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OCTOBER 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.

Kathleen Anderson - October 25
Will Baur - October 2
Ben Cline - October 2
Connie Blackstone - October 19
Keith Block - October 28
John Brinkley - October 16
Randy Brown - October 27
Parker Cegelis - October 4
Brandon Corell - October 22
Bonnie Farmer - October 20
Jackson Forbes - October 12
Paul Glass - October 12
Beverly Henderson - October 5
Sydney Hoffert - October 2
Charlie Ives - October 13
Chris Lawrence - October 10
Josephine McMullen - October 29
Valerie Mosher - October 29
Mary Mueller - October 3
Merry Mulcahy - October 3
Caroline Otten - October 6
Scott Panhorst - October 16
Emmie Mae Peden - October 2
Jeff Rehm - October - 1
Jan Rice - October 29

Donna Robinson - October 5
Harper Roth - October 20
Jerry Salley - October 31
Sheryl Schirmer - October 3
Anistyn Small - October 3
Chris Sorenson - October 20
Mary Weeks - October 6
Sophia Weeks - October 6
Marshall Westbrook - October 24
Geraldine Weyermann - October 6
Clint Whitley - October 2
Terry Willis - October 28
Conyers Wingard - October 14
Nathan Wood - October 8

TRINITY TIDINGS

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I came that they may have life; and have it abundantly.
John 10:10 NRSV

*I came so they can have real and eternal life,
more and better life than they ever dreamed of.*
John 10:10 The Message

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

I have been listening to Jen Hatmaker's podcast series entitled *For the Love Of...the Enneagram*, which consists of nine episodes, each featuring one of the nine enneagram personality types. At the conclusion of each episode, Jen, the host, asks her guest the question (which is a quote from Barbara Brown Taylor), "What is saving your life right now?"

I have been considering her question. What is saving my life right now? The question can only be answered with an extensive list. Yoga, coffee, my faith, chocolate, meditation, walking, worship, books, pumpkin muffins and scones, Trinity's weekly event with our neighbors at Towers East, cards arriving in my mailbox, time with family, friends, Trinity members, and other life-giving people - all of this - is saving my life, filling my life with meaning, comfort, joy, and purpose.

In these ongoing days of pandemic living it is sometimes difficult to recognize and embrace the gift of abundant life that God is giving to us. It takes a keen eye and an observant heart not to miss all the evidence that God is still blessing us with abundant life. What is saving your life right now? Where are you finding comfort, meaning, joy, and purpose?

Each day contains glimpses of God's promise of abundant life. Open your eyes, your ears, your hands, your heart, and your mind to the many and diverse ways that God is blessing you, encouraging you, sustaining you, and strengthening you. Even in these days of uncertainty, fear, and isolation, God is still gifting us with abundant life. Trust and believe in this promise.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the September meeting of Congregation Council, the council...
 ---learned that expenses for August were \$3,394 more than projected;
 ---learned that both the Organ Rebuild project and the construction of the columbarium are beginning;
 ---received a report from Trinity's COVID19 Transition Team;
 ---learned that both the Executive Committee and the COVID19 Transition Team are looking into options for how to hold the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in a way that is safe and constitutionally sound;
 ---approved the following youth for confirmation on Reformation Sunday, October 25: Roger Brown, Paige Geiger, Paul Glass, Bethany Hybl, Cole McCaskill, Ava McNeice, and Anna Kay Robinson;
 ---appointed a Nominating Committee for Congregation Council to include Tom DiAntonio, Angie McCormack, Terry Morgan, Donna Potts (chair), Philip Wessinger, and Pastor Crowell.

OCTOBER WORSHIP

Midweek services will be premiered each Wednesday at 6:00 pm on October 14, 21, and 28. There will not be a service on Wednesday, October 7. All three services will feature Holden Evening Prayer.

October 14 - Pastor Crowell preaching
 October 21 - Pastor Parham preaching
 October 28 - Philip Wessinger preaching
 Sunday morning services will be premiered at 10:00 am on October 4, 11, 18, and 25.



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, October 4 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm during the Stewardship Committee's Drive-Through Loyalty Sunday event, small home-baked loaves of communion bread will be distributed.

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Ashley Forbes has been discharged.

BIRTH

Reid Alexander, son of Scott and Ashley Forbes on August 29.

DEATHS

Tim Crowe on September 11.

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

	<u>9/6</u>	<u>9/13</u>	<u>9/20</u>	<u>9/27</u>
Onsite	7	5	6	5
Online devices	<u>654</u>	<u>541</u>	<u>521</u>	<u>716</u>
TOTAL	661	546	527	721
Midweek	<u>9/2</u>	<u>9/16</u>	<u>9/23</u>	
Onsite	4	4	4	
Online devices	<u>152</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>353</u>	
TOTAL	156	190	357	

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER

(DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM SEPTEMBER 27)

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$96,186	\$865,674
Given to Budget	<u>\$ 55,996</u>	<u>\$762,814</u>
Difference	\$ (40,190)	\$ (102,860)
PPP Loan Proceeds		\$ 122,837
Given to World Hunger	\$3,213	\$22,283

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

Lay Assistants

October 4
Peggy Schotsch
Bob Kressler

October 11
Mary Mueller
Mark Godfrey

October 18
Chris Sorenson
Angie McCormack

October 25
Penny Bostain
Ian Milionis

Assisting Ministers

October 4
Deacon Amy Brown

October 18
Deacon Mandi Whitley

October 25
Calvin Harmon

TRINITY LEARNING ZONE

During the month of October, Trinity will be opening its doors as an e-learning space for our students in order to provide a safe and loving space during this time. Children in K5 through 5th grade will gather on Wednesdays in the Multipurpose Room from 10 am - 1 pm. A weekly registration is required through the Church Office and the groups are limited to 6 students. Masks and physical distancing will be mandatory. Students should bring their computers, schoolwork and lunch. These events are pending further decisions made by Greenville County Schools.

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.

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, and Julian Stack. Online worship on this day will include banners honoring each of Trinity's beloved members who died since All Saints' Sunday last year.

GUEST PREACHER AT TRINITY

On Sunday, October 11, the Rev. Naomi Sease Carriker will be preaching at Trinity. Pastor Naomi is a Southern girl raised in Vermont who graduated from Clemson University and the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. She has served in pastoral calls in south central Pennsylvania and the Charlotte area and is currently the Senior Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Nativity in Arden, NC. Pastor Naomi is passionate about being the Spiritual Director for trips to the Holy Land. She lives in the Asheville area with her husband, 8 year old son, and two dogs.

LOYALTY SUNDAY DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT

On Sunday, October 4, members and friends of Trinity will have an opportunity to make their ministry commitments for 2021. Commitment packets, which include Time and Talent sheets as well as Pledge Cards, have been mailed.

Financial commitments may be made online via the Realm platform. Commitment Cards and Time and Talent Sheets may be returned to Trinity on Sunday, October 4 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at a drive-through event sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. At this event, in addition to placing these commitment materials in the alms basin, guests will also be handed safe, pre-packaged refreshments, canned sodas, and bottled water in their cars as they move through the parking lot. Please join our Trinity family for this fun and festive event. Materials can also be scanned and emailed to Kay Cook at kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws or mailed to the Church Office. A food drive will be held in conjunction with this event. Small loaves of home-baked communion bread will also be distributed. Plan to enter the church via North Main Street.

FAITH FORMATION

TLC Kids is our new 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

We thank all who have participated in our virtual music making during this pandemic. Our worship has been musically well-supported thanks to our vocal and instrumental soloists, who have led hymns and psalms and offered performances recorded here at church or in their homes. If you have not yet joined in on a virtual musical event, and would like to give it a try, contact Pastor Jim Parham and/or Henry Wilcox via e-mail jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws or hwilcox@trinitylutheran.ws or phone 242-5702.

Through October, Adult Choir will meet via Zoom at our traditional rehearsal time on Wednesday nights. Individual choir members also will be working on their own to prepare recording for future virtual choir projects.

Handbell Choir will continue to rehearse in their three pods to prepare new music.

Youth and Children Choirs will gather and make music for each other via Zoom, as schedules permit, and also start work on future virtual performances.

On September 27, we bid farewell to our beloved organ, sending it off with a musical flourish. You will hear it for the last time accompanying the choir anthem on October 4. During the week of September 27 - October 2, our 1980 Steiner will be disassembled, and all pipes and other usable parts trucked to the shop of D. C. Schroth Organ Builders, Louisville, KY. Updates on the Organ project will be shared as the project advances.

LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

Middle school and high school youth will meet separately on Sundays in October in the playground parking lot for socially distanced meals and fellowship time. Those who wish to attend are asked to bring their own food, a tailgate chair and a mask (which will be worn while the group is setting up). 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, October 25 nor in the event of rain. 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

CONFIRMATION

During Reformation Sunday worship, October 25, seven of our youth will affirm their baptism with the Rite of Confirmation. The confirmation program at Trinity is a two year process that allows our youth to examine the faith of their childhood as they choose to be considered adults in the church. Our 2020 confirmands include Roger Brown, Paige Geiger, Paul Glass, Bethany Hybl, Cole McCaskill, Ava McNeice and Anna Kay Robinson. We celebrate their commitment to the church as they continue to grow in faith.



Your prayers and online presence are requested on

Sunday, October 4, 2020

3:00 pm

for the Service of the Word

with the Rite of Installation

of the Bishop of the South Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Reverend Virginia Solveig Aebischer

Ebenezer Lutheran Church

Columbia, South Carolina

The service will be livestreamed through the SC Synod website, Facebook, and YouTube.

MORNING COFFEE GROUPS

Each Wednesday during the month of October a member of Trinity's Pastoral and Program Staff will host a coffee hour on the playground at 9:00 am. All participants must pre-register through the Church Office and share 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. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, October 7 - Pastor Parham hosting

Wednesday, October 14 - Deacon Amy Brown hosting

Wednesday, October 21 - Deacon Mandi Whitley hosting

Wednesday, October 28 - Pastor Crowell hosting

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, October 14 at 7 pm. All attending are encouraged to eat their dinner while meeting.

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 October 15 at 7:00 pm to discuss *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Other upcoming selections include *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis on December 17, *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.

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<p>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 4</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>4:00 LOYALTY SUNDAY DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM 5:00 MIDDLE SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON 6:30 HIGH SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON</p>	5	6	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 10:00 - 1:00 TRINITY LEARNING ZONE K5 - GRADE 5</p> <p>12:15 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>7:00 NEW MEMBER CLASS VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM 6:00 WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP IN PERSON</p>	9	10
<p>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM 5:00 MIDDLE SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON 6:30 HIGH SCHOOL LCY - IN PERSON</p>	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 10:00 - 1:00 TRINITY LEARNING ZONE K5 - GRADE 5</p> <p>12:15 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>6:00 ONLINE WORSHIP 7:00 LAUNCH - IN PERSON 7:00 NEW MEMBER CLASS VIA ZOOM</p>	15	16	17
<p>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 18</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 - IN PERSON</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>	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 10:00-1:00 TRINITY LEARNING ZONE K5 - GRADE 5</p> <p>12:15 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>6:00 ONLINE WORSHIP 7:00 NEW MEMBER CLASS VIA ZOOM</p>	22	23	24
<p>REFORMATION SUNDAY 25</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP WITH RITE OF CONFIRMATION</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM 6:30 DINNER WITH FRIENDS VIA ZOOM</p>	26	27	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 MORNING COFFEE IN PERSON 10:00 -1:00 TRINITY LEARNING ZONE K5 - GRADE 5 10:30 STAFF GATHERING 12:15 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>6:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p>	29	30	31

FOOD COLLECTION

Until Greenville County Schools are able to allow the Backpack Buddies program to resume, Trinity is continuing to provide food boxes to twelve neighborhood families who rely on the Backpack Buddies program during the school year to feed their children. Donations of non-perishable food items to support this ministry will be collected at the red canopy door on Sunday, October 4 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm during the Stewardship Committee's Drive-Through Loyalty Sunday event. 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 Mark Allen at mallencrowell@gmail.com.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

Through October, Trinity, in partnership with Advoco, Table 301, and Francis Produce, plans to continue hosting "Nourishing Neighbors", a weekly event held on Wednesdays on the front lawn to provide a boxed lunch, fresh produce, and reusable masks to our 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.

REBUILD UPSTATE

Trinity Rebuild Upstate Workday- Saturday, October 10th 8:00-5:00

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Come help a neighbor with much needed repairs to their home so they can safely stay in it! Rebuild Upstate is still working with volunteers, with new COVID 19 guidelines in place, in order to continue to work through the long list of homeowners on their waiting list. The minimum age requirement is 13. Hand washing stations and hand sanitizer will be available. If you'd like to sign up, please email Lura Godfrey at luradg@charter.net. If you have any questions about the COVID 19 guidelines, Lura can send a copy of the procedures by email. Every volunteer will receive a copy of the guidelines and two forms to complete prior to the workday. Please come spend the day (masks on!) working together to make a huge difference in a family's life!

THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

Theology Roundtable is a group that meets several times a month to discuss theology and faith. In October the group will meet October 4, 11, 18, and 25 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 GROUP

The Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group will meet on Thursday evening, October 1 at 6:00 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.

MASK MAKERS

Do you sew? If so, your help would be greatly appreciated to make masks for those in need in the community. In particular, we are making masks for our neighbors at Towers East, and the residents continue to ask for them. Fabric is available for the masks. Contact Deacon Amy Brown at the Church Office if you can help with this project.

DINNER WITH FRIENDS

You are invited to join Deacon Amy Brown for *Dinner with Friends* on Sunday evening, October 18 at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Participants will eat dinner together on Zoom. This will be a casual gathering with time for conversation, fellowship and meeting your Trinity family. Please contact Deacon Amy Brown with questions.

New Member Class

A three-session class for those who are exploring the possibility of joining Trinity will be taught by Pastor Crowell and held via Zoom on Wednesdays, October 7, 14, and 21 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Please email Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to be included on the Zoom invitation.

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. New members will be invited to pre-record a short segment of the liturgy for receiving new members about ten days prior to the day of joining. Please reach out to the Church Office with questions or interest.