



## Activities and Opportunities

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### November 13, 2022

#### Hospital Patients

Debbie Farstad - St. Francis, Downtown

Pastor Bob Coon - 2325, Prisma Health, Downtown

**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.



**Transgender Memorial Service.** For the third year in a row, our community of faith is grieved by the violent murders of our transgender siblings across our nation. Sadly, 2022 has already seen at least 30 transgender people lose their lives through acts of violence. The majority of these people were Black and Latinx transgender women. On Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary, worshippers will take time to remember each life lost and reflect upon why full inclusion and acceptance of all God's children is so vital.

**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.

**Love Wins** is a monthly social group for adults of all ages. In honor of Transgender Awareness Month, the November meeting of the *Love Wins* discussion group will center around the book *transforming* by Austen Hartke. This is a short but deeply moving read regarding the infinite spectrum of genders God creates. Hartke brilliantly articulates how important our transgender siblings are to the body of Christ through his own experiences and with familiar biblical narratives. Join the group on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room for a free pizza dinner and discussion led by Patrick Preacher. Books are available for purchase at numerous retailers online and will be provided for anyone who needs a copy at no cost. Please contact Patrick Preacher at [pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws) if in need of a free book. The hope is that participants will have engaged the book at some level before the meeting, but that is not a requirement to attend.

**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.

Adults are invited to come together for coffee, fellowship, and Bible study at 9:00 am during the months of November and December. Penny Bostain is leading the group in the study entitled *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*. This course, which includes video clips, is written by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, who is a professor of New Testament and Jewish studies.

**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 Sanctuary 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.

**Advent Food Collection for AID Upstate.** During Advent, Trinity Lutheran is collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries for Aid Upstate - canned soups, instant grits and oatmeal, peanut butter crackers, small bags of flour and sugar, cooking oil, and condiments. Items may be brought to the Narthex or the Gym on Sunday mornings or brought to the breezeway Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.



## THANKSGIVING FEAST

All are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving alongside our neighbors from Towers East following worship on Sunday November 20.

Food will be served at 11:15 am in the Multipurpose Room with seating in the Gym.

Turkey, dressing, and beverages will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please sign up through the Church Office no later than Sunday November 13.

