

Activities and Opportunities

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Death

Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to Sandra Hamann and her family at the death of her sister.

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.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, February 17, in observance of Presidents' 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 Activity. Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

Communion. In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available. The addition of grape juice enables God's beloveds for whom alcohol is problematic to participate fully. Grape juice is in the smaller section of the chalice.

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex 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.

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 am 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.

Adult Faith Formation: A series being taught by Penny Bostain, *Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans*, is exploring foundations of Lutheranism, including theology and history, in ways that are informative and interactive. Participants may choose to purchase the book by searching the title, *Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans* on Amazon, but this is not required for full participation. A study guide is provided. Class meets in Rooms 12 and 13 from 9:00 am – 9:50 am each Sunday.

Children's Faith Formation Relaunch. Children's Faith Formation meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 - 9:50 am with three classes divided by age ranging from infant to grade 5. Children's Faith Formation will continue through Sunday May 11 with the following Sundays as weeks off: February 16, March 23, and April 20. The curriculum is interactive, fun, and rooted in the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith. If you are interested in serving as a teacher or teaching assistant, please contact Jeff Rehm at jarehm41@gmail.com.

Trinity's Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all adults who would like to enjoy a meal together after worship. The group will gather today, February 16 at *Corona Mexican Restaurant*, 2119 Wade Hampton Boulevard. Please reach out to Angie McCormack this morning if you would like to attend.

The TLC History Reading Group meets at 11:30 am on the third Sunday of each month. The next meeting is today, February 16 in Rooms 12 and 13 at 11:30 am after worship. The group will discuss *King Leopold's Ghost* by Adam Hochschild, with a foreword by Barbara Kingsolver. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Bob Schirmer at rwschirmer@gmail.com or Don Todd at dk todd47@gmail.com for more information. Participation via Zoom will be available.

Young adults (20's and 30's-ish) are invited to gather at Trinity in the Multipurpose Room on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm for *A Valentine's Celebration of Love* that will include dinner, conversation, and activities around the theme of love: loving our neighbors, loving our family, loving our friends, and loving ourselves. Please reach out to Lara Wannemacher at larawannemacher@gmail.com to register for this gathering.

Love Wins is a group that meets monthly to discuss a book/podcast and to enjoy some social time together. The group will meet Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 pm at Yee-Haw Brewing Company, 307 East McBee Ave, Greenville. The group will enjoy dinner and discuss the book *Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows* by Balli Kaur Jasway. Contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 or ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws for more information or to sign up.

Rebuild Upstate. Trinity is delighted to be partnering with Rebuild Upstate, a non-profit organization in Greenville that provides home repairs to those in need. Ten volunteers (eighteen or older, or accompanied by an adult) are needed on Saturday, February 22 for the entire day to complete either a ramp project or a home repair project. No specific skills are required, just a willingness to serve. All tools and materials will be provided. If interested in participating, please register at rebuildupstate.org or contact Pat O'Neill at oneillpattonw@hotmail.com or 706-254-1122.

February Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 16
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, February 23
Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front Lawn

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

Shane, Lauren, and Tony Smithman
as they rejoice at the birth of their son and brother, Otto



Sunday, March 9
11:30 am



Following worship in the Gym
You may choose to honor the Smithman family
with a baby gift for Otto
or disposable diapers in sizes 3 and 4.

Called Meeting of the Congregation

The Congregation Council has called a meeting of the Congregation for
Sunday, March 16 at 11:30 am in the Gym
to act on a three-part motion regarding the sale of the 429 Property.

Information sessions about the motion will be held in
Rooms 12 and 13 on the following dates:

Thursday, February 20 at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26 at 10:00 am

Sunday, March 9 at noon