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*I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.
Choose life so that you and your children may live.*
Deuteronomy 30:19

Dear Members and Friends of the Trinity Family,

A very wise member of the Trinity family once shared with me that these words, “Choose life!” are a part of her inner dialogue many times a day. She considers this mantra when making choices about what to eat, about where to spend her mental energy, with whom she spends her time, and how she responds to troubling situations. Choose life! As the ancient Israelites stood on the threshold of a new life beyond the wilderness, Moses delivered these stirring words - words that still hold power for God’s beloveds.

Almost eight weeks ago I made a decision to choose life. For two months now I have been on a wellness journey that involves eating a ketogenic diet. This means no sugar and very few carbohydrates. It had been my desire to do this for several years, but it always seemed too hard. But then, eating a keto diet became a way to stand in solidarity with my colleague Patrick as he makes this choice, at his doctor’s recommendation, as a way to support and strengthen his on-going healing. (And then to my delight, I learned that Pastor Parham has been making this choice since the Spring when his doctor prescribed it!) The first few weeks were very difficult, but now I’m getting the hang of it, feeling better and stronger, and more committed to this journey. It’s hard during this autumn season as I love to enjoy apple cider donuts and pumpkin muffins and even harder as the holidays approach with all the special treats that the season brings.

But the imperative to choose life is settling into my heart, mind, and spirit as a way to be healthier and stronger, more sustained in this life and in this ministry. In the coming months, how shall you choose life? What new ways of living can you adopt that will lead to life for you? Can you choose to step away from social media? Can you begin the habit of a daily walk in the autumn air? Can you choose with care the people you invite into your life? Instead of fear, can you choose joy, love, hope, and peace? May God give us the strength to choose life, to make choices that lead to more abundant life for us and for all of God’s beloveds.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the September meeting of the Congregation Council, the council...
---learned that expenses through August were \$8,360 less than expected;
---approved the 2024 audit as presented and at the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee;
---learned that a meeting was held with Bishop Aebischer, Bishop of the South Carolina Synod, to begin a call process to discern a potential call to Patrick Preacher to serve as one of the pastors at Trinity;
---noted that the hope and dream of calling Patrick Preacher to serve as one of the pastors at Trinity will require additional financial resources to include an increase in giving from the Trinity family;
---received a report from the Coordination Team for the Strategic Planning Process noting that the process is ongoing with efforts to identify priority initiatives to be presented to council;
---learned that the Church Bus has been listed for sale on several websites with no responses or inquiries thus far;
---received a report regarding the ongoing process to sell the 429 Property which includes the necessity of receiving a demolition permit from the city, to be determined when the Design Review Committee meets on October 16. Preparations are underway to best position Trinity for this meeting; and
---appointed Jaime Fivecoat, Jeff Rehm, Margaret Roth, Chris Wannemacher, Lani Wise (chair), and Pastor Susan Crowell to serve on the Nominating Committee that will create a roster of nominees to potentially serve on council.

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 2

Queer-led Worship in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm
Refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn

Sunday, October 5

Stewardship Worship Celebration at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow on the front lawn
Followed by a catered Celebration Lunch in the Gym

Sunday, October 12

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, October 19

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Reception of New Members
Refreshments and Fellowship in honor of New Members to follow
in the back corner of the Gym.

Sunday, October 26

Reformation Sunday
Festival Worship with Brass at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow on the front lawn
Followed by Together@Trinity: A Reformation Celebration in the Multipurpose Room

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir rehearses each Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. On Sunday mornings, the choir gathers for warmups in the Choir Room from 9:30 to 9:50 am. For 10:00 am worship, the choir assembles in the Sanctuary balcony or around the piano in the Gym to support and strengthen congregational singing and to offer special choral music in a wide variety of styles that proclaims, enriches, and interprets the scripture for the day.



Martin Luther called music the “Servant of the Gospel,” so the goal is to offer music that draws minds, bodies, emotions, and imaginations to experience more deeply God’s rich, inspiring, and often challenging word. Everyone with a love of singing is invited to join this community of musical mission partners. There are no auditions, but new singers are invited to schedule an orientation meeting with Pastor Parham prior to their first rehearsal. At that meeting, the new choir member will be paired with a numbered folder for choir music, a hymnal, a robe for when the choir leads singing in the Sanctuary, and will take a brief tour of the building. If interested, please e-mail Pastor Parham at the address below with any questions.

Handbell Choir rehearses each Wednesday from 6:00 - 6:50 pm in the Handbell Rehearsal Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. If interested in joining in on this unique kind of musical community, please email Pastor Parham at the address below. Ringing handbells is a unique and especially satisfying kind of precisely coordinated human community. The Handbell is a single percussion instrument with many hands, hearts, and minds.

Instrumentalists are always welcome to use their gifts in worship. If new to the community and feel drawn to share instrumental gifts in worship, please contact Pastor Parham at jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws or 864-242-5702.

PAGEANT ENSEMBLE 2025

Pastor Parham is already beginning to assemble the instrumental ensemble that will play for the December 14 Christmas Pageant. Trinity instrumentalists, this is a fun, low-stress opportunity with minimal time commitment to make music together in worship. This ensemble leads the many Advent/Christmas carols for the Pageant. Pastor Parham provides instrumental parts tailored for every instrument and skill level. Anyone interested or just curious, please contact Pastor Parham at the phone number or email address above for more information.



NEW MEMBERS JOINING



Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, October 19 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

Family Fall Fest

Multipurpose Room
Sunday, October 19th
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

- Hot Dog Lunch
- Candy and prizes
- Halloween games and activities
- Wear your costume to church

*Call the church office to sign up or
for more information!*



Senior

RECITAL

JENNA MAST, CLARINET
MARY ALYER PURTLE'S WOODWIND STUDIO
NOVEMBER 9, 2025 • 4:00 PM • TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
PASTOR JIM PARHAM, PIANO ACCOMPANIST

GOAL/GREENVILLE ORGANIZED FOR ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP

GOAL is excited to begin the fourth 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:



Monday, October 6 at 6:00 pm hosted by Andrew and Drake McFayden in the Parlor. Please contact Drake at k.drake.powell@gmail.com or 828-719-9955 to register.

Monday, October 13 at 5:30 pm hosted by Margaret Roth in the Parlor. Please reach out to Margaret at rothmargaret@icloud.com or 864-918-2922 to register.

Two additional GOAL house meetings have been scheduled in partnership with Gethsemane Baptist Church, 711 Worley Road, Greenville. Gethsemane is a predominantly black congregation pastored by the Rev. Emmanuel Duncan located near Trinity. The gatherings will be at Gethsemane on Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30 pm hosted by Cathy O'Neill and on Monday, October 6 at 2:30 pm hosted by Margaret Roth. If you have an interest or passion for racial justice, please reach out to Cathy O'Neill at cathycate51@gmail.com or 706-461-0248 at your earliest convenience to make arrangements to attend one of these gatherings in cooperation with other downtown neighbors.

ARTIST IN WORSHIP

Stephanie Burke, an artist, writer, actor, stage director, and one time Disney pirate, brings live, large-scale art to congregations across the United States. Her works hang in private and public collections across the globe. Stephanie will be with Trinity in worship on Sunday, September 19 at 10:00 am to create a painting during the worship experience.

HISTORY READING GROUP

The TLC History Reading Group will meet Sunday, October 19 at 12:15 pm in the Parlor to discuss *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari. All are welcome. Completion of the book is helpful but not required to join discussions. Contact Bob Schirmer at rwschirmer@gmail.com or Don Todd at dktoddd47@gmail.com for more information. Use <https://meet.google.com/vbr-kbep-xud> video link to attend remotely. Enter the church by the red canopy door. The Parlor is the first door on the left. Spend an hour or so in comfy chairs discussing an interesting topic - Why are we the only human species remaining when there were several on earth earlier in prehistory? Please contact Don Todd if interested in leading the discussion of *Sapiens*.

ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION

Adult Faith Exploration begins a new series in October! Please plan to join the class as they discuss the book of Romans, a text that is foundational to the Lutheran interpretation of the faith. The class will be led in rotation by Melissa Kolb, Philip Wessinger, and Jon Heiliger as they guide discussion using a new curriculum recently published by the ELCA called *Together by Grace - Bible Conversations*. Participant guides and Bibles will be available at each class session. Please consider showing your interest in Adult Faith Exploration through your attendance when possible. Class begins at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13 as well as via Zoom each Sunday. The weekly topic schedule is below:

October 5 – Jon Heiliger, Mutually Encouraged in our Shared Faith

October 12 – Philip Wessinger, Justified by God's Gift of Grace

October 19 – Jon Heiliger, At the Right Time

October 26 – Melissa Kolb, Dying and Rising with Christ

November 2 – Philip Wessinger, Nothing Separates us from God's Love

November 9 – Melissa Kolb, Blessed Siblings

Please contact Patrick Preacher with any questions about this curriculum or Adult Faith Exploration in general. Patrick is best reached via text or email: 864-483-2590 or pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

On Thursday, October 9 at 10:00 am please join Pastor Crowell in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building for a book discussion of Liane Moriarty's novel, *Here One Moment*. The book shifts commonly held understandings of community and connection and questions how lives would change if the future was known. It is a quick read with themes that challenge the typical ways of seeing the world and the faith. Copies are available to borrow through the Greenville County Library System or for purchase on Amazon. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Childcare will also be provided. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for this event.

NURSERY FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating adult 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 assistance is needed.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to hear the scripture reading in ways more appropriate to them. Using the lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children hear the scripture read from an age appropriate text and enjoy an activity related to the theme of the day. They return to worship in time to share the peace and participate in the family meal of Holy Communion. Adults interested in volunteering for this ministry should contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreader@trinitylutheran.ws.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE



Due to government funding cuts, the Welcome Table distribution continues to shift and change. After months of generous portions of fresh produce from Feed & Seed, the federal grant supporting this ministry was eliminated. Similarly, because of rising food costs, the Food Pantry is meeting an even more critical need for downtown neighbors these days. Those who are able are invited to consider bringing pantry items to the Second Sunday Food Drive on October 12. All are encouraged to bring donations to worship. A volunteer will be stationed at the Red Canopy Door from 9:30 to 10:00 am on the second Sunday of each month to assist in unloading donations. The following items are most needed: dried beans (16 oz), peanut butter (16 oz), cereal, canned fruit, rice (2 lb. bag), pasta sauce, canned meat, canned vegetables, and toilet paper. Downtown neighbors especially love canned fruit! Your support and love is greatly appreciated. If interested in volunteering to collect items during the Sunday Food Drives, please contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreader@trinitylutheran.ws

Reformation Sunday at Trinity

October 26, 2025

Festival Worship with Brass
at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Wear red if possible to celebrate this important day on the Lutheran calendar.



OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 5</p> <p>9:00 FAITH EXPLORATION FOR ADULTS</p> <p>10:00 STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW FOLLOWED BY CELEBRATION LUNCH IN THE GYM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:30 GOAL HOUSE MEETING GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>6:00 FIBER ARTS GROUP</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 12</p> <p>9:00 FAITH EXPLORATION FOR ADULTS 9:30 SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 GOAL HOUSE MEETING IN THE PARLOR</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 19</p> <p>9:00 FAITH EXPLORATION FOR ADULTS 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW IN HONOR OF NEW MEMBERS</p> <p>11:30 FALL FESTIVAL</p> <p>12:15 HISTORY READING GROUP</p> <p>1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>REFORMATION SUNDAY 26</p> <p>9:00 FAITH EXPLORATION FOR ADULTS 10:00 FESTIVAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 TOGETHER@TRINITY</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR 7:30 GOAL HOUSE MEETING GETHEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>6:30 QUEER-LED WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>10:00 MAHJONG GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>7:00 MEN'S REFLECTION AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>10:00 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>10:00 MAHJONG GROUP</p> <p>5:30 PRIDEFEST HOWL-O-WEEN</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>6:30 LOVE WINS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>10:00 MAHJONG GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>11:30 WELCOME TABLE</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>10:00 MAHJONG GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>9:00 BRASS REHEARSAL 11:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	

Together @ TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

Faith Exploration for all ages



Celebrating Reformation
Sunday, October 26
following worship.



The afternoon will include a Taco Bar, a craft for everyone, and additional activities for all age groups!

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS



Trinity will celebrate All Saints Day in worship on Sunday November 2 at 10:00 am in the Gym. All Saints Day is an ancient Christian feast that remembers the whole Communion of Saints—both those who have gone before us in faith and those living now in Christ. It emerged in the early church to honor martyrs but broadened to include all faithful people of God. For Lutherans, the “saints” are not just extraordinary people, but all the baptized in Christ, living and dead. Trinity marks this holy day by remembering Trinity Members who have joined the Church Triumphant during the past year to include Wayne Mangels, Gloria Mueller, Allan Downen, and Ellie Boda.

There will be a Remembrance Table setup for members and friends to display photos of loved ones and/or pets they have lost at any time during their lives. Those who would like to contribute photos should bring them in a frame to the Church Office or to worship that Sunday morning. Please plan to join the Trinity family for this holy day on the Church Calendar.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

In an effort to stay connected, please consider extending birthday greetings to the following members. If you would like the church to know your birthdate please contact the Church Office to submit this information through Realm.

Kathleen Anderson—October 25
Ann Berlam—October 30
Mattison Bigby—October 12
Connie Backstone—October 19
Keith Block—October 28
Randy Brown—October 27
Charlie Castle—October 16
Everly Curd—October 8
Bonnie Farmer—October 20
Del Harewood—October 26
Chris Lawrence—October 8
Lane Lewis—October 16
Drake McFadyen—October 7
Brandy Merritt—October 16
Heidie Miller—October 25
Thatcher Moose—October 28
Mary Mueller—October 3

Merry Mulcahy—October 3
Dean Nix—October 13
Caroline Otten—October 6
John Otten—October 10
David Potts—October 18
Jeff Rehm—October 1
Donna Robinson—October 5
Harper Roth—October 20
Sheryl Schirmer—October 3
Tony Smithman—October 24
Chris Sorenson—October 20
Alora Stipp—October 5
Lexi Thomas-Harewood—October 19
Keith Thompson—October 8
Jay Vaclavik—October 19
Benjamin Wessinger—October 29
Terry Willis—October 28



GIVING TO TRINITY



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 trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



FRIDAY MAHJONG GROUP

A group of Trinity members and friends gather each Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Assembly Room to spend time together and play Mahjong. It's a non-competitive group with folks willing to teach others to play the game. Questions may be directed via text to Lani Ludian at 864-419-9574.



MEN'S REFLECTION AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Men's Fellowship

A Reflection and Fellowship Group for men meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 am–8:00 am in the 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 dates include October 8 and November 12.

YOUNG-ISH ADULTS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Young-ish members and friends of Trinity are invited to the Second Annual Young-ish Adult Halloween Party at the Wannemacher's home on Friday evening, October 17 from 6:00-8:30 pm. The evening will be fun, social, and festive! If it isn't a burden, please consider bringing an appetizer to share. Costumes are welcome! Kids are too! The Wannemacher's have a great backyard where children can play safely and freely. This family friendly gathering will have activities for everyone. Please contact Lara Wannemacher via text for the address. 864-630-5325. Happy Halloween!!!



PRAYING FOR POSSIBILITIES

Praying for Possibilities is a program at Trinity dedicated to praying for the ministries of the congregation. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to sign up for a specific week during the year when they are encouraged to pray through the written prayers one time during the course of the assigned week. This ministry requires a small commitment of time with the possibility of tremendous blessing.

October Prayer Volunteers

October 5–11

Mary Beth Ridenhour

October 12–18

Mary Brown

October 19–25

Pattimarie Janssen

October 26–November 1

Carl Brune

FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation is receiving grant applications from September 1 to October 15. The purpose of the foundation is to enhance the outreach ministry of the congregation by making grants to community human service agencies to which the congregation relates, institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA, and members of the congregation who attend an ELCA seminary or church-related educational, leadership, or service event. Grant applications may be obtained by calling the Church Office at 864-242-5702 or emailing Kay Cook at kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws.

THE WELCOME TABLE

The Welcome Table continues ministry despite cuts to government grants which allowed Trinity to distribute local and fresh produce at no cost from Feed 'n Seed. This means the Trinity Food Pantry will be even more crucial in the coming months. Please consider donating non-perishable food items and/or toilet paper as able. The next Welcome Table dates are October 22 and November 19. A hot meal is served beginning at 11:00 am in the Multi-purpose Room and typically includes an engaging activity centered around community building or song. Everyone is welcome to enjoy lunch! Volunteers are always needed. To volunteer, please contact Patrick Preacher via email at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws or text (864) 483-2590.



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 group will meet on Monday, October 6 at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Contact Jenn Jordan at 314-605-2605 with questions.



Stewardship Celebration Sunday

*Investing in Trinity:
A Community of Belonging Living Out
the Inclusive Gospel*

Please save the date to join Trinity family and friends to celebrate the 2025 Stewardship Invitation in worship.

**Sunday, October 5 at 10:00 am
in the Sanctuary**

A celebratory catered community meal
in the Gym
will follow worship.

QUEER - LED WORSHIP



On Thursday, October 2 worship will begin at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New queer leaders are always welcome. Please email Patrick Preacher at pdpriester@trinitylutheran.ws if interested. Absolutely all people, queer and allies alike, are welcome to worship. This service will be live-streamed. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

QUEER - LED WORSHIP HOMECOMING

Queer-led Worship will celebrate the beginning of its fifth year with a Homecoming Celebration in Worship followed by a shared meal on Thursday, November 6. Worship will begin at 6:30 pm in the Gym. Please make plans to celebrate this milestone accomplishment in worship and at table!

LOVE WINS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Love Wins is a group that meets monthly to discuss a book/podcast and to enjoy some social time together. The group will rotate monthly between meeting at the church to discuss a podcast or book, and a social night out. This month the group will meet on Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 pm at *The Southern Growl*, located at 155 North Buncombe Street, Greer. All are welcome to join at any time. For more information, or to sign up, contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 or ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws.



PRIDEFEST HOWL—O—WEEN

On October 10 come enjoy an evening connecting to all the businesses and non-profits that want to support the Greenville LGBTQIA+ community in the spirit of the Halloween season! Come dressed as a spooky ghost, a scary monster, or a funny clown! Or be something ENTIRELY UNIQUE while showing off all the great creativity and fun of the season. Trinity will be distributing candy and Trinity pride swag at this event located at Hampton Station. Those interested in distributing candy or helping to person the Trinity table should contact Angie McCormack. More info can be found on the Pridefest website: <https://pridefestcollab.org/events>

Friday, October 10 5:30—8:30 pm
1320 Hampton Avenue Ext, Greenville, SC 29601

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Trinity's Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all adults who would like to enjoy fellowship and a meal together after worship. In place of lunch out in October, all are invited to the congregational Stewardship Luncheon on Sunday, October 5. We encourage you to join us and be part of this enriching experience.

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY...

Hospital Patients

Mary Brown—Discharged
Herb Lembke, 4223 - Prisma Health Greenville Memorial

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

Sundays	9/7	9/14	9/21
Online devices	723	620	376
In Person	<u>150</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>134</u>
	873	777	510

Queer-Led Worship on September 4, 25 in person, 345 online devices

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR AUGUST

*The offering totals reflected below include the total amount of offering received in August.
The September total income will be included in the October Tidings.*

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 95,403	\$ 763,220
Given to Budget	<u>\$ 100,207</u>	<u>\$ 734,596</u>
Difference	\$ 4,808	\$ (28,596)
Given to World Hunger	\$ 105	\$ 10,697

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Autumn

by Donna Ashworth

Most rejoice at the sight of spring, but I have always loved autumn. Rich, righteous colours, a shedding of weight and submission to a force larger than you. The revelation of one's true self. Bare and unafraid. Warmed and dressed not by folly, but by innate wisdom. And the *knowing*, that this is as it must be and *everything will pass*. Autumn does not shudder at the thought of winter ahead; it peacefully basks in the last of the sun, counting every moment as a blessing and a vital part of the journey. It lets its leaves fall to the ground to nurture the new, like droplets of nourishing gold, and find peace where no peace existed before. I've always loved autumn. It's the letting go, you see. Let it go.