, sibling, or grandchild. For more information, please contact Heidi Goodwin at tcfgreenville@gmail.com or heidi.goodwin5@gmail.com or 803-389-0851.

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

Children's Ministry Lunch and Squads - Today, 12:30 pm, Activities Building. 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).

LCY - Today, 5:00 to 7:00 pm 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 and pick up is at the Seases' home, 2 Club Forest Lane, Greenville.

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 today.

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.

Music Ministry

Early Elementary Children's Choir - Sunday, September 8, 2:45 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. This choir is for children in K5 through Grade 1.

Upper Elementary Children's Choir - Sunday, September 8, 2:45 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. This choir is for children in Grades 2 through 5. This rehearsal will be with the younger children. The usual rehearsal time will be from 3:15 to 4:00 pm, except for the first Sunday of each month.

Youth Choir Rehearsal - Today, 4:15 pm, at the Sease's home. The choir will continue preparing music for Youth Sunday.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals - Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 pm, Handbell Rehearsal Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

Adult Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, September 11. 7:00 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

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 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, learning, and service projects

Adults will meet as one class, in the Multipurpose Room. Following Coffee and Conversation, the group will discuss actions from the ELCA National Assembly, including diversity, sexism, *Thursdays in Black*, and the *Emmanuel 9*.

Confirmation Orientation - Today, 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.

Bible 101: What is the Bible? - Wednesdays, beginning 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.

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. From now until the end of the year is the highest demand on the United Ministries Food Pantry, so please be generous during this time of increased need.

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 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.

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 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 8 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15

TODAY - SEPTEMBER 8	MONDAY	NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 15
8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup	9:00 am Staff Meeting	8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
9:00 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Quilting Group	9:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Project Host Soup Kitchen	6:30 pm Financial Peace	9:50 am Coffee & Conversation
9:50 am Coffee & Conversation	WEDNESDAY	10:10 am Sunday School
10:10 am Sunday School	10:00 am Wednesday Morning	11:15 am Holy Communion
10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup	Bible Study	12:30 pm Parish Life Committee
11:15 am Holy Communion	11:30 am Prayer Group	2:45 pm Early Elementary
12:15 pm Confirmation Orientation	6:00 pm Handbell Choir	Children's Choir
12:30 pm Children's Ministry	Rehearsal	Rehearsal
Lunch and Squads	6:15 pm Furman LSA	3:15 pm Upper Elementary
1:30 pm Congregation Council	6:30 pm Bible 101	Children's Choir
2:45 pm Children's Choirs	7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal
Rehearsal	THURSDAY	4:00 pm Internship Committee
4:00 pm Theology Roundtable	6:30 pm Freed Hearts:	4:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
4:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal	a Fellowship Group	5:00 pm LCY
5:00 pm LCY	for LGBTQIA and Allies	
	7:00 pm Compassionate Friends	