



## Activities and Opportunities

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### October 23, 2022

#### Hospital Patients

Debbie Jo Forbes - 134, Prisma Health Greer Memorial

**Welcome to worship at Trinity**, a place of love, grace, and belonging where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated. If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the baskets in the seats. Thank you for your presence among us.

**Contributions.** Trinity is grateful for all the prayers, contributions, and displays of support from members, friends, and guests. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website [trinitylutheran.ws](http://trinitylutheran.ws), by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



**Loyalty Sunday.** To date, 104 household giving units have committed \$726,532 to the 2023 Budget. This includes the amount pledged to Regular Budget and Debt Retirement. If you have not made your financial commitment for 2023 or turned in a time and talent sheet and wish to do so, please place those items in the offering or mail them to the Church Office as soon as possible. Additional forms are available from the Ushers.

**Youth Ministry Fall Outing to Greyrock Farms.** Today, October 23, youth will board the church bus following worship at 11:15 am to travel to Greyrock Farms in Moore, SC for a picnic, hayride, corn maze (designed for youth and adults), games, and to select a small pumpkin to bring home. The group will return to church at 3:00 pm. Cost for the event is \$10.00 per person. If you would like to attend please see Amy Brown this morning.

**Reformation Sunday.** On October 30, Trinity will celebrate Reformation Sunday, a day to remember Martin Luther and to give thanks for our Lutheran faith, at 10:00 am. This service will also be live-streamed. During this service Trinity will observe the Rite of Confirmation for nine youth.

**Family, Faith, and Fun.** All children and a parent or significant adult are invited to participate in a fall outing to Greyrock Farms in Moore, SC today, October 23. Following worship, the group will travel in small groups or on the bus (a few seats will be available) to Greyrock Farms. Children and adults will enjoy a picnic lunch, hayride, corn maze (designed for children), games, and will also select a small pumpkin to bring home. The group will return to church at 3:00 pm. Cost for this event is \$8.00 per person. If you would like to attend please see Amy Brown this morning.

**Adult Faith Formation.** There are two adult Faith Formation classes available for adults at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. The *Adult Faith Forum* meets on Zoom at 9:00 am to discuss current events in light of the Christian faith. The Zoom link and discussion topics are available on Fridays from Deacon Amy Brown in the Church Office. An in-person class is also offered in the Multipurpose Room at 9:00 am. This class, *Exploring Faith and Society*, is exploring difficult topics and issues in our society. Come for coffee, fellowship, and discussion to learn how we can make a difference in our world.

**Rite of Confirmation.** On Reformation Sunday, October 30, nine youth will affirm their baptism through the Rite of Confirmation during the 10:00 am service in the Sanctuary. Gabi Glass, Samuel Godfrey, Nate Hybl, Clark Lawrence, Jenna Mast, Lilly McNeice, Margo Otten, EmmieMae Peden, and Layten Woodward will affirm their baptism on this day.

**Food Collection.** Trinity is continuing to collect nonperishable food items that are shared with local food pantries and given to our neighbors in the downtown community who need food support. Items may be placed in the Narthex or the Gym on Sunday mornings or delivered to the breezeway Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Currently the shelves of the pantry are almost empty. Donations are greatly appreciated.

**Grace Bags.** Bags containing canned food, snacks, toiletry items, as well as a list of agencies in the community that can help individuals move beyond poverty, are available in the Narthex in the Sanctuary and on the bleachers in the Gym for worship guests in need of a meal.

**Worship Bags** are available at the gym entrances for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands. Also, when we worship in the gym, a children's table with coloring sheets is provided in the back left side of the gym for parents and children to use as needed.

## October Worship Schedule

October 30

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary - Reformation Sunday

Rite of Confirmation

Reception for the confirmands to follow on the front lawn

**Hurricane Disaster Response.** Financial support for our struggling siblings affected by Hurricane Ian can be made through Lutheran Disaster Response by visiting [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org) or by making a check payable to Trinity and marked for “Lutheran Disaster Response.”

**COVID Corner.** Many are asking whether to take the new COVID boosters, and if so, when. The short answers are 'yes' and 'before Halloween'. Both Pfizer and Moderna have released new 'bivalent' vaccines, which are active against the old 'wild type' virus as well as the currently circulating Omicron variants, and show very robust antibody responses in recipients. If it is 3 months since you last had COVID infection, or two months since your last booster (even if it was your second booster), you should take the new booster, as well as the annual flu shot (they can be taken at the same time.) Greenville County is now at the 'moderate' level of community risk, which results in the CDC recommendation to wear masks in crowded enclosed spaces, and if immunosuppressed or otherwise at high risk. For questions, email Donna Potts at [donna.millar@gmail.com](mailto:donna.millar@gmail.com)

**Queer-led Worship Celebrates Homecoming:** November marks a full year of Queer-led worship at Trinity! Join us Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 pm in the Gym for an evening of worship and celebration. All are welcome to come together for a special worship service of thanksgiving followed by a free spaghetti supper.

**Project Host Soup Kitchen:** Trinity is registered to volunteer at Project Host Soup Kitchen on Sunday, November 13. This will be a meaningful day of service to the community just before the holiday rush begins. Please contact John Otten at [john.otten@elliotttdavis.com](mailto:john.otten@elliotttdavis.com) to join Trinity's team of volunteers.

# *love wins*

Join the Love Wins Discussion Group **Thursday, October 27 at 6:30 pm** for a meaningful discussion of Richard Rohr's conversation with Brené Brown on her podcast *Unlocking Us*. The podcast can be listened to for free on Spotify, iTunes, or various other platforms.

The group will be meeting at The Commons (147 Welborn St. Greenville). Please text or call Angie McCormack with any questions. 864-630-4026

## **GOAL**

### ***Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership***

Trinity's 5 GOAL House Meetings were tremendously successful.

As a result of time spent sharing the concerns and burdens that weigh heavy on our collective hearts, 70 members and friends of the Trinity family have committed to being members of GOAL.

If you are passionate about social justice and hunger for vital change in the Greenville community that will make life better, more equitable, more just for all people, then GOAL is the place for you.

**Mark your calendars** for the upcoming **Community Problems Assembly on Monday, November 7 at 6:30 pm** at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This will be a powerful and meaningful experience as we move closer to identifying the community problem that GOAL will address over the coming months.

Please reach out to Elizabeth Allen, Penny Bostain, Paige Dillon, Lane Lewis, Angie McCormack, Missy Roberts, Patrick Preacher, or Pastor Crowell or call the Church Office if you would like more information about this new ministry, if you would like to attend the Community Problems Assembly, or if you are ready to become a member of GOAL.

