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Let us throw off everything that hinders us, that holds us back, and the sin that so easily entangles us. Hebrews 12:1b

> Holding on is believing that there is only a past; letting go is trusting that there is a future. Daphne Rose Kingma

Dear Members and Friends of the Trinity Family,

There is something about the season of Autumn that deeply touches my soul. It's the cooler weather, the colorful leaves, early morning walks, and the pleasure of wrapping myself in a soft blanket in a comfy chair to read a book. I am an Autumn person. I love fall décor, everything pumpkin spice, freshly picked apples, and homemade pumpkin muffins. My love for Autumn runs deep and is filled with meaning.

In these final months of the year, the trees are showing us how lovely it is to let things go. The fall leaves make letting go look so easy. The leaves release their grip on the tree and freely fall to the ground. I wish it were this simple for us to let go of the things that no longer serve us. Just imagine if we could let go of anger, resentment, fear, bitterness, regret, grief, and hurt with the same ease that the Autumn leaves do this. Just imagine how unburdened and free we would be!

Life - being what it is - means that letting go is not a singular, one-time event. We must let go over and over and over again. This letting go is rooted in our baptism. In baptism, God in Christ names us and claims us as God's beloved, precious, baptized children. Baptism means that we have a daily, moment by moment opportunity, to begin again and again and again. Each new day, each new moment is an invitation to let go, to start over, to begin again the internal work we each need to do in order to more fully become the people God is calling us to be.

In these days of Autumn, may we have the courage to let go...to let go of our desire for the past, our fear of the future, resentments and regrets that continue to linger. May we, like the leaves of Autumn, embrace the joy of liberation— the freedom of letting go.

Peace, love, and joy,

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Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

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

---learned that expenses for October were \$5,658 less than expected;

---approved membership changes to include welcoming twenty-five new members (list included on back page);

---received and accepted a report from the Nominating Committee for Congregation Council;

---approved updated verbiage on the Sustainability Asset Management (SAM) proposal for the upcoming Congregation Meeting; and

---approved an adjustment to Pastor Crowell's housing allowance for 2023.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 5 Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary All Saints' Sunday Refreshments and Fellowship to follow on the front lawn

Sunday, November 12 Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, November 19 Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary Community Thanksgiving Lunch to follow in the Activities Building

Sunday, November 26 Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym Opening Session of the Annual Meeting following worship Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir rehearses in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. In November the choir will rehearse Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, and 29. The week of Thanksgiving, the Wednesday rehearsal moves forward to Monday, November 20. Each Sunday, the choir gathers at 9:30 am in the Choir Room for a brief



rehearsal and warm-up. For 10:00 am worship, the choir assembles in the balcony or around the piano in the Gym to support and strengthen congregational singing and to offer special choral music aimed at drawing our minds, emotions, and imaginations more deeply into God's word.

Handbell Choir rehearses most Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the Handbell Rehearsal Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. The two performing dates this fall are November 5 and December 17.

Enrichment of instrumental music is welcome in worship. If interested in sharing your instrumental skills in worship, please contact Pastor Parham at jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws or 864-242-5702.

The process of building an instrumental ensemble for the December 17 pageant has begun. This year is eight years (minus the Covid years) of gathering all band and orchestral players (and friends!) into an ensemble that leads the Advent/Christmas carols for this service. Pastor Parham provides instrumental parts tailored for every instrument and skill level. The group has already received commitments from some instrumentalists. There is still room for more participation. If interested or just curious, please contact Pastor Parham at the phone number or email address above for more information.

GIVING TO TRINITY



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



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for Children

Children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to hear the scripture reading in ways more appropriate to them. Using the lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children sing and listen to the scripture or a related book and enjoy an activity related to the theme of the day. The children return to worship in time to share the peace and participate in communion.

Faith Formation for Adults

An adult faith formation class is meeting at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building. Josh Warner is leading the group in exploring spiritual practices. The class ends in time for worship at 10:00 am. Those interested in participating in the class via Zoom should contact Deacon Amy Brown for sign-in information.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING LUNCH



All are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving alongside our neighbors from Towers East following worship on Sunday, November 19. Food will be served at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room with seating in the Gym. Turkey, dressing, macaroni and cheese, as well as tea, coffee, and water will be provided by the Parish Life Committee.

Participants are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. To help with planning, please register for this event by reaching out to the Church Office by Monday, November 13.

NURSERY FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

A nursery is available during the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday morning, whether the congregation is worshipping in the Sanctuary or the Gym. Practices and protocols follow all DHEC recommendations for daycare centers. All staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated and are trained and approved in Trinity's Child Protection Policy. A copy of the updated guidelines can be obtained through the Church Office.

ANNUAL MEETING

The first session of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held immediately after worship in the Gym on Sunday, November 26. At this time the proposed budget for 2024 will be introduced and nominations for Congregation Council will be finalized.

The meeting will then stand in recess until 11:30 am on Sunday, December 3. On that day the congregation will meet in the Gym following worship to adopt a budget for 2024 and to elect members of Congregation Council. The ten nominees for the five three-year terms are Chad Brightwell, Danny Fagala, Jaime Fivecoat, Angie Hager, Lindsay Hawkins, Deirdre Hixson, Dean Hybl, Pat O'Neill, Donna Potts, and Jeff Rehm. The nominee for the one one-year youth term is Jenna Mast.

While the ballots are being counted, participants will enjoy fellowship and refreshments. Everyone is invited to bring a brunch finger food to share. Beverages will be provided.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Trinity Youth in grades six through twelve will meet following worship on Sunday, November 12 to enjoy lunch together and work on a Thanksgiving service project. Pick up will be at 1:00 pm.

Mental Health Matters

Please join the Trinity Family

on Sunday, November 5 11:30 am to 1:00 pm for our second Mental Health Matters Event

A lunch of various soups and sandwiches will be provided.

Activities will focus on helping to manage the stress and anxiety of the upcoming holidays and will include making Thanksgiving treat bags for Trinity's next door neighbors, participating in some meditation, stretching, and breathing exercises, engaging in a music therapy activity, and making an Advent craft.

Please reach out to the Church Office to register.

THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS



On November 5, 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 will remember Bob Coon, Emile Labrousse, Bud Moseley, Ralph Moyer, Talmadge Holmes, Suzy Hybl, Caroline Massey, Kathryn Neubauer, Debbie Jo Forbes, and

Cathy Wyatt. Worship on this day will also include banners honoring each of Trinity's beloved members who died since All Saints' Sunday last year.

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY FOR GREENVILLE ORGANIZED FOR ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP

All are invited to hop on the TLC bus (or follow behind) as the group caravans to the GOAL Community Problems Assembly on Monday, November 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Christ Church, Episcopal. Those riding the bus will meet by the red canopy door at 5:30 pm. If riding the bus, please call the Church Office to reserve a seat. Limited parking is available at Christ Church so consider riding with the group. Come and support Trinity's collaborative effort to work for justice in the Greenville community. Questions may be directed to Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS MEETING FOR THE PREVENTION OF GUN VIOLENCE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Trinity is partnering with Moms Demand Action to host a Community Awareness Meeting for the Prevention of Gun Violence in South Carolina on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 pm in the Gym. Anyone concerned about the health and safety of our community with regard to gun violence is encouraged to attend. Participants will leave the gathering with a better understanding of current legislation as well as some action items.

Mahjong Group

Mahjong is a tile based game of strategy and skill that was developed in the 19th century in China. Trinity member Jackie Todd is leading a Mahjong beginners group that meets in the Church Parlor on Fridays at 10:00 am. Those interested in learning to play may contact Jackie at <u>jjtodd1224@yahoo.com</u>.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A Blue Christmas Service will take place on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This year the service is taking place on the night of the Winter Solstice, the longest and darkest night of the year. The candlelit worship is quiet, contemplative, and leaves plenty of room for the expression of the difficult emotions that often surface around the holidays. Any musicians who might find it meaningful to offer their gifts for this service should contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws

BABY SHOWER

Please join the Trinity Family for a Baby Shower in honor of the Safi Family

Saturday, November 18 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the home of Chris and Lara Wannemacher 19 Charlbury Street, Greenville

The Safi family are refugees from Afghanistan who have been assisted by Lutheran Services of the Carolinas and loved and welcomed by a dedicated group of Trinity volunteers. The Safi family are expecting a baby boy and are registered at Walmart.

https://www.walmart.com/registry/BR/fa6925f3-b746-4bb1-a725846a0e184e18

If anyone is unable to attend the shower but would like to purchase a gift, collection bins are located in the breezeway. Please reach out to Lara Wannemacher at

larawannemacher@gmail.com or Donna Potts

<u>donna.millar@gmail.com</u> to register for the event or

to ask questions.



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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00 ADULT FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW 11:30 MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS EVENT	5	6 9:30 QUILTING GROUP	7 10:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
		6:30 GOAL COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY MEET AT BUS AT 5:30	
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:00 ADULT FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW 11:30 YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT	12	13 9:30 QUILTING GROUP	14
1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL		5:00 OUTREACH COMMITTEE 7:00 COMMUNITY AWAREMESS MEETING FOR THE PREVENTION OF GUN VIOLENCE	
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:00 ADULT FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING LUNCH IN THE GYM	19	20	21
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY 9:00 ADULT FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM OPENING SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW	26	27 9:30 QUILTING GROUP	28

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 10:00 MAHJONG GROUP	4
6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR	6:30 QUEER-LED WORSHIP IN THE GYM WITH DINNER TO FOLLOW		
8 6:30 AM MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP	9	10 10:00 MAHJONG GROUP	11
6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR			
15 11:30 THE WELCOME TABLE	16	17 10:00 MAHJONG GROUP	18 2:00 BABY SHOWER FOR THE SAFI FAMILY
6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR	6:30 TRANSGENDER MEMORIAL SERVICE		
22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON	THANKSGIVING DAY 23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	24 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25
29	30		
6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR			

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who continue to contribute to the Food Pantry. In addition to regular items, the pantry is in special need of canned meats, toilet paper, and canned vegetables. All are encouraged to bring donations to worship. A volunteer will be stationed at the Red Canopy Door from 9:30 to 10:00 am on the second Sunday of each month to assist in unloading Upcoming date is November 12. The donations. 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. As holidays approach, our neighbors are in need of food items for their own dinners and celebrations. This is an excellent opportunity to get to the grocery store early for your own Thanksgiving shopping and remember Trinity's neighbors while doing so. Your support and love is greatly appreciated. If interested in volunteering to collect items please contact Patrick during the Sunday Food Drives, Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws

BOOK GROUP

The Trinity Book Group is open to all readers. Participants meet on the third Thursday evening in the Church Parlor every other month to discuss books of all genres. The next meeting will be on December 21 at 7:00 pm when the group will discuss These Precious Days by Ann Patchett. The group will meet at the home of Zerle Hubbard, 9 Belgrave Close, Taylors, 29687. The evening will also include a book swap.

This is a very casual group and new participants are welcome at any time. Email Deacon Amy Brown at arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws for more information.



QUILTING GROUP



The Ouilting Group typically meets in the Activities Building on Mondays at 9:30 am to make guilts which are distributed by Lutheran World Relief. In November the group will meet on November 6, 13, and 27. No sewing experience is needed. For questions about this group contact Sarah Weeks at

QUILTING GROUP sweeks14@charter.net or 864-787-1160.

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 Harris Brightwell - November 17 Roger Brown - November 30 Patrick DiAntonio -November 15 Jordan Forbes - November 17 Jimmy Goodwin - November 27 Rachelle Holmes - November 26 Pattimarie Janssen - November 7 Mary Lampson - November 1 Ted Landreth - November 3 Evan Otten - November 9 Margo Otten - November 7 Christine Parham - November 17 Willie Mae Pittman - November 1 Cathy Rice - November 20 Emmie Wannemacher - November 13 Mac Wannemacher - November 13 Owen Wannemacher - November 13 Dora Welch - November 9 Robyn Wilcox - November 6



Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities

Sunday, December 17 at 10:00 am Intergenerational and interactive Christmas Pageant in the Gym with a festive Christmas Brunch to follow in the Multipurpose Room

Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 pm A Blue Christmas worship service will be held in the Sanctuary for all who are struggling with the burden of grief, loss, and illness during the holiday season.

Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 am An abbreviated worship service for the Fourth Sunday in Advent will be premiered online.

Sunday, December 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship with Communion in the Gym at 3:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary at 5:30 pm



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study Group meets monthly for fellowship and Bible study. The group usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month. All women of the church are invited to attend on November 7 at 10:30 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The group is discussing the book *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. Contact Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com for additional information.

and Fellowship Group

MEN'S REFLECTION AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP



A Reflection and Fellowship Group for men meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 am to 7:30 am in the Church Parlor. Calvin Harmon leads and facilitates 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. Upcoming meeting dates include November 8 and December 13.

PRAYING FOR POSSIBILITIES

Praying for Possibilities is a program at Trinity dedicated to praying for the ministries of the congregation. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to sign up for a specific week during the year when they are encouraged to pray through the written prayers one time during the course of the assigned week. This ministry requires a small commitment of time with the possibility of tremendous blessing. To ask questions about the ministry or to sign up to participate, please reach out to Beth Bennett-Hill at <u>bethbhnc@yahoo.com</u> or 704-307-0521 or to Terry Morgan at <u>tfmorgan101@gmail.com</u> or 864-230-6252.

November Prayer Volunteers

November 5-11 Tara Miller

November 12-18 Vicki Rubenstein

November 19-25 Bonnie Bridges

November 26-December 2 Julie Brightwell

THE WELCOME TABLE

The Welcome Table is for you! Join Towers East residents and downtown neighbors in the Multipurpose Room on Wednesday, November 15 at 11:30 am for a delicious meal and community building activity. All are welcome to come together for a hot meal and

fellowship with this joyful community of God's beloved children Please consider attending for a free lunch and fun time of fellowship as neighbors become friends. Contact Patrick Preacher at <u>pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws</u> if you would like to volunteer.



Out to Lunch Bunch

Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all Trinity adults who want to enjoy fellowship and a meal together after worship once a month. The group will not meet in November. Participants are encouraged to attend the Community Thanksgiving Lunch following worship on Sunday, November 19.





TLC4TLC

TLC4TLC is for 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. Interested participants may contact Debbie Farstad at <u>debfars@att.net</u>.

In November the group will meet to write cards in person at 10:00 am on Tuesday, November 7 in Rooms 12 & 13 (a half hour before Women's Bible Study Group is meeting).

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE



All Trinity adults are invited to attend a Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange on Friday, December 1 at 6:30 pm at the home of Mark and Lura Godfrey, 313 West Stone Avenue. All participants are encouraged to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for the exchange as well as an appetizer or dessert to share with the group. Soft drinks will be provided. Please register for this event through the Church Office.

QUEER AND JUSTICE MINISTRY



Queer-led Worship: Taize Around the Cross

November is Queer-led Worship Homecoming! This one-of-a-kind worship service and ministry has been going strong for two years! Celebrate with the Trinity family and the greater community at the second annual Homecoming Worship and Dinner. On November 2 worship will begin at 6:30 pm in the Gym with a celebratory meal to

follow in the Multipurpose Room. New gueer leaders are always welcome. Please email Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws if interested. This service will be livestreamed.

Transgender Memorial Service. Trinity's annual Transgender Memorial Service will take place on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will join Trinity for worship and provide refreshments after the service. Local LGBTOIA+ activist, Amberlynn Boiter, will offer a personal reflection during the service. Please consider attending to remember the transgender lives lost across our nation this year due to acts of violence and to bear witness to God's love through Christ for the transgender community.

LOVE WINS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Love Wins group will take a break from books and podcasts to enjoy a watch party on Wednesday, November 8 at 6:00 pm. The group will meet at the home of Jaime and Karen Fivecoat for a Potluck Dinner and to watch the documentary, Out of the Plate, the History of Lesbian Women in Athletics. More details to To get involved with this group, contact Angie McCormack at five wins! come.



ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws. All are welcome!

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

DEATH the mother of Jackie Todd

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Lani Wise - Discharged

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

Sundays	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22
Online devices In Person	233 <u>117</u> 350	255 <u>177</u> 432	257 <u>128</u> 385	220 <u>89</u> 309

Queer-Led Worship on 10/5 35 in person, 152 online devices

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER

DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM OCTOBER 22 AND 29

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget Given to Budget Difference	\$ 95,378 <u>\$ 71,492</u> \$ (23,886)	\$ 953,778 <u>\$ 920,724</u> \$ (33,054)
Given to World Hunger	\$ 425	\$ 16,310

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Order Your Poinsettias



2023 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 \$17.00 for each poinsettia no later than Friday, December 15. Poinsettias may be picked up Wednesday, December 27 through Friday, December 29. Any remaining Poinsettias will be shared with our Towers East neighbors.

Enclosed/attached is my \$17.00 for each poinsettia given.

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