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*You can't give your life more time,
so give the time you have, more life.*

*God shows me the path of life.
In God's presence there is fullness of joy;
in God's right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Psalm 16:11*

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

The reminder that I cannot add more days to my life is sobering. Knowing that I can add more life to my days is encouraging. But how do we add more life to our days? How do we create more time and space for the things that make life more meaningful? How do we live life without regret? How do we fully embrace the abundant life that God wants us to have?

Adding more life to my days might mean spending less time being concerned about what people think, less time taking hurtful comments personally, less time worrying about things I cannot control, less time spent judging myself and others, and less time being angry. Adding more life to my days might mean spending more time gathered around the dinner table with family and friends, more time taking brisk walks in the autumn weather, more empty spaces on my calendar, more vanilla lattes from Dunkin Donuts, more time spent with the people who make me laugh, bring me joy, and love me for who I am, in spite of my faults and shortcomings.

Adding more life to my days probably means more gratitude, less fear, more healthy choices, less self-loathing, more fresh air, less time at the computer, more rest, and less stress. As summer gives way to fall, I plan to be more intentional about this beautiful life that God has given me, more willing to make changes and explore opportunities that bring more life to my days. I hope you will join me in finding ways to honor and celebrate the gift of life that God has given us.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

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

---noted that expenses for August were \$5,117 less than projected;

---learned that adjustments to the first pew on the pulpit side of the Sanctuary have been completed to provide more seating for worshippers with physical disabilities;

---learned that the presence of the law enforcement officer at worship on Sunday mornings is going well;

---learned that additional audio/video equipment has been purchased to enhance the quality of Trinity's online worship presence;

---received a report from Trinity's Covid19 Transition Team;

---appointed Penny Bostain, Katie Brown, Greg Hamluk (chair), Tara Miller, Jonathan Propes, Philip Wessinger, and Jan Willis to serve on the Internship Support Committee;

---appointed Wynne Boliek, Debbie Farstad, Melissa Kolb, Donna Potts (chair), Franklin Sease, and Pastor Crowell to serve on the Nominating Committee for Congregation Council; and

---expressed support for a new monthly worship service at Trinity that would be open to all, but entirely led by members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

OCTOBER WORSHIP

Each Sunday in October 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. 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

ADULT FAITH FORUM is a group that meets 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 is emailed out on Fridays to those interested by Deacon Amy Brown, and is also be included in the Friday worship email. Ending at 9:00 am will allow those who choose 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, meets 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 includes 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 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 at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws if you would like to attend.



REFORMATION SUNDAY WORSHIP

In order to accommodate as many people as possible who wish to worship in person on Sunday, October 31, Reformation Sunday, two services are being considered for that morning, one at 8:30 and one at 10:00. Each service will be limited to 100 worshippers. Please contact the Church Office to express your interest in attending one of these services. As always the 10:00 service will be live-streamed. Once interest has been gauged, a decision will be made about the addition of the 8:30 service, for this one specific Sunday.

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 at 10:00 am. Parents are reminded to check with Deacon Amy Brown to see that all worship reports, service reports and final essay are complete and submitted. This group will have a final wrap up class on Sunday, October 24 immediately following worship.

LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

For the month of October, LCY will meet from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in the Youth Center. All attending must be masked the whole time. 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.

Sunday, Oct 3 Bible Study and Games
Sunday, Oct 10 Fall Service Project
Sunday, Oct 17 Take Home Meal - RSVP by October 14
Sunday, Oct 24 Halloween Games
Sunday, Oct 31 no LCY



Lutheran Church Youth

THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

On November 7, 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 that resurrection hope central to the faith. Trinity Church will remember: Ralph Born, Maribeth Finley, Tom Finley, Eunice Harrington, Clarence Koerber, Sheely Miller, Mary Stack, Andrew Sullivan, Debra Turner, and John Wood. Worship on this day will also include banners honoring each of Trinity's beloved members who died since All Saints' Sunday last year.



QUEER LED WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Everyone is invited to Trinity's new worship opportunity that will premiere on Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room. This service will include candles, comforting, reflective, and easy to sing songs in the Taize style, prayers, a meditation, and time to be still in the presence of God. While everyone is invited to attend, all the worship leaders will be members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Please contact Patrick Preacher at Patrick.preacher@gmail.com if interested in a leadership role at this service or future services like this. The goal of this service is to create a safe, brave space for all people, and especially for our many queer siblings who have been deeply wounded by the church.



Confirmation

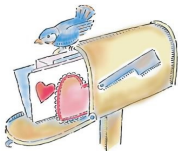
RITE OF CONFIRMATION

On Reformation Sunday, October 31, eight youth will participate in the Rite of Confirmation during the 10 am in-person service. Carlie Black, Emma Grace Haines, Nate Hybl, Adaline McCormack, Ben McCormack, Peyton Roth, Abby Sease and Adyson Woodward will affirm their baptism on this day.



FREED HEARTS TLC

Freed Hearts TLC is a group for any member of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies. The next meeting will be on October 28 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Gym. Contact Penny Bostain at scpbostain@yahoo.com for further information or questions about this group.



TLC4TLC

TLC4TLC will begin meeting on Wednesday, October 13 at 11:30 am in the Parlor following the Prayer Group. We will gather on the second Wednesday of each month for the remainder of 2021. Anyone who would like 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, are welcome to attend. There will also be an option to send notes from home for those who are unable to meet in person but would like to be involved in this ministry. If you would like to participate in this ministry please contact Debbie Farstad at debfars@att.net.

MAMA ZOOM

Mothers of young children ages birth through elementary school meet once a month on Thursday mornings 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, October 7 at 9:00 am.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>10:00 BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON 6</p> <p>6:30 NEW MEMBER CLASS VIA ZOOM 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>9:00 MAMA ZOOM 7</p> <p>6:00 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP IN PERSON 7:00 LAUNCH VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>1</p> <hr/> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <hr/> <p>9</p>
<p>13</p> <p>10:00 BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON</p> <p>11:00 PRAYER GROUP IN PERSON 11:30 TLC4TLC IN PERSON</p> <p>6:30 NEW MEMBER CLASS VIA ZOOM 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:00 PREACHER/PROPES WEDDING REHEARSAL</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00 PREACHER/PROPES WEDDING</p>
<p>20</p> <p>10:00 BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON</p> <p>6:30 NEW MEMBER CLASS VIA ZOOM 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 FREED HEARTS 7:00 BOOK GROUP</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>27</p> <p>12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>7:00 BOOK GROUP IN PERSON 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</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 most Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. This group will play at worship on Sunday, October 3 for the first time since February of 2020.

Children's and Youth Choirs will meet for our first in-person rehearsals on the Sundays of October 3, 7, and 10. Rehearsals will be in the gym following our post-worship fellowship time. The exact start and end times will be worked with families so as to be most convenient. Even though participants will wear masks and be spaced out, the group will still enjoy that very special sound of singing *together*, something Zoom cannot replicate. These rehearsals will also include many cool percussion instruments. Other than having musical fun together, the goal is to prepare the song, "Fill My Cup," to sing in worship on October 24.

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.

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 or Penny Bostain at 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, October 19 at 4:00 pm. Newcomers are always welcome.

Anyone who plays an Auto Harp, Ukulele, Bass instrument, percussion instrument or most importantly simply enjoys 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.

PRAYER GROUP

The Trinity Prayer Group will begin meeting in person on Wednesday, October 13 at 11:00 am in the Parlor and will be meeting monthly on the second Wednesday of each month for the remainder of 2021. Anyone who would like to spend some time in prayer for our church, nation, family, friends, and those in need are welcome to attend. Anyone with a prayer request may complete a prayer card during Sunday worship or email a request to Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com or Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The 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, October 7th at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please bring your book and your supper or a snack. We will continue our study of Women in the Bible utilizing the book "Fierce" by Alice Connor. This month's topic is Rahab and Bathsheba. New participants are always welcome. Please contact Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com for additional information.

Women's Bible Study



and Fellowship Group



QUILTING GROUP

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The Quilting Group meets in the Gym on Mondays at 9:30 am several times a month to 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, October 4, 11, 18, and 25. If you plan to attend please 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. Donations for this ministry can be brought to the Church Office.

COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

On All Saints' Sunday, November 7, at 4:00 pm all are invited to attend the dedication of Trinity's columbarium. The brief service will be held outside in the columbarium and surrounding courtyard. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Please call or email the Church Office to reserve your space at this event. In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 pm.

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 3</p> <p>8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p> <p>4:00 - 5:30 LCY YOUTH CENTER</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP 4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10</p> <p>8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p> <p>1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL</p> <p>3:00 OUTREACH COMMITTEE VIA ZOOM</p> <p>4:00 - 5:30 LCY YOUTH CENTER</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP 11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 17</p> <p>8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p> <p>4:00 - 5:30 LCY YOUTH CENTER</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP 18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:00 GUITAR SMALL GROUP</p>
<p>TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 24</p> <p>8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP WITH RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p> <p>11:15 CONFIRMATION EVENT</p> <p>4:00 - 5:30 LCY YOUTH CENTER</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP 25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>REFORMATION SUNDAY 31</p> <p>8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM ZOOM 9:00 - 1:00 PROJECT HOST 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP WITH CONFIRMATION IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p>		

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
Connie Blackstone - October 19
Keith Block - October 28
John Brinkley - October 16
Randy Brown - October 27
Oskar Bruski - October 31
(his first birthday)
Parker Cegelis - October 4
Brandon Corell - October 22
Paige Dillon - October 9
Bonnie Farmer - October 20
Jackson Forbes - October 12
Paul Glass - October 12
Beverly Henderson - October 5
Charlie Ives - October 13
Chris Lawrence - October 8
Josephine McMullen - October 29
Thatcher Moose - October 28
(his first birthday)
Val Mosher - October 29
Mary Mueller - October 3
Merry Mulcahy - October 3
Alex Nix - October 8

Caroline Otten - October 6
John Otten - October 10
Scott Panhorst - October 16
Emmie Mae Peden - October 2
David Potts - October 18
Chip Pringle - October 30
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
Juliana Weeks - October 23
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



OCTOBER FOOD COLLECTION

During October 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. We would like to gather these by mid November for distribution. Contact Deacon Amy Brown to drop off your creations or get more information.



FAITH BUILD/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Trinity will be participating in Habitat for Humanity's Faith Build on Saturday, October 16. Two shifts are available - a morning shift from 8:00 am to 11:00 am and an afternoon shift from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. To volunteer or for more information, contact Cathy Baus at fbaus@bellsouth.net.

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.



PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

Trinity is scheduled to work at Project Host on Sunday October 31 and Sunday November 7 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Ten to twelve volunteers are needed for each Sunday. Please contact the Church Office at 242-5702, Mike Parker at 608-2569, or Sonny Gomez at 409-6735 if you would like to help.

LAUNCH GROUP

LAUNCH will gather via zoom with other Lutheran young adults from across the Synod for a virtual game night on Wednesday, October 13 at 7 pm. Contact Deacon Mandi Whitley at mtwhitley@trinitylutheran.ws with questions.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

Lay Assistants

October 3

Margaret Roth

October 10

Calvin Harmon

October 17

Lisa Rehm

October 24

Jerry Salley

October 31

Philip Wessinger

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, October 27 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Questions may be directed to Anne Harmon at annerharmon1956@gmail.com or Patrick Preacher at patrick.preacher@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 7:00 pm on Thursday, 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 for more information.



WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

HOSPITAL PATIENT
Debbie Jo Forbes - Discharged

DEATH
the mother of Jerry Salley

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

	<u>9/5</u>	<u>9/12</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>9/26</u>
Online devices	291	477	386	271
In Person	<u>82</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>119</u>
TOTAL	373	607	495	390

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER (DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM SEPTEMBER 26)

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$86,990	\$782,906
Given to Budget	<u>\$48,605</u>	<u>\$884,325</u>
Difference	\$(38,385)	\$101,420
Given to World Hunger	\$758	\$19,405

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