

Activities and Opportunities

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Hospital Patient

Mary Valenti - Discharged

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.

New Members. Trinity is delighted to welcome 32 new members into our church family. Please take a moment to reach out to our newest members who will each be wearing a small flower. Special refreshments in their honor will be provided after worship.

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 close to the Gym) 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. 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.

Hymnals are available on the bleachers in the Gym for anyone who would enjoy having access to the music to the hymns sung in worship.

History Reading Group. The group is meeting this afternoon at 3:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13 to discuss *Manhunt* by James L. Swanson. Lindsay Hawkins is leading the discussion. Contact Don Todd at 803-517-8129 with questions. A video link is available.

GOAL House Meetings

GOAL is excited to begin the third cycle of justice work this fall with congregational House Meetings. While the work on affordable housing and mental health continues to be important and ongoing, fresh perspectives are needed as GOAL discerns the community issues that are currently negatively impacting those on the margins. Help us continue to work to make Greenville a more just and equitable place for all by participating in one of the House Meetings to share your stories, passions, and concerns. House meetings will last about 90 minutes and will be an opportunity to build relationships with other Trinity members as justice concerns are shared. All events are held at Trinity, unless otherwise noted. Please make arrangements to attend one of the following:

Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 pm, hosted by Tori Hilbourn in Rooms 12 and 13 in the Activities Building.

Please reach out to Tori at toribice99@gmail.com or 843-250-2705 to register.

Sunday, October 27 at 5:00 pm, hosted by Angie McCormack in Rooms 12 and 13 in the Activities Building.

Please reach out to Angie at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws or 864-630-4026 to register.



All Saints Sunday is a time for our family of faith to gather in worship to remember the saints who have gone before us. As is tradition at Trinity, members who joined the Church Triumphant since All Saints Sunday 2024 will be remembered with a processional banner.

A Saints table will be placed in the Gym to allow worshippers to bring photos of their beloved family, friends, and pets whom they have loved, lost, and continue to mourn. Photos may be dropped off at the Church Office or brought to worship that Sunday morning. Worshippers are encouraged to label photos so that others may connect the pictured saint to a Trinity member. For example: "Carla Smith's Mother."

A Book of the Saints is being compiled for our family of faith to list the names of loved ones we have lost during the past year. These names will be read aloud during worship on All Saints Sunday. Worshippers are encouraged to add names to the book before or after worship each Sunday in October.

Nursery for infants and toddlers. A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

Faith Formation is held each Sunday at 9:00 am. Adults of all ages are invited to gather in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building and enjoy coffee and conversation as the group discusses current issues using the *Brewed Theology* series. This discussion based series looks at a variety of topics through the lens of the Christian faith and Lutheran theology. Teachers vary and topics include immigration, fake news, divided times, money, wealth and generosity, and the church and politics. The class ends in time for worship each Sunday.

Big Ideas in the Small Catechism. Patrick Preacher will lead an adult education class exploring Luther's Small Catechism as a basis for a Lutheran perspective on the faith. Topics will include The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed, and The Lord's Prayer. There are two sessions to this class. Attending both is encouraged, but not required. Session 1 will be offered on Monday, November 11 with a choice of 10:30 am or 6:30 pm. Session 2 will be offered on Monday, November 18 with a choice of 10:30 am or 6:30 pm. The Group will meet in Rooms 12 & 13. Please contact Patrick Preacher via text at 864-483-2590 to register for this class.

Please join the Trinity Family for a celebration in honor of

Chris, Leah, and Addy Sommerville as they anticipate the arrival of a baby boy

Sunday, November 10, 2024 following worship in the Gym

To celebrate the Sommerville family at this special time in their lives, please consider bringing disposable diapers and baby wipes that will be donated to a local women's shelter in their honor.

Confirmation Retreat. On November 1 and 2, Trinity's six confirmands along with their families, other trusted, caring adults, and Angie McCormack, Patrick Preacher, Pastor Parham, and Pastor Crowell will gather at Fellowship Conference and Retreat Center in Waterloo, SC for an overnight retreat to build relationships and learn more about the Lutheran faith. Please hold our confirmands — Clayton Dykes, Jesse Fagala, Paul Godfrey, Harper Roth, Dan Thomas-Harewood, and Lexi Thomas-Harewood close in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this time away together.

Out To Lunch Bunch. Today. All adults are invited to enjoy lunch together after worship at *Willy Taco*, 217 Laurens Road, Greenville. Lani Ludian is hosting the event. If interested in joining the group for lunch, please text Lani this morning at 864-419-9574.

October Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 20
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Reception of New Members
Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, October 27
Reformation Sunday
Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the Multipurpose Room

Prepare to Prepare

an Advent Educational Event for pre-schoolers, children, youth, and their families

Sunday, November 17 at 11:30 am following worship

Lunch, crafts, mini lessons, and activities will be included to help everyone prepare for the Advent Season

Please register by emailing Pastor Crowell at <u>sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws</u> or Patrick Preacher at <u>pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws</u>.