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*Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you. Matthew 7:7*

*When God closes a door, God opens a window.
Maria in *The Sound of Music**

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

I know that this quote from *The Sound of Music* may not contain the best theology, but these words, heard countless times during my childhood as my family settled down to watch this movie yet AGAIN, still ring true for me. The words seem especially poignant now, at this juncture in my life and in our life together as COVID19 and its variants have taken so much from us and changed our lives in drastic, and for some, tragic ways. In our ministry together, so many doors have closed. So many ministries that we used to deem essential are no longer possible. Some of those programs will return. Some are likely gone forever.

But, daily I marvel at all the ways God has blessed me, my ministry, and our life together during this unsettling, chaotic time. I stand in awe at all the doors God is opening for us. I give thanks for the new ministries, programs, and partnerships that God has sent to us in this time of great change and transformation. Trinity's relationship with our neighbors at Towers East has blossomed as we gather monthly for fellowship and to share bagged lunches, pantry staples, and fresh fruit and vegetables. During this time, the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to explore with other faith groups a new community-wide justice ministry, to develop a partnership with Lutheran Services of the Carolinas to support a refugee resettlement program within the walls of our church, as well as to begin a new monthly worship service that will be completely led by members of the LGBTQIA+ community. New people have been able to find our community of faith via our on-line presence and live-streamed worship services. During these continued days of pandemic living, our Trinity family just welcomed nineteen new members.

There are many, many reasons to celebrate the life we share together at Trinity even and especially during this season of our lives. God is opening doors for us. God is sending us new opportunities to serve and lead in this community. May God continue to open our hearts and minds so that we can follow God's call in this ever changing and evolving time in the life of the church and the world.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the October meeting of the Congregation Council, the council...
---learned that expenses for September were \$623 below projection;
---received a report from Trinity's COVID19 Transition Team;
---received and accepted a report from Trinity's Nominating Committee; and
---approved a motion from the Executive Committee to enter into a ministry partnership with Lutheran Services of the Carolinas by leasing space in the Pence Building to this organization to be used as an office for refugee resettlement in the Greenville area.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

Each Sunday in November an in-person worship service will be held in the Sanctuary as well as live-streamed at 10:00 am. 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.



Daylight Saving
Time Ends
November 6.

ANNUAL MEETING

The first session of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held immediately after worship on Sunday, November 28. At that time the proposed budget for 2022 will be introduced and nominations for Congregation Council will be finalized.

The meeting will then be recessed until 11:30 am on Sunday, December 5. On that day the Congregation will meet in the Gym to adopt a budget and elect members of the Congregation Council. The ten nominees for the five three-year terms are Tara Miller, Peggy Schotsch, Allan Downen, Gregg Alley, John Otten, Jimmy Reynolds, Bonnie Farmer, Greg Hamluk, Amy Hegarty, and Calvin Harmon. The nominees for the one-year youth term are Roger Brown and Adaline McCormack.

Coffee, juice, and refreshments will be provided.

NURSERY FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

A nursery is available during the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday morning. Practices and protocols 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 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, 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 10:00 am.

LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

November 7 - Minute to Win It Games, 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Youth Center. Dinner will be provided. After a meal together, youth will play a variety of minute to win it style games. Masks will be worn except for during dinner.

November 14 - Advent Family Event, 4:00 - 5:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room. All Trinity families are encouraged to come enjoy a variety of Advent crafts and activities. Masks are required for the entire event.

November 21 - Parable Players, 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Youth Center. Dinner will be provided. After a meal together, youth will engage in Bible study through skits. Masks will be worn except for during dinner.

November 28 - no LCY



Lutheran Church Youth

TRANSGENDER MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Wednesday, November 17, during Transgender Awareness Week, the Trinity family and friends of the congregation will gather in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm for a service of worship to honor, affirm, and remember our transgender siblings, especially those across the nation who have lost their lives through acts of violence. The Rev. Noah Herren, pastor of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church in Atlanta, Georgia, will serve as the guest preacher. Please join the Trinity family for this opportunity to worship and to stand in support with our transgender siblings. This service will also be live-streamed.

MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The month of December is typically a very busy and very stressful time for everyone. During the upcoming Advent season, the congregation is encouraged to create healthy boundaries and make space and time to watch and wait for the savior's coming among us by committing to being at home on Wednesday evenings throughout the Advent season. To assist with this effort to create peace and calm during this hectic season, beginning on Wednesday, December 1 and extending for the following three weeks, a service of Holden Evening Prayer that will include a meditation, will be premiered via Facebook and Youtube at 7:00 pm. This service will only be available online. Everyone is encouraged to stay home and gather with the Trinity family for worship from the comfort of home on these Wednesday evenings in Advent.

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 the resurrection hope that is central to the faith. Trinity Church will remember: Ralph Born, Maribeth Finley, Tom Finley, Eunice Harrington, Clarence Koerber, Sheely Miller, Margie Rigdon, 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 Gym. This service will include candles, comforting, reflective, and easy to sing songs in the Taizé 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.

THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

Theology Roundtable discusses articles, podcasts, and other items of interest. If you like to talk about "deep stuff", this is the group for you! The group will meet on Sundays November 7, 14, and 21 at 4:00 pm in the Parlor. For information, contact Joe Rice at 864-704-4616 or saluda171@yahoo.com.

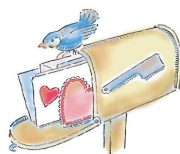
FREED HEARTS TLC

Freed Hearts TLC is a group for any member of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies. The next meeting will be on November 18 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Gym. Contact Penny Bostain at 864-630-8798 for further information or questions about this group.



TLC4TLC

On Wednesday, November 10 TLC4TLC will meet in person at 11:30 am in the Parlor following the meeting of the Trinity Prayer Group. The group 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 is welcome to attend. There will also be a choice to send notes from home for those who are unable to meet in person but would still like to be involved in this ministry. If you would like to participate in this group please contact Debbie Farstad at debvars@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, November 4 at 9:00 am.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>7:00 LAUNCH IN PERSON 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>9:00 MAMA ZOOM</p> <p>6:30 QUEER LED WORSHIP IN PERSON IN THE GYM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>11:00 PRAYER GROUP IN PERSON 11:30 TLC4TLC IN PERSON</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>6:00 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP IN PERSON</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>6:30 TRANSGENDER MEMORIAL SERVICE</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>6:00 FREED HEARTS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>THANKSGIVING DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>CHURH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir will meet for rehearsal three times in November. The group will meet on Wednesdays, November 3 and 10, in the gym at 7:00 pm. Access to the gym is through the glass doors of the Activity Building from the playground side.

The group will meet again on Monday, November 22 at 6:30 pm. The location for this rehearsal will be confirmed closer to that date.

Handbell Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays, November 3 and 10, at 6:00 pm in the gym.

Children's and Youth Choirs will continue to meet for in-person rehearsals following worship on Sundays, November 6, 14 and 21. Rehearsals will last for 30 minutes and be in either the gym or Multipurpose Room. This month, the group is focusing on a new percussion piece and will begin working on songs for Advent and Christmas.

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 864-630-8798 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 Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, November 16 at 4:00 pm. Newcomers are always welcome.

Anyone who plays an Auto Harp, Ukulele, Brass 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 be meeting in person on Wednesday, November 10 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

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, November 11 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 Ruth. New participants are always welcome. Please contact Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com for additional information.

QUILTING GROUP

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 Mondays, November 1, 15, and 29. On November 8 the group will meet and travel to Hendersonville to deliver the Quilts to the LWR Ingathering. 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	9:30 QUILTING GROUP 1	2
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 7 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM ZOOM 9:00 - 1:00 PROJECT HOST 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM 4:00 COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION 5:00 - 7:00 LCY YOUTH CENTER	9:30 QUILTING GROUP 8	9
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 14 8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM 1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL 4:00 - 5:30 LCY ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP- - MULTIPURPOSE ROOM	9:30 QUILTING GROUP 15	16 4:00 GUITAR SMALL GROUP
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 21 8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM 1:30 OUTREACH COMMITTEE VIA ZOOM 5:00 - 7:00 LCY YOUTH CENTER	22	23
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 28 8:15 ADULT FAITH FORUM ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM	9:30 QUILTING GROUP 29	30

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.

Mike Boliek - November 18
Wynne Boliek - November 28
Roger Brown - November 30
Jennifer Cook - November 1
Patrick DiAntonio- November 15
Jordan Forbes—November 17
Jimmy Goodwin - November 29
Rachelle Holmes - November 26
Pattimarie Janssen - November 7
Megan Koon - November 10
Mary Lampson - November 1
Ted Landreth - November 3
Nancy Olsen - November 25
Evan Otten - November 9
Margo Otten - November 7

Davis Osborn - November 25
Christine Parham - November 17
Mike Parker - November 10
Willie Mae Pittman - November 1
Cathy Rice - November 20
Peggy Schotsch - November 5
Emmie Wannemacher - November 13
Mac Wannemacher - November 13
Owen Wannemacher - November 13
Dora Welch - November 9
Alton Whitley - November 27
Mandi Whitley - November 27
Robyn Wilcox - November 6
Cara Wood - November 12
JR Wood - November 12



ADVENT AT HOME KITS

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28. *Advent at Home Kits* will be available for pickup after worship beginning on Sunday, November 14. These kits will provide materials to help households learn more about the season and prepare their hearts and homes to welcome the Christ child at Christmas.



NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION

During November 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 SCARVES



Volunteers are needed to knit and crochet winter hats and scarves for our neighbors at Towers East. There is no particular pattern. Contact Deacon Amy Brown for more information. Items should be brought to the Church Office by Monday, November 15.

SHARING TREE

Christmas Gifts will be collected during November and December to support an Interfaith Hospitality Network family, the Smith House at Pendleton Place, and Generations Home for Boys. An electronic sign up will be published in mid November. Unwrapped gifts will be due by Sunday December 12. Contact Rachel Balck at rachel@balckfamily.org with questions.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

As Trinity's COVID19 Transition Team continues to monitor the risk in our area, specifically as it relates to worship in the Sanctuary, a worship plan for Christmas Eve will be announced soon.

WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Trinity is collecting new and gently used winter coats, jackets, hats and scarves for our Towers East neighbors through November 15. Donated items may be dropped off in the Breezeway Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm or before worship on Sundays. Sizes XL and above are especially appreciated.



PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

Trinity is scheduled to work at Project Host on 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 is Trinity's Young Adults Group. The group will meet on Wednesday, November 3 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 with them. Contact Deacon Mandi Whitley at mtwhitley@trinitylutheran.ws with questions.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP



Adults and families are invited to an Advent Wreath Workshop on Sunday afternoon, November 14 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the gym. Participants will learn about the upcoming season and craft an advent wreath for their home. Because Advent does not begin until November 28, wreath materials will not use fresh greenery. Families with children are especially encouraged to attend. In order to purchase supplies, registration is a must. Contact the Church Office at 242-5702 to reserve your space.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

Lay Assistants

November 7

Chris Harmon

November 14

Patrick Preacher

November 21

David Troutman

November 28

Chris Sorenson

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, November 17 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Winter coats, hats, and scarves will be distributed at this event. 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 Parlor at 7:00 pm on December 16 to discuss *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir. This will be our annual holiday gathering with a book swap. Email Deacon Amy Brown at arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws for more information. This is a very casual group, and new participants are welcome at any time.



WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

HOSPITAL PATIENT

Talmadge Holmes - Discharged
Patrick Morgan - Discharged
Juliana Weeks - Discharged
Margaret Wyatt - Discharged

DEATHS

the father of Chuck Ballew
the brother of Calvin Harmon

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

(DOES NOT INCLUDE 10/31)

	10/3	10/10	10/17	10/24
Online devices	304	304	265	289
In Person	<u>98</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>141</u>
TOTAL	402	411	370	430

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER

(DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM OCTOBER 31)

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$86,990	\$869,895
Given to Budget	<u>\$60,650</u>	<u>\$959,962</u>
Difference	\$(26,340)	\$90,067
Given to World Hunger	\$947	\$20,637

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Order Your Poinsettias



2021 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 17. Poinsettias may be picked up Wednesday, December 29 through Friday, December 31. Any remaining Poinsettias will be shared with our Towers East neighbors.

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

in () honor of

1. _____

2. _____

in () memory of

1. _____

2. _____

Given by: _____