

Activities and Opportunities

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Death

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Marcus Blackstone and his family at the death of his mother.

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 or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

Pastor Crowell is away today.

Deacon Amy Brown is away in January for sabbatical. Please keep her close in your prayers.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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.



Children's Worship Opportunity. Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, all children are invited to leave the worship space after the children's sermon to go to either the Assembly Room (located underneath the Sanctuary) or to the Multipurpose Room (located in the Activities Building) depending on the location of worship to enjoy a story related to the scripture texts, games, interactive activities, and a craft before returning to the worship space during the Sharing of the Peace and in time to participate in the congregation's celebration of Holy Communion.

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or Gym for children to use and enjoy during the Service. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

Faith Formation for Adults. An adult faith formation class is meeting at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building. During the month of January, Trinity member Pastor David Hill will lead the class. Using the writings of Martin Luther, this 4 session class on prayer will help participants focus on their gentle relationship to God. The class ends in time for worship at 10:00 am. Those interested in participating in the class via Zoom should contact Kay Cook for sign-in information.

New Member Class. Pastor Crowell will be teaching a new member class via Zoom for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of joining Trinity. These classes will take place remotely from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Mondays, February 26 and March 4. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register to attend these classes or to let her know that you would like to join the Trinity family. New members will be received on Sunday, March 10 at the 10:00 am worship service.

History Reading Group. Please join the Trinity Lutheran Church History Reading Group to discuss selected topics based on historical nonfiction books. The group is meeting today at 3:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13. The group will discuss *The Fall of the house of Dixie: The Civil War and the social revolution that transformed the South* by Bruce Levine. Contact David Hill at jdhillnc50@gmail.com or (704) 307-0520 or Don Todd at dktodd47@gmail.com or (803) 517-8129 for more information.

Queer Youth Event. On Saturday, January 27, in the Activities Building, Trinity will host Queerly Beloved Youth Day. The Queer Ministry and Youth Ministry programs of Trinity are partnering with 864 Pride and Amaryllis Counseling in Greenville to host an all-day event filled with love, affirmation, community-building, and faith formation for LGBTQIA+ and affirming youth ages 12-18. Trinity is especially excited to welcome author of the widely read book *Unclobber: Rethinking our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality*, by Colby Martin. Colby will speak and teach on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm, then join Trinity as Guest Preacher for worship on Sunday, January 28. While the event is specifically for youth, absolutely everyone is welcome to attend to hear Colby Martin speak and celebrate God's love for LGBTQIA+ youth. A simple meal will follow at 6:00 pm. Volunteers for the entire day are needed! Please contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws to register as a volunteer. Please register for the event via the Trinity website.

The Welcome Table. January's meal will take place on Wednesday, January 24 at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. An RSVP is not required to attend. All are welcome and encouraged to come for lunch! If you would specifically like to volunteer, please reach out to Patrick Preacher via text at 864-483-2590.

January Worship Schedule

January 14

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow on the front lawn.

January 21

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Installation of Council Members and Officers of the Congregation
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow on the front lawn.

January 28

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Guest Colby Martin preaching
Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back of the Gym.

Trinity Children (Kindergarten through grade 5) will gather on Sunday, January 21 to kick off the new year together. The group will enjoy lunch and participate in a bible lesson, activities, and games focused on a new year and new beginnings. The group will meet in the Youth Room after worship and pick up is at 1:00 pm.

Trinity Youth will gather on January 21 to kick off a monthly event to prepare for the ELCA Youth Gathering in July. All youth are invited to attend. These monthly events will center around the youth gathering theme, *Created to Be*, and will provide the opportunity for all youth to build relationships and grow in their faith. The theme is centered on Psalm 139:14 - "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." The group will meet from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in the Youth Room for dinner, lessons, and activities. The dates for this monthly event are January 21, February 11, March 10, April 21, May 19, and June 9.

Love Wins meets the third Thursday of each month to discuss a book or podcast, have a snack and enjoy fellowship together. The group will meet on Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 pm to discuss the book, *Out at the Plate, the Dot Wilkinson Story*, by Lynn Ames. The group will meet in the Parlor and participants are asked to bring a snack to share. All are invited to attend. Contact Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws or 864-630-4026 for more information.

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

Angie and Emily Hager

as they anticipate the birth of their son

Sunday, February 4

11:30 am

following worship in the Gym

The Hagers' registry can be found at

www.babylist.com

Emily and Angie's Baby Registry

