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CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

A candlelight Christmas Eve worship service will be premiered online on Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 pm. All members of the Trinity Family are encouraged to gather together at this time so that as many members, friends, and guests as possible can share together in this time of worship. Christmas Eve worship bags containing items to enhance the Christmas Eve at home worship experience will be available on Sunday, December 20 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at a Drive-Through event at the red canopy door. Bags will also be available on Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Church Office. Make plans now to gather safely in your homes and virtually with the Trinity family at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

2020 Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Church for the Christmas Eve Service. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below and return it with \$16.00 for each poinsettia no later than Friday, December 14. Poinsettias may be picked up Monday, December 28. - Wednesday, December 30. Any remaining Poinsettias will be shared with our Towers East neighbors.

Enclosed/attached is my \$16.00 for each poinsettia given.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

In () honor of, In () memory of

Given by: _____

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CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS

Congratulations to the following youth who affirmed their Baptism through the Rite of Confirmation on Reformation Sunday, October 25. Pictured on the front row from left to right are Paige Geiger, Bethany Hybl, Ava McNeice, and Anna Kay Robinson. On the back row from left to right are Paul Glass, Roger Brown, and Cole McCaskill. Pictured with the confirmands are Pastor Crowell, Pastor Parham, Deacon Amy Brown, and Deacon Mandi Whitley.

COUNCIL NOTES

At the October meeting of the Congregation Council, the council...
 ---learned that expenses for September were \$7,885 below projection;
 ---learned that both the Organ Rebuild project and the construction of the columbarium are currently taking place;
 ---received a report from Trinity's COVID19 Transition Team; and
 ---received and accepted a report from the Nominating Committee for Congregation Council.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WORSHIP

Sunday morning services will be premiered at 10:00 am on November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 and December 6, 13, 20, and 27.
 A Reconciling in Christ service will be premiered at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 18. Each week in December during the Advent Season, a service will be premiered at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23.



GIVING TO TRINITY

Please help us to continue to shine the love and light of Christ into our community and world by supporting Trinity's ministry through your regular giving and special offerings. Online giving is available by texting TLCGIVE to 73256 or by following the *Online Giving* link on the homepage of our website, www.trinitylutheran.ws. Offering may also be mailed to the Church Office at 421 N. Main St., Greenville, SC 29601. Please contact Kay Cook in the Church Office if interested in signing up for automatic bank draft.

COMMUNION BREAD DISTRIBUTION

On Sunday, November 8 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm a Drive-Through Event at the red canopy door will be hosted to collect non-perishable food items and outerwear for our neighbors at Towers East as well as to distribute home-baked communion bread and advent devotional materials.

GUEST PREACHERS AT TRINITY

On All Saints' Sunday, November 1, Trinity will welcome the Rev Lizzie Bebber, the new Executive Director at United Ministries as our guest preacher.

On Sunday, November 22, Trinity's former intern, Luke Delasin, will serve as the guest preacher. Luke is currently a fourth-year student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, SC where he will graduate with a Master of Divinity in the Spring of 2021.

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY ...

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Jeff Greene - discharged

DEATHS

the brother of Connie Blackstone
 the sister-in-law of Penny Bostain
 the father of Scott Sorenson
 Gerald Waldrep on October 13

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

	<u>10/4</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>10/18</u>	<u>10/25</u>
Onsite	5	5	6	5
Online devices	<u>506</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>461</u>
TOTAL	511	571	400	466
Midweek	<u>10/14</u>	<u>10/21</u>		
Onsite	4	4		
Online devices	<u>186</u>	<u>149</u>		
TOTAL	190	153		

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$96,186	\$961,860
Given to Budget	<u>\$69,044</u>	<u>\$844,082</u>
Difference	\$(27,142)	\$(117,778)
PPP Loan Proceeds		\$ 122,837
Given to World Hunger	\$1668	\$23,981

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

Lay Assistants

November 1

Elizabeth Allen
John Otten

November 8

Jennifer Moorefield
David Crigler

November 15

Terri Sullivan
Chaz Haines

November 22

Bob Schirmer
Lisa Rehm

November 29

Ryann Roth
Mark Allen

Assisting Ministers

November 8

Deacon Mandi Whitley

November 15

Deacon Amy Brown

OPERATION INASMUCH

Since 2009, Trinity has taken part in Operation InAsMuch, a day of mission work for our community. COVID cancelled our plans for a spring event, so we are excited to offer a physically distanced, masked fall event for the congregation. Join us on Saturday morning, November 7 in the Activities Building to meet some needs in the community.

There will be two in person events at the church that morning, beginning at 9 am. Each event is limited to 10 persons, and is by reservation only, through the Church Office.

Homeless Period Project: *The Homeless Period Project* serves girls and women in South Carolina and across the nation. Ten volunteers will work at Trinity to package feminine care products for distribution.

Fleece Blankets: *UpstateFoodNotBombs* is a local organization that serves the homeless community in Greenville. They have a weekly food distribution, which also includes clothing, medical supplies, hygiene items and other things that help our homeless neighbors survive. As winter approaches, there is a great need for blankets. Ten volunteers will work at Trinity to cut and tie fleece blankets. No sewing is involved. Fleece donations are needed for this project. Fleece should be cut to 58/59 or 60 by 80.

Gifts of Hope is a program of the wider church, which allows individuals to provide daily needs, build for the future or bring joy to persons or organizations in need. There is a catalog of support opportunities which include such things as medical and dental supplies in Tanzania, lunch for a seminary student, rocking chairs for Camp Kinard, or trail repair at Lutheridge. Gifts in this program cost as little as \$10. To participate, go to www.giftsofhopesc.com, or contact Valerie Hollinger at 864-414-3613.

At home participation is also possible. Contact Deacon Amy Brown for at home project ideas. Sign up by contacting the Church Office at 242-5702

ANNUAL MEETING

The opening session of the Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held at the close of online worship on Sunday, November 22.

Given the challenges posed by COVID19, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to approve a budget and elect Congregation Council Members will be held on Sunday, November 29 at 3:00 pm in the lower parking lot adjacent to the gym entrance. In case of inclement weather the meeting will be held on Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 pm. Members will park in either the upper lot by the red canopy door or in the lot adjacent to the playground. Registration through the Church Office to attend the meeting is essential. Members will bring their own tailgate chairs and sit in pre-assigned safely-distanced circles. Safe, pre-packaged refreshments and hot drinks will be provided as well as sidewalk chalk for the children (and adults) to decorate their circle. All persons in attendance must wear a mask. Those who have registered to attend will be notified via email an hour before the scheduled start time if the meeting needs to be postponed to the following week.

The ten nominees for the five three-year terms include Greg Alley, Connie Blackstone, Wynne Boliek, Heather Peden Fanning, Debbie Farstad, Greg Hamluk, Calvin Harmon, Melissa Kolb, Richard Moose, and Mike Parker.

The two nominees for the one one-year youth term are Campbell Balck and Ryann Roth.

THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

On November 1, Trinity joins all of Christendom in marking the Festival of All Saints. All Saints' Sunday, the memorial day of the Christian calendar, offers an opportunity to remember those who have died in the past year and are now part of the Church Triumphant. All Saints' Sunday emphasizes the resurrection hope that is central to the faith. The Trinity family will remember Myrtis Cook, Tim Crowe, Rick Horsfall, Janet Koerber, Linda Sapp, Lewis Sisson, Julian Stack, and Gerald Waldrep. Online worship on this day will include banners honoring each of Trinity's beloved members who died since All Saints' Sunday last year.

FAITH FORMATION

TLC Kids is our Faith Formation venue for Trinity children in preschool and elementary school. It meets on ZOOM on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 9:45 am. The gathering includes video, Bible stories and learning activities. The ZOOM invite is emailed out each week, and the recorded event is posted in our private FB group weekly to be viewed at any time. For more information, contact Deacon Amy Brown at the Church Office.

Adult Faith Formation begins with Coffee and Conversation at 8:45 a.m. on ZOOM on Sunday mornings, followed by a discussion oriented class. The class ends by 9:45, so participants can be ready for worship. The class is using *Faith Lens* curriculum. This weekly curriculum is based on current events, and includes student and leader handouts, which can be emailed ahead of time. All adults are welcome to join the ZOOM gathering.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir will continue to meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights as needed. We begin recording hymns for the Christmas services in early November.

Handbell Choir will continue to rehearse in their three pods with the schedule worked out weekly with the ringers.

Youth and Children Choir members, siblings and parents will be invited to participate in recording carols and songs for the Christmas season.

LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

Middle school and high school youth will meet separately on Sundays in November in the Multipurpose Room. Masks must be worn the entire time, so youth should eat before or after attending. The events are each limited to 8 youth & a weekly RSVP is required. Those who plan to attend should sign up through the church office. The groups will not meet on Sunday, November 29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Youth in grades 6 through 8 will meet at 5:00 pm and youth in grades 9 through 12 will meet at 6:30 pm.



Lutheran Church Youth

COAT DRIVE TO BENEFIT TRINITY'S NEIGHBORS IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY

Trinity's Neighborhood Ministry Team and the Outreach Committee are sponsoring a coat drive to provide cold weather clothing for our neighbors who do not have adequate clothing for the winter months. Beginning now and extending through Friday, November 13, Trinity is collecting new and gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, fleece pullovers, and sweatshirts for men, women, and children. There is a special need for both 2X and 3X adult sizes. Hats and gloves will also be accepted. The items will be distributed to Trinity's neighbors at the Nourishing Neighbors event on Wednesday, November 18. Items may be brought to the red canopy door on Sunday, November 8 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Drive-Through event or to the breezeway between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. All items should be brought to the church by Friday, November 13.

THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

Theology Roundtable is a group that meets several times a month to discuss theology and faith. In November the group will meet November 8, 15, and 22 at 4:00 pm. Currently the group is discussing the book *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. If you would like to join this group, which is meeting by ZOOM, please contact Peggy Schotsch at schotsch@bellsouth.net.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group will meet on Thursday evening, November 5 at 6:30 pm by ZOOM. Participants will continue their study of the book *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren. Contact Terry Morgan at 230-6252 or tfmorgan101@gmail.com for the Zoom invite.

SHARING TREE

The Outreach Committee will sponsor a Sharing Tree to provide Christmas gifts for needy persons in the community including Towers East Mental Health clients, the teen girls at Pendleton Place, the boys at Generations Group Home, and United Ministries families. Approximately 75 gifts will be needed to support these individuals. An electronic sign up will be published by November 15th which will allow interested church members to identify a gift for purchase. Drive through collections will take place the first two weekends in December. If you have questions, please contact Melanie Wessinger at 616-1725/pwessinger@aol.com or Rachel Balck at 915-6039/rachel@balckfamily.org. Please consider helping us with this important ministry.

MORNING COFFEE GROUPS

On Wednesdays, November 4, 11, and 18, a member of Trinity's Pastoral and Program Staff will host a coffee hour at 9:00 am on the playground. All participants must pre-register through the Church Office and provide a cell number so that the host can be in touch with any last-minute information. Each gathering is limited to eight participants to insure safe distancing. Each participant should wear a mask and bring a lawn chair and coffee. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, November 4 - Pastor Jim Parham

Wednesday, November 11 - Pastor Susan Crowell

Wednesday, November 18 - Deacon Mandi Whitley

LAUNCH GROUP

LAUNCH is Trinity's Young Adults Group for people in their 20s to early 30s. The group will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm. Contact Mandi Whitley with questions.

BOOK GROUP

The Trinity Book Group, which is open to all readers, meets regularly to discuss books of all genres. The next meeting will be on December 17 at 7:00 pm to discuss *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis. Other upcoming selections include *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd on February 18, *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel on April 15, and *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger on June 17. Email Deacon Amy Brown at arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws to receive a ZOOM invite to the meetings.



Daylight Savings Time
Ends November 1

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ALL SAINTS DAY 1</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS PRE-RECORDED 10:00 ALL SAINTS ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>5:00 MIDDLE SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON 6:30 HIGH SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTERS - IN PERSON 2</p> <p>6:00 - 8:00 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTERS - IN PERSON 3</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 4</p> <p>12:15 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 5</p> <p>6:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM 6:30 WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP IN PERSON</p>	<p>9:00- OPERATION INASMUCH IN PERSON 6</p>	<p>9:00- OPERATION INASMUCH IN PERSON 7</p>
<p>TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP WITH RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS</p> <p>4:00 COMMUNION BREAD DISTRIBUTION, FOOD COLLECTION, AND COAT DRIVE 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM 5:00 MIDDLE SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON 6:30 HIGH SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTERS - IN PERSON 9</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTERS - IN PERSON 10</p> <p>7:00 RACIAL JUSTICE BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 11</p> <p>12:15 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>7:00 LAUNCH - VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 12</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 13</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 14</p>
<p>TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 15</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>1:30 OUTREACH COMMITTEE VIA ZOOM</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM 5:00 MIDDLE SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON 6:30 HIGH SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTERS - IN PERSON 16</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTERS - IN PERSON 17</p> <p>7:00 RACIAL JUSTICE BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 18</p> <p>12:15 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>6:00 RECONCILING IN CHRIST ONLINE WORSHIP</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 19</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 20</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 21</p>
<p>REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY 22</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP AND OPENING SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM 5:00 MIDDLE SCHOOL LCY IN PERSON 6:30 DINNER WITH FRIENDS VIA ZOOM 6:30 HIGH SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTERS - IN PERSON 23</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTERS - IN PERSON 24</p> <p>7:00 RACIAL JUSTICE BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 25</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 26</p> <p>THANKSGIVING DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 27</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 28</p>
<p>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 29</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>3:00 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION - IN PERSON</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTERS - IN PERSON 30</p>					

FOOD COLLECTION

Trinity is continuing to collect non-perishable food items to support our neighbors at Towers East, provide food boxes for neighborhood families, and support local food pantries. Donations of non-perishable food items to support this ministry will be collected at the red canopy door on Sunday, November 8 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Items of special need include:

Peanut Butter and Jelly	Canned vegetables
Pasta	Canned meat
Spaghetti Sauce	Individually packaged snack items
Dried Beans	Breakfast Cereal
Rice	Toilet Paper
Canned Fruit	

Items may also be brought to the breezeway, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

Additional volunteers are needed on Wednesdays anytime between 10:00 and 2:00 to deliver food boxes to local families. Interested volunteers may contact coordinator Mark Allen at mallenscrowell@gmail.com.

NOURISHING NEIGHBORS

Through November, Trinity, in partnership with Advoco, Table 301, and Francis Produce, plans to continue hosting this weekly event held on Wednesdays on the front lawn to provide a boxed lunch and fresh produce to our next-door neighbors at Towers East.

COLUMBARIUM CONSTRUCTION

During the construction of the columbarium, the breezeway doors on the red canopy side of the building will not be in use. Visitors to the Church Office should access the building via the lot adjacent to the playground and accessible via Townes Street.

HABITAT HOME BUILD

As some of you know, our usual Spring home build was postponed due to the Covid-19 virus. Throughout this time, the staff at Habitat have been building the homes as volunteers were not allowed on site. Habitat has developed an impressive safety protocol for returning to the site. Habitat is still deciding when our Faith Build church group home will start, possibly in November. We have met our family this summer via Zoom and they are so excited about having their home built by us. Please contact Cathy Baus at fbaus@bellsouth.net with questions.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

New members will be received on Sunday, November 8 at the 10:00 am online service. Anyone interested in joining the Trinity family on this day should contact Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws as soon as possible.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

In an effort to stay connected, please consider extending birthday greetings to the following members. If you would like the church to know your birthdate please contact the Church Office to submit this information through Realm.

Ellen Boler - November 4	Willie Mae Pittman - November 1
Mike Boliek - November 18	Cathy Rice - November 20
Wynne Boliek - November 28	Peggy Schotsch - November 5
Pattimarie Janssen - November 7	Emmie Wannemacher - November 13
Roger Brown - November 30	Mac Wannemacher - November 13
Jennifer Cook - November 1	Owen Wannemacher - November 13
Patrick DiAntonio - November 15	Dora Welch - November 9
Calliope Fenske - November 4	Alton Whitley - November 27
Jordan Forbes - November 17	Mandi Whitley - November 27
Jimmy Goodwin - November 29	Robyn Wilcox - November 6
Rachelle Holmes - November 26	Cara Wood - November 12
Megan Koon - November 10	JR Wood - November 12
Mary Lampson - November 1	
Ted Landreth - November 3	
Nancy Olson - November 25	
Davis Osborn - November 25	
Evan Otten - November 9	
Margo Otten - November 7	
Mike Parker - November 10	



QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group meets in the GYM on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. several times a month. They make quilts which are distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Participants do not need to know how to sew in order to assemble quilts. Willing volunteers who can cut fabric, iron, thread a needle or tie knots are especially 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 make it to the gatherings.

The group will meet in November on Mondays November 2, 9, 16 and 30. In order to comply with safety issues, the group is limited to 10 persons, and participants must wear masks at all times. To reserve a spot, contact Sarah Weeks at sweeks14@charter.net or 864-787-1160.

ITEMS NEEDED for the quilt ministry include cotton or mostly cotton fabric, and sheets. Colored 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. Larger sheets are acceptable and can be cut down to size. Walmart seems to have the best price on sheets. Donations for this ministry can be brought to the Church Office.