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*Choose this day whom you will serve...  
As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.  
Selected parts of Joshua 24:14-15*

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

I've always loved this passage of scripture. It's a perfect reminder of who and whose we are, the perfect reminder that as beloved, baptized children of God we are called to make choices and decisions everyday that reflect the reality that we WILL serve the Lord. The passage is not a blanket statement; it requires thousands of choices made over a lifetime that represent our devotion to Christ.

Some days it is easier than others. Mark and I give our tithe (10% of our before tax income) every month to Trinity as a symbol and reminder that our faith is an essential part of our life. We worship consistently as a symbol and reminder that we rely on God for strength and courage each and every day. We strive to care for our bodies, hearts, and minds as a symbol and reminder that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, that we belong to God.

On other days, it is much more difficult. Instead of making the choice to trust God, I worry and fret. Instead of trusting that God will make provision for me, I think it all depends on me, my small supply of energy, strength, and courage. Instead of making good choices with regard to food and exercise, I make poor choices that do not honor and value the reality that my body belongs to God and is deserving of love and care. Instead of extending grace and the benefit of the doubt to others, I am impatient. I judge and criticize.

Serving God is not a one-time decision. Serving God is a series of choices made over and over again each and every day that remind us, the world, and God that our allegiance is to Christ. On our own, we can not make the right choices. We need one another. We need a community to encourage and support us, to hold us accountable. Let us rely on God and one another as we seek to live a life of service to God and neighbor.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

## COUNCIL NOTES

At the August meeting of Congregation Council, the council...

---noted that expenses for July were \$6,830 less than projected;

---learned that the organ rebuild project continues to run behind due to COVID related challenges and that it will be into the new year before the project is complete and the organ delivered;

---learned that with the recent installation of rails the columbarium project is complete and that a dedication will be scheduled soon;

---received a report from Trinity's COVID19 Transition Team;

---learned that a commercial real estate agent has been secured to seek new tenants to occupy the currently empty spaces in the 429 North Main Street property;

---learned that beginning on August 29 a law enforcement officer will be present on campus during Sunday morning worship to enhance safety and security; and

---learned that additional seating will be created in the Sanctuary for worshippers who rely on a wheelchair for mobility.

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Each Sunday in September an in-person worship service will be held in the Sanctuary as well as live-streamed at 10:00 am. Due to the rise in the Delta variant of Covid-19 and the recent exponential increase of new cases of Covid-19, Trinity's Covid-19 Transition Team is recommending and requesting that masks be worn by all during worship. Refreshments will be served on the front lawn following worship each Sunday, weather permitting.

## 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](http://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.



## NURSERY FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

A nursery is available during the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday morning. Practices and protocols will follow all DHEC recommendations for daycare centers. All staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all times. A copy of the updated guidelines can be obtained through the Church Office. The age requirements for children in the nursery are flexible and fluid during this time of transition.

## FAITH FORMATION

For three Sundays in September (September 12, 19 and 26), we will be trying some tried and true models and some new models for Faith Formation.

**ADULT FAITH FORUM** is a group that will meet on Zoom on Sunday mornings from 8:15 to 9:00 am. All adults are welcome to participate. This group will discuss current events in light of our faith as Christians. The Zoom link will be emailed out on Fridays to those interested by Deacon Amy Brown, and will also be included in the Friday worship email. Ending at 9:00 am will allow those who chose to worship in person time to drive to the church, and those worshipping at home time to prepare for at home worship.

**TLC KIDS**, a learning program for preschoolers and elementary schoolers, will meet in person from 9:15 to 9:45 am in the Multipurpose Room. Parents can attend with their children, and those K5 and above, including all adults, will be masked. This time together will include singing and dancing (with our Bible School video!), Bible stories and videos, and crafts. Older students will pair up with younger students to assist them with activities. We will end in time for families to attend in-person worship at 10 a.m.

## 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 6, 13, and 20 at 6:30 pm. New members will be received on Sunday, October 24 at 10:00 am. Please contact Pastor Crowell if you would like to attend.



## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a program offered by Trinity to help eighth and ninth graders explore their faith before they choose to affirm their baptism and become an adult member of the congregation. Students and their parents attend classes and workshops over the two years where they participate in study and discussion of what it means to be a Lutheran Christian.

Our tenth graders will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday morning, October 31. Parents are reminded to check with Deacon Amy Brown to see that all worship reports, service reports and final essay are complete and submitted. A few in this group will need to attend the *We Are Lutheran* event on Sunday, September 19, and they will be notified. This group will have a final wrap up class on Sunday, October 24 that will include both parents and confirmands.

Our ninth graders are entering their second year of studies. Parents are reminded to check with Deacon Amy Brown to see that all worship reports and service reports are complete and submitted. Their next class will be the *We Are Lutheran* event on Sunday, September 19. The confirmation class for ninth graders and their families begins at 10:00 am with in person worship and includes more activities after worship.

Our eighth grade class will begin their confirmation journey with the *We Are Lutheran* event on Sunday, September 19. The confirmation class for eighth graders and their families begins at 10:00 am with in person worship and includes more activities after worship.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

### LCY Fall Kick Off

For the month of September, LCY will meet from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in the Youth Center. Masks are required for all in attendance. Because our group is too big to eat indoors while adhering to Trinity's Covid-19 policies, dinner will not be provided. Instead, youth will meet in the afternoons and then families are encouraged to enjoy a meal and conversation together on Sunday evening as they prepare for the week ahead.

**September 12 - - Fall Kick Off** - Youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to meet in the youth center for Bible study and games.

**September 19 -Minute to Win It** - Youth in grades 6 through 12 will participate in a variety of Minute to Win It style games.

**September 26 - Take Home Tacos** - Youth in grades 6 through 12 will gather together in the Youth Center to "taco 'bout" how much God loves us. We'll also prepare a take home taco meal for each family to prepare at home after LCY ends. In order to be good stewards of our resources, youth who plan to attend this event should sign up with Deacon Mandi Whitley no later than Wednesday, September 22 so that supplies can be purchased.



Lutheran Church Youth

## LOYALTY SUNDAY EVENT

On Sunday, September 26, members and friends of Trinity will have an opportunity to make their ministry commitments for 2022. Commitment packets, which include time and talent sheets as well as financial commitment cards, will be mailed later this month.

Financial commitments may be made in worship on Sunday, September 26, online via the Realm platform, or Commitment Cards and Time and Talent Sheets may be returned to Trinity on Sunday, September 26 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at a drive-through event sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. At this event, everyone is invited to bring their commitment materials and place them in the alms basin, bring non-perishable food items to donate to Trinity's food pantry, and enjoy pre-packaged refreshments, canned sodas, and bottled water. Please join our Trinity family for this fun and festive event. Materials can also be mailed to the Church Office.

## 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.

*Please join Pastor Crowell  
for coffee, fellowship, and discussion*

*Wednesday  
September 29  
10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Rooms 12 and 13  
of the Activities Building*

*Participants should bring their coffee  
and wear masks. The group is limited  
to ten people. Please call or email the  
Church Office to reserve a space.*

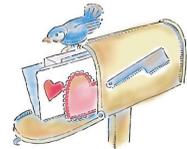
## FREED HEARTS TLC

Freed Hearts TLC is a group for any member of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies. The next meeting will be on September 16 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair and meet in the parking lot beside the playground. Contact Penny Bostain at [scpbostain@yahoo.com](mailto:scpbostain@yahoo.com) for further information or questions about this group.



## TLC4TLC

TLC4TLC (Tender Loving Care for Trinity Lutheran Church) is continuing 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 is not meeting in person, but writing notes from home. If you would like to participate in this group please contact Debbie Farstad at [debvars@att.net](mailto:debvars@att.net).



## MAMA ZOOM

Mothers of young children ages birth through elementary school meet on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 am via zoom for fellowship and a brief devotion. Contact Deacon Mandi Whitley to be included on the email list or for more information. The group will meet on Thursday, September 9 at 9:00 am.

## WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Trinity is collecting new and gently used winter coats, jackets, hats and scarves for our Towers East neighbors now and through the fall. Donated items may be dropped off in the Breezeway Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm or before worship on Sundays, and will be distributed as cold weather approaches. Sizes XL and above are especially appreciated.

## STEWARDSHIP EVENT

A video produced by the Stewardship Committee highlighting Trinity's mission as well as ministry plans for 2022 will be premiered online on Sunday, September 19 at 8:00 am.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4
<p>8</p> <p>10:00 BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON</p> <p>7:00 BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM 7:00 LAUNCH IN PERSON</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP IN PERSON</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:00 BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 FREED HEARTS</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:00 BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON</p> <p>12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00 COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP WITH PASTOR CROWELL</p>	<p>30</p>		

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir rehearses at 7:00 pm on Wednesday in the gym. Access to the gym is through the glass doors of the Activity Building from the playground side.

Handbell Choir rehearses at 6:00 pm in the gym. Our next ringing date is October 3.

Children's and Youth Choirs will begin rehearsing at 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 12. Due to the current surge in COVID, we will be rehearsing virtually in September.

If you have any questions about Trinity's music ministry or would like to join any of our groups, please contact Pastor Parham at 242-5702 or [jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws)

## GUITAR SMALL GROUP

Has your guitar sat quiet for too long? Did you take lessons but gave up after a while? If your answer is yes, this group may be for you! Please contact Pastor Parham at [jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws) or Penny Bostain at [scpbostain@yahoo.com](mailto:scpbostain@yahoo.com) for more information about this group for beginner level adults interested in improving skills and playing with a group. The group will gather in the Gym on Tuesday, September 28 at 4:00 pm. Newcomers are always welcome.

Anyone who plays an Auto Harp, Ukulele, Bass instrument, percussion instrument or most importantly simply enjoy singing, please consider joining the Guitar Group from 4:45-5:30 pm. Songs will be provided that will be played and sung each month.

## FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This three week adult Bible Study which will begin on September 8. The video based course is called *The Difficult Words of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. Led by Deacon Amy Brown, the morning in-person class will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 am, and the evening Zoom class will meet at 7:00 pm. Please call the Church Office to register.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Women's Bible Study Group meets monthly for supper, fellowship and Bible study. All women of the church are invited to attend. The group will meet on Thursday, September 9th at 6:00pm in the parking lot adjacent to the playground. Please bring a lawn chair and a snack or supper. We will begin our study of Women in the Bible utilizing the book *Fierce* by Alice Connor. Please contact Terry Morgan at [tfmorgan101@gmail.com](mailto:tfmorgan101@gmail.com) if you would like to receive a copy of the book or for additional information.

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Trinity Church currently plans to host guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network Sunday, September 26 through Sunday, October 3. Volunteers are needed in all areas including setup, breakfast and dinner preparation, evening and overnight hosts, day center, and takedown. Contact Paige Dillon at [pdillon2@bellsouth.net](mailto:pdillon2@bellsouth.net) or 982-2141 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinators, Amanda Cook at [amanda.cook@fluorgov.com](mailto:amanda.cook@fluorgov.com) or 905-7940, or Lara Wannemacher at [larawannemacher@gmail.com](mailto:larawannemacher@gmail.com) 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. The list of items needed will be available on SignUpGenius. Look for a SignUpGenius email. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, September 26.

## QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group meets in the Gym on Mondays at 9:30 am 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 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 plans to meet on Monday, September 13, 20, 27. If you plan to attend please contact Sarah Weeks at [sweeks14@charter.net](mailto: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. Donations for this ministry can be brought to the Church Office.



# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 5</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 12</p> <p>8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM 200M 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM 1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL 4:00 - 5:30 LCY YOUTH CENTER</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 19</p> <p>8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM 200M 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM 11:15 CONFIRMATION IN PERSON 1:30 OUTREACH COMMITTEE VIA ZOOM 4:00 - 5:30 LCY YOUTH CENTER</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:00 GUITAR SMALL GROUP</p>
<p>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 26</p> <p>8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM 200M 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM 4:00 - 5:00 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE THRU EVENT 4:00 - 5:30 LCY YOUTH CENTER</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>28</p>

## SEPTEMBER 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.

Faye Banks - September 2  
Bailey Batts - September 20  
Annaliese Bennett - September 11  
Luther Boliek - September 24  
Wyatt Boliek - September 11  
Amy Brown - September 19  
Amanda Cook - September 11  
Dylan Elliott - September 12  
Aylssa Estrella - September 8  
Mia Estrella - September 29  
Rodger Hawkins - September 5  
Pat Hensley - September 27  
Annie Ives - September 15  
Mark Kilstofte - September 25  
Alex Kirby - September 21  
Allison Kirk - September 26  
Heather Kleckley - September 18  
Jack Koon - September 30  
Emile Labrousse - September 21

Brittany Lampson - September 28  
Jane Lampson - September 16  
Caroline Massey - September 27  
Tara Miller - September 3  
Joe Mulcahy - September 22  
Lisa Panhorst - September 4  
Susan Park - September 3  
Shelly Raynes - September 18  
Ryan Sease - September 24  
Nancy Teachey - September 29  
Larry Todd - September 22  
Chelsey Troutman - September 8  
Lara Wannemacher - September 25  
Andrew Weiner - September 22  
Joyce Weiner - September 1  
Mary West - September 14  
Henry Wilcox - September 25  
Anna Wise - September 22  
Lani Wise - September 11



### LAUNCH GROUP

LAUNCH is Trinity's Young Adults Group. The group will meet on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 pm in rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building for fellowship. Masks are required by all. Those attending are welcome to bring dinner.

### PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

Trinity is Scheduled to work at Project Host on Sunday October 31st and Sunday November 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We need 10-to 12 volunteers. Please contact the Church Office, Mike Parker at 608-2569 or Sonny Gomez at 409-6735 if you would like to help.

## SEPTEMBER FOOD COLLECTION

During September Trinity is collecting non-perishable food items to help our neighbors at Towers East and to help stock local food pantries. Items of special need include:

Peanut Butter  
Canned Meat  
Canned Fruit  
Dried Beans  
Rice  
Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Canned Vegetables  
Individually packaged snack items  
Toilet Paper



Items may be brought to the breezeway, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or to worship on Sunday morning.



## WINTER HATS AND SCARFS

Volunteers are needed to knit and crochet winter hats and scarves for our neighbors at Towers East. There is no particular pattern. These items will be distributed in mid November. Contact Deacon Amy Brown to drop off your creations or get more information.



## FAITH BUILD/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, October 16, is Trinity's work day and will include painting and deck building. The walls are up and the construction has begun. Come and be a part of the process of building a home for a family who needs one. Contact Cathy Baus at [fbaus@bellsouth.net](mailto:fbaus@bellsouth.net) to volunteer.

With joyful hearts  
Patrick Preacher and Jonathan Propes  
request the presence  
of their siblings in Christ  
at Trinity Lutheran Church  
to worship and celebrate Holy Communion  
as they join together in marriage  
Saturday, October 16, 2021  
11:00 in the morning

A tea party reception will follow in the Multipurpose room.

Please RSVP by September 16 online at [theknot.com/](https://www.theknot.com/jonathanandpatrickgetmarried)

[jonathanandpatrickgetmarried](mailto:jonathanandpatrickgetmarried) or by emailing

[patrick.preacher@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.preacher@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST

### Lay Assistants

September 5  
Bob Thompson

September 12  
David Troutman

September 19  
Philip Wessinger

September 26  
John Otten

### NOURISHING NEIGHBORS

Trinity will host our neighbors at Towers East for Nourishing Neighbors, a monthly event held on the front lawn that includes a bagged lunch, fresh produce, pantry staples, and fellowship on Wednesday, September 22 from 12:30 to 1:30. Questions may be directed to Anne Harmon at [annerharmon1956@gmail.com](mailto:annerharmon1956@gmail.com) or Patrick Preacher at [patrick.preacher@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.preacher@gmail.com).

### PRAYER GROUP

Even though the prayer group is not meeting in person, group members are praying at home. Any prayer requests may be emailed to Merry Mulcahy at [marmulcahy@icloud.com](mailto:marmulcahy@icloud.com) or Terry Morgan at [tfmorgan101@gmail.com](mailto:tfmorgan101@gmail.com).



### 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 in the church parlor at 7 pm on October 21 to discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. Also plan for *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir on December 16. Email Deacon Amy Brown at [arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws) for more information.



# WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

## DEATH

the father of Brittany Lampson

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Melinda Fulmer - Request to be removed

Bob & Jeanette Peterson to St Michael Lutheran Church, Greenville, SC

Mary Washington to Owings United Methodist Church, Gray Court, SC

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## ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST

	<u>8/1</u>	<u>8/8</u>	<u>8/16</u>	<u>8/22</u>
4 Online devices	476	377	407	315
In Person	<u>105</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>98</u>
TOTAL	581	476	487	413

## OFFERING SUMMARY FOR AUGUST

*(DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM AUGUST 29)*

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$86,990	\$695,916
Given to Budget	<u>\$57,104</u>	<u>\$780,705</u>
Difference	\$(29,886)	\$84,789
Given to World Hunger	\$1,122	\$18,455

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*Please join the Trinity Family  
on Sunday, September 12  
on the front lawn after worship  
for special refreshments provided by the  
Parish Life Committee  
and the opportunity to welcome  
Trinity's new intern*

Vicar Ian Boden

*September 12 will be Vicar Ian's first Sunday  
leading worship at Trinity.*