

## Activities and Opportunities

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### Deaths

Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Gloria Mueller at her death on February 28.

Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Allan Downen at his death on March 1.

### Hospital Patient

Joshua Rhoads – 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.

**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](http://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** continues each Sunday morning in March beginning at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 & 13. On Sunday March 2 and March 9, Jaime Fivecoat will lead sessions entitled *Who is the trans community we pray for?* Session 1 (March 2) will feature Jaime's personal story along with basic information about the trans community and time for questions. Session 2 (March 9) will include a simple panel discussion with folks from the range of the gender non-conforming community. Jaime is creating a brave space for learning and growth. All who are eager to learn more about the transgender community and hear of ways to support God's beloved children during these difficult times are encouraged to attend.

**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: March 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws).

**NEW! Fiber Arts Group.** During these anxiety producing times, research shows being in community and having social support produces significant positive effects to mental and emotional well-being. Along that “thread,” a Fiber Arts Group is forming at Trinity to simply make space for being together while creating and keeping hands busy. Those who enjoy (or want to learn) crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, sewing, latch hooking, or some other fiber-based craft not listed here are invited to come together for a time of crafting and community. Really, all crafts that travel well are welcome! Attendees should bring supplies to craft. Those who are interested in learning a craft but do not have supplies are welcome too. Someone will be happy to share and teach! The inaugural session of Trinity’s Fiber Arts Group meets Monday, March 10 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-purpose Room. Contact Jenn Jordan or Patrick Preacher with questions or to say you’ll be part of this fun event!

**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 March 12 and April 9.

**GOAL Justice Rally** on Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 pm at Valley Brook Outreach Baptist Church, 8323 Augusta Street, Pelzer. Please contact Cathy O’Neill at [cathycate51@gmail.com](mailto:cathycate51@gmail.com) or at 706-461-0248 with questions.

**The TLC History Reading Group** will meet Sunday, March 16, at 1:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13. Please note the time change from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm because of the called Congregational Meeting on March 16. The group will discuss *The Devil in the White City* by Eric Larson. Please use <https://meet.google.com/grm-zqty-srn> video link to attend remotely. Contact Bob Schirmer at [rwschirmer@gmail.com](mailto:rwschirmer@gmail.com) or Don Todd at [dkttodd47@gmail.com](mailto:dkttodd47@gmail.com) for more information.

**Trinity’s Out to Lunch Bunch** is open to all adults who would like to enjoy fellowship and a meal together after worship. The group will gather on Sunday, March 16, immediately following the Congregation Meeting, at *Stax Original Restaurant*, 1704 Poinsett Highway, Greenville. Please reach out to Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 to reserve your space at lunch.

**The Welcome Table.** March’s meal will take place Wednesday, March 19 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.

### **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. The third of three information sessions about the motion will be held in Rooms 12 and 13 on Sunday, March 9 at noon