

Activities and Opportunities

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Death

Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to Julie Brightwell and her family at the death of her father.

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.

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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. Raise a finger at the altar if you desire grape juice.

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the 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.

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 will discuss Trinity's Lenten devotional, *Crossing Thresholds* by Mark Tidsworth for the remaining Sundays in the Lenten season (March 16-April 13). Participants are encouraged to engage with the devotional and journal prompts throughout each week in order to discuss and share various insights and reflections during Adult Faith Formation. A leader will help facilitate open conversation while a recorder takes note of the insights gleaned from discussion that might prove helpful for the Coordination Team for Trinity's strategic planning process. Please pick up a devotional book at worship or contact the Church Office.

Children's Faith Formation Relaunch. Children's Faith Formation meets Sunday mornings from 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: March 23, and April 20. The curriculum is interactive, fun, and rooted in the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith. If interested in serving as a teacher or teaching assistant, please contact Jeff Rehm at jarehm41@gmail.com.

New Member Class. Are you interested in learning more about Trinity? About what it means to be Lutheran? Are you considering becoming a member of this community of faith? Pastor Crowell and Intern Patrick Preacher will teach a class on two consecutive Sundays, March 30, and April 6, on Lutheran Faith and Theology. These gatherings will be held after worship on each of these Sundays and will include lunch in the Multi-Purpose Room followed by an hour-long class for youth and adults in Rooms 12 and 13. Childcare for infants, toddlers, and elementary-aged children will be provided. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for these sessions and to share any dietary restrictions.

New Members Joining. Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, May 4 during worship at 10:00 am in the Gym. If interested in becoming part of this community of faith on this date, please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

A mid-week Lenten Worship Series is taking place on Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary and is being live-streamed. Gathering under the theme *Finding Hope*, these thirty-minute services will include prayer, word, song, and poems by Rosemerry Trommer. Following worship each Wednesday, worshippers are invited to stay and enjoy a simple lunch together of sandwiches, cookies, and fruit in the Sitting Room. Dates for these services include March 26, April 2, and April 9.

Lenten Dinner Church. Trinity family, neighbors, and friends are invited to enjoy table fellowship each Wednesday during the Lenten Season at 6:15 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Participants will share a meal together and also worship at table. The services will include five-minute meditations from members of the Trinity Family on the theme *Practicing Brave Faith*. The evening will conclude by 7:30 pm. Dinner will include soup, sandwiches, and a simple dessert. Vegetarian and low sodium soups will be provided. Please contact Karine Lawrence at karinelawrence@yahoo.com if you are able to provide soup, sandwiches, or a dessert.

Pop-Up Outreach Event. On Monday, March 31 at 2:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13 volunteers will gather to complete several outreach projects to prepare for Easter. Projects include writing Easter cards, making treat bags for neighbors at Towers East, and putting together treat bags for Trinity's children. Reach out to Caroline Otten at caroline29712@gmail.com or Pastor Susan Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws if interested in participating.

GOAL Justice and Nehemiah Action

Please join members and friends of Trinity
along with members of faith communities across Greenville County
as we gather to speak truth to power.

Thursday, April 10

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Bethlehem Baptist Church

4 Harrison Bridge Road

Simpsonville

The focus for this year's Nehemiah Action include both
transportation and affordable housing.

Trinity's Action and Advocacy Team. Trinity's Action and Advocacy Team invites you to participate in these upcoming events:

Advocacy Training 101

A one-hour virtual training session
Led by Aisha Jones, an associate with WREN
Thursday, April 3
3:00 pm

Please reach out to Donna Potts at donna.millar@gmail.com to register and to receive the Zoom link.

Advocacy Letter Writing Workshop

a two-hour in person event
Sunday, April 27 at 11:30 am
in the Multipurpose Room
Lunch as well as pens, postcards, and stamps will be provided.
Please reach out to Donna Potts at donna.millar@gmail.com to register for this event.

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary
Nursery provided

Good Friday, April 18 at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary
Nursery provided

Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8:00 am and 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Nursery provided at both 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.

EASTER LILIES

Lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary Easter Sunday. If you would like to give a lily in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below no later than Monday, April 14. The cost of the lilies is \$15.00 each. You may pick up your lily immediately following the 10:00 am service on Easter Sunday, April 20, or on Tuesday, April 22 through Friday, April 25 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Any remaining lilies will be shared with our friends at Towers East.

Enclosed is my \$15.00 for each lily given. You may also use the *Online Giving* link on the homepage of our website.

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