



Activities and Opportunities

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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 pew racks. Thank you for your presence among us.

We welcome Rebekah Boatwright to Trinity today as our guest preacher. Rebekah is a candidate for ordained ministry in the South Carolina Synod and has recently accepted a call to serve as the Program Director at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Fort Collins, Colorado. She and her husband Jonathan and their son Rivers will soon be moving west.

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, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



Open House for Youth, children, and their families. All children and youth in grades K-5 through twelve and their families are invited to an Open House in the new youth gathering space (previously the Dining Room) in the Activities Building on Wednesday, March 8 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Participants will work to add some personal touches to the space, share hopes and dreams for youth and children's ministry at Trinity, and get acquainted with Trinity's new Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator, Angie McCormack. All participants are encouraged to stay and attend the Lenten Dinner Church event at 6:15 in the Multipurpose Room.

Youth Lunch and Learn Event. All youth in grades six through twelve are invited to gather in the new youth gathering space on Sunday, March 12 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm for lunch and time together to build relationships through a variety of fun activities. Participants will learn more about GOAL (Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership), the Christian call to justice, and the important role that youth can play in this effort to make Greenville a more just community.

Faith Formation for children. On Sunday mornings at 9:00 am a Faith Formation class for children ages 4 through Grade 5 meets for music, stories, crafts, and fun. This class is held on the first floor of the Pence Education Building in Room 202, directly across from the nursery. A nursery for younger children is also available.

Faith Formation for youth. . On Sunday mornings at 9:00 am, youth in grades 6 through 12 meet for refreshments, conversation, devotions, study and an occasional trip to Starbucks. Next Sunday, March 5, the group will meet at the Red Canopy Door area to enjoy fellowship and a service project in the Assembly Room.

Faith Formation for adults. On Sunday mornings, adults are invited to come together for coffee, fellowship, and study at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building. The class is now being Zoomed live. During Lent, Greg Hamluk is leading the class in a study entitled *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine.

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.

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.

Men's Reflection and Fellowship Group. A Reflection and Fellowship Group for men is meeting on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 am to 7:30 am in the Church Parlor. Calvin Harmon is leading and facilitating this group with the intent of providing a brave, safe space for mutual sharing and encouragement. The morning includes a light breakfast as well as time for devotions and prayer. Meeting dates include March 8 and April 12.

Women's Bible Study Group. The group meets monthly for fellowship and Bible study. All women of the church are invited to attend on March 7 at 10:30 am in Rooms 12 and 13. We will begin a new study of the book *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. If you need a copy of the book or have any other questions, please contact Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com for additional information

Lenten Dinner Church. The Trinity family, friends, neighbors, and guests are invited to experience Lent by gathering in the Multipurpose Room at 6:15 pm on Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29 to participate in an experiential worship opportunity that includes holy communion, a simple dinner meal, and time for sharing, discussion, and community building. The meal will include soup and sandwiches. Vegetarian and low sodium soups will be provided. In order to better accommodate the needs of children and younger youth, the gathering will conclude by 7:30 pm. The topics for each week are as follows:

Wednesday, March 8 - Rest

Wednesday, March 15 - Justice

Wednesday, March 22 - Compassion

Wednesday, March 29 - Forgiveness

Plan to join the Trinity family for this new Lenten experience. If you are able, please call the Church Office at 242-5702 or email Karen Craig at kmcraig@trinitylutheran.ws to make a reservation. Or just show up! There will be a place at the table for you! Reach out to the Church Office if interested in volunteering.

Second Sunday Food Drive. Trinity's monthly Nourishing Neighbors events continue to be an important source of fresh produce, pantry items, and toilet paper for our neighbors at Towers East. The Trinity Food Pantry is being depleted each month as we are serving more neighbors. In an effort to keep the pantry full, Trinity will host a food drive on the second Sunday of each month throughout 2023. A volunteer will be stationed at the Red Canopy Door from 9:30-10:00 am on the second Sunday of each month to assist in unloading donations. Upcoming dates are March 12, April 9, and May 14. The following items are most needed: dried beans (16 oz), peanut butter (16 oz), cereal, canned fruit, rice (2 lb bag), pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned vegetables, individually packaged snack items, and toilet paper.

Love Wins. The group will meet for Social Hour on Thursday, March 9 at 6:00 pm at Local Cue (a great place for fun and games) at 30 Orchard Park Drive, Suite 7, Greenville. The group will also meet for discussion and fellowship on Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 pm in the Church Parlor to discuss the podcast, Richard Rohr, The Universal Christ. For more information or to be added to the group, contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4016 or ramack10@yahoo.com.

Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership. Network Members are busy preparing for the upcoming Nehemiah Action on March 28 at 6:30 pm, where GOAL Participants will ask City and County Council members for very specific action on Affordable Housing and Mental Health. The goal is to have over 1,200 concerned citizens in attendance including over 175 coming from Trinity! Success in affecting real change to address the systemic ills behind these issues is dependent upon rallying the "masses" to get the attention of elected officials and hold them accountable for the changes needed for justice and equity with these issues.

Please accept the invitation from Trinity members to attend or plan to attend. We will be gathering at Trinity at 5:30 pm on March 28 to bus over to First Baptist Greenville, or you can meet the group there before 6:30 pm. Please reach out to the Church Office to reserve a seat on the bus.

To learn more in advance of the Nehemiah Action, please also plan to attend the Justice Rally, Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 pm at Springfield Baptist.

March Worship Schedule

March 12

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back of the Gym

March 19

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn

March 26

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back of the Gym